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Policy

Feral animals and infant animals may be euthanased or relocated prior to the expiration of the statutory holding period.

Definitions

- a. **Companion animal** - means dog or cat.
- b. **Feral** - means wild, or existing in a state of nature and showing no signs of domestication. Animals which are wearing a collar, identification tag or microchip must not be deemed feral.
- c. **Infant** - means in the first period of existence and refers to an animal which is not able to feed and fend for themselves.

Procedure

Procedures

1. Observe and assess the behaviour of companion animals received at the AHF to determine if they are infant or feral.

2. Follow the procedures set out below:

- a. Procedure for companion animals deemed infant
 - Receive the animal noting the animal was an infant

Consider the following options prior to euthanasia:

- Is there a rescue association that may take the animal for rearing.
- Is there a compatible lactating animal within the facility that could "adopt" and care for the infant.
- Does the animal appear to be in good health.

- b. Procedure for companion animals deemed feral

- Receive the animal noting that the animal was deemed feral.

3. Feral or infant animals may be euthanased prior to the end of any required holding period as determined by the Companion Animals Act 1998.

Related Delegations

Related Documents Companion Animals Act 1998, section 64 and 64A