

***Modernizing Animal Welfare Act of 2021*

Whereas, current laws in Greater Appalachia have multiple loopholes which allow people to abuse and torture animals with no penalty.

The Assembly of the Commonwealth of Greater Appalachia enacts:

#####Section 1. Short Title.

> (a) This Act may be cited as the “Modernizing Animal Welfare Act of 2021”.

#####Section 2: Modernizing Animal Welfare

> (a) Sections 2, 6 and 7 are struck from [G.S. § 19A-1.1.](https://www.ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_19A/GS_19A-1.1.pdf) with the remaining sections being renumbered and edited accordingly.

> (b) Section 4 of [G.S. § 19A-1.1.](https://www.ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_19A/GS_19A-1.1.pdf) is amended to read as follows: Activities conducted for lawful veterinary purposes with no intent of malice or ill will.

#####Section 3: Enactment

> (a) This Act shall go into effect immediately after being signed into law.

> (b) If any provision of this Act or an amendment made by this Act, or the application of a provision or amendment to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid for any reason in any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act and the amendments made by this Act, and the application of the provisions and amendments to any other person or circumstance, shall not be affected.

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