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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to dogs housed in animal shelters and pounds by
2 providing for the administration of rabies vaccinations.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 169.4, Code 2005, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 16. A qualified person who administers
4 rabies vaccinations to dogs which are housed in an animal
5 shelter or pound as provided in section 351.35.

6 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 351.1 DEFINITIONS.

7 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
8 requires:

9 1. "Animal shelter" means the same as defined in section
10 162.2, and which operates pursuant to a certificate of
11 registration issued by the department pursuant to section
12 162.4.

13 2. "Department" means the department of agriculture and
14 land stewardship.

15 3. "Pound" means the same as defined in section 162.2, and
16 which operates pursuant to a certificate of registration
17 issued by the department pursuant to section 162.3.

18 Sec. 3. Section 351.35, Code 2005, is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 351.35 HOW-AND-WHEN RABIES VACCINATION ADMINISTERED.

21 1. The A rabies vaccination required by section 351.33
22 shall be administered as follows:

23 a. By an injection of an antirabies vaccine approved by
24 the state department of agriculture and land stewardship, and
25 the. The frequency of revaccination necessary for approved
26 vaccinations shall be as established by such the department.
27 The vaccine shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian
28 and shall be given as

29 b. In a manner approved by the state department of
30 agriculture and land stewardship. The

31 c. By a veterinarian licensed under section 169.4 or a
32 qualified person who cares for dogs which are housed in an
33 animal shelter or pound. A person becomes qualified by
34 administering at least twenty-five vaccinations under the
35 supervision of a licensed veterinarian who is associated with

1 the animal shelter or pound. The qualified person shall only
2 administer a vaccination to a dog which is housed in the
3 animal shelter or pound.

4 2. A veterinarian or qualified person as provided in this
5 section shall issue a tag with the certificate of vaccination,
6 and such. The tag shall at all times be attached to the
7 collar of the dog.

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill provides for the care of animals housed in an
10 animal shelter or pound. Under Code chapter 162, an animal
11 shelter is an establishment owned or operated by a nonprofit
12 organization and a pound is operated by the state or a
13 political subdivision. In both cases, they are organized for
14 the humane treatment of animals and are certified by the
15 department of agriculture and land stewardship.

16 The bill provides for the vaccination of dogs for rabies.
17 Code sections 351.33 and 351.35 require that a dog's owner
18 must have the dog vaccinated by a veterinarian. The bill
19 provides that a person other than a veterinarian may
20 administer a vaccine if the person cares for dogs which are
21 housed in an animal shelter or pound. The bill provides that
22 in order to be qualified, the person administering the
23 vaccination must have administered at least 25 vaccinations
24 under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian. The bill
25 also provides that this is an exception to the general
26 prohibition in Code section 169.4 which prohibits persons who
27 are not licensed as veterinarians from practicing veterinary
28 medicine.

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