

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1993**  
4 **By: Senator Todd**

# A Bill

**SENATE BILL**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 5-62-101 AND 5-62-110  
9 CONCERNING CRUELTY TO ANIMALS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

### Subtitle

12 "AN ACT CONCERNING CRUELTY TO ANIMALS."

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

17 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 5-62-101 is amended to read as follows:

18 "5-62-101. Cruelty to animals.

19 (a) A person commits the offense of cruelty to animals in the first  
20 degree if, except as authorized by law, he knowingly:

21 (1) Abandons any animal;

22 (2) Subjects any animal to cruel mistreatment;

23 (3) Subjects any animal in his custody to cruel neglect; or

24 (4) Kills or injures any animal belonging to another without legal  
25 privilege or consent of the owner.

26 (b) Cruelty to animals in the first degree is a Class A misdemeanor.

28 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 5-62-110 is amended to read as follows:

29 "5-62-110. Definitions.

30 (a) As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

31 (1) "Animal" or "dumb animal" includes every living creature;

32 (2) "Torture," "torment," or "cruelty" include every act, omission, or  
33 neglect whereby unnecessary physical pain, suffering, or death is caused or  
34 permitted;

35 (3) "Owner" and "person" include corporations as well as individuals.

1 (b) Nothing in this act shall be construed as prohibiting the shooting of  
2 birds or other game for the purpose of human food."

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4 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
5 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
6 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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8 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
9 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
10 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
11 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
12 act are declared to be severable.

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14 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
15 hereby repealed.

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