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A bill for an act

relating to higher education; requiring certain research dogs and cats at higher education research and related facilities to be offered for placement with an animal research organization; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136A.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [136A.221] RESEARCH DOGS AND CATS.

(a) A higher education research facility that receives public money, including tax-exempt status, or a facility that provides research in collaboration with a higher education facility that confines dogs or cats for science or research purposes and plans on destroying a dog or cat used for science or research purposes, must first offer the dog or cat to an animal rescue organization. A facility that is required to offer dogs or cats to an animal rescue organization under this section may enter into an agreement with the animal rescue organization to protect the facility.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "animal rescue organization" means any nonprofit organization incorporated for the purpose of rescuing animals in need and finding permanent, adoptive homes for the animals.