

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
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3 Regular Session, 2007  
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As Engrossed: H2/6/07  
**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1123

5 By: Representative Saunders  
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO PROTECT PETS; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY  
10 FOR SERIOUSLY INJURING PETS; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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13 **Subtitle**

14 AN ACT TO PROTECT PETS; TO INCREASE THE  
15 PENALTY FOR SERIOUSLY INJURING PETS.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 *SECTION 1. The purpose of this act is to:*

21 *(1) Support properly researched and industry tested animal*  
22 *husbandry practices that provide consumers with a wholesome food supply;*

23 *(2) Opposed elevating the rights of animals to the same level as*  
24 *those of people;*

25 *(3) Oppose cruel and abusive treatment of animals;*

26 *(4) Ensure that violations of Arkansas animal cruelty laws*  
27 *remain a misdemeanor except in extreme cases of cruelty to dogs, cats, and*  
28 *horses; and*

29 *(5) Oppose legislation and rules that would prohibit or unduly*  
30 *restrict the use of animals in research.*  
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32 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 62, Subchapter 1 is amended*  
33 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

34 *5-62-125. Aggravated cruelty to pets.*

35 *(a) As used in this section:*

36 *(1) "Aggravated cruelty" means conduct which is:*



