

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 3.2-6593.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to breeders of dogs and cats*
3 *for animal testing facilities; adoption of dogs and cats.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 3.2-6593.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 3.2-6593.1. Animal testing facilities; adoption of dogs and cats.**

9 Any *breeder or* animal testing facility that no longer has need for a dog or cat in its possession that
10 does not pose a health or safety risk to the public or welfare of the animal shall (i) offer for release
11 such dog or cat to a releasing agency for eventual adoption or for adoption through a private placement
12 or (ii) in the case of a testing facility operated by an agency or institution of higher education, develop
13 its own adoption program, provided that such program maintains records that comply with § 3.2-6557.
14 Such *breeder or* animal testing facility shall keep such offer for release open for a reasonable length of
15 time, up to three weeks, prior to euthanizing such dog or cat. ~~And~~ A *breeder or* animal testing facility
16 may enter into an agreement with a releasing agency for the implementation of the provisions of this
17 section. ~~And~~ A *breeder or* animal testing facility shall not be liable for any harm caused by or any defect
18 suffered by any dog or cat adopted pursuant to this section.

19 *For purposes of this section, "breeder" means a breeder who breeds dogs and cats for sale or*
20 *transfer to an animal testing facility.*

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