## 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.

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86th General Assembly	A Bill	
Regular Session, 2007		HOUSE BILL 1123
By: Representative Saunde	rs	
	For An Act To Be Entitled	
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1	(A) Intended to cause extreme physical pain; and
2	(B) Done or carried out in an especially depraved or
3	sadistic manner; and
4	(2) "Pet" means any domesticated animal that is normally
5	maintained in or near a household and that is dependent upon the care of a
6	human.
7	(b) A person is guilty of aggravated cruelty to pets if, with no
8	justifiable purpose, he or she intentionally kills or intentionally causes
9	serious physical injury to a pet with aggravated cruelty.
10	(c) This section does not prohibit or interfere in any way with anyone
11	lawfully engaged in:
12	(1) Hunting, trapping, fishing, or any activity approved by the
13	Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission;
14	(2) The killing of rabid or diseased animals or of animals
15	posing a threat to human safety;
16	(3) Protecting livestock and poultry as authorized by § 20-10-
17	102 or any other animal raised for commercial consumption or use;
18	(4) Engaging in practices lawful under the Arkansas Veterinary
19	Medical Practice Act, § 17-101-101 et seq.; or
20	(5) A properly conducted scientific test, experiment, or
21	investigation involving the use of living animals performed or conducted in a
22	laboratory or institution.
23	(d) A person who is found guilty of, or pleads guilty or nolo
24	contendere to aggravated cruelty to animals is guilty of a Class D felony.
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