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10 ## For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CRUELTY TO

12 ANIMALS; TO CREATE THE DOG AND CAT RESCUE ACT:

13 DAISY'S LAW; TO AUTHORIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO

14 SECURE A DOG OR CAT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR

15 OTHER PURPOSES.

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18 ## Subtitle

19 TO CREATE THE DOG AND CAT RESCUE ACT:

20 DAISY'S LAW.

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

25 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Dog and Cat Rescue

26 Act: Daisy's Law".

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28 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 62, Subchapter 1, is amended

29 to add an additional section to read as follows:

30 5-62-128. Law enforcement securing dogs and cats.

31 (a) In addition to the disposition of a dog or cat provided under § 5-

32 62-106, following a complaint of cruelty to dogs or cats under this

33 subchapter, a law enforcement officer may temporarily secure a dog or cat and

34 transfer temporary possession of the dog or cat to an appropriate place of

35 custody if a substantial likelihood exists that the condition of the dog or

36 cat would deteriorate if the dog or cat was not secured by the law

1 enforcement officer.

2   (b) A law enforcement officer may use the condition or the securing of

3 other dogs or cats belonging to the same owner as evidence to support

4 securing the dog or cat under subsection (a) of this section.

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