

State Euthanasia Laws

Alabama

Code of Ala. 34-29-131: Permitted methods of euthanization.

<http://alisd.b.l.e.g.i.s.l.a.t.u.r.e.s.t.a.t.e.a.l.u.s/a.c.a.s/C.o.d.e.O.f.A.l.a.b.a.m.a/1975/c.o.a.t.o.c.h.t.m>

The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners may provide by rule that sodium pentobarbital is the only method allowed for dogs and cats.

They must create rules for the use of Carbon Monoxide, CO₂, and inhalant anesthetics.

In emergency situations where an animal is clearly dying and suffering, a law enforcement officer, a veterinarian, or an agent or designee of a local animal control unit may either shoot the animal or use a barbiturate drug.

Penalties: Class B misdemeanor (Imprisonment not more than 6 months, a fine not more than \$3,000, or both)

Alaska

12 Alaska Administrative Code 02.215: Euthanasia of domestic animals.

Injections of sodium pentobarbital, sodium pentobarbital with lidocaine, and other drugs authorized in regulations are allowed.

Arizona

A.R.S. Section 11-1021: Proper care, maintenance and destruction of impounded animals.

<http://www.azleg.state.az.us/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/ars/11/01021.htm&Title=11&DocType=ARS>

Arizona allows 3 methods:

1. Sodium pentobarbital or a derivative of sodium pentobarbital.
2. Nitrogen gas.
3. T-61 euthanasia solution or its generic equivalent.

Arkansas

Arkansas Code Annotated Section 5-62-117: Decompression chambers.

<http://170.94.58.9/NXT/gateway.dll?f=templates&fn=default.htm&vid=blr:code> (not real site)

Animals cannot be destroyed in decompression chambers.

Penalties: Class C misdemeanor (30 days maximum)
\$100 maximum fine

They define euthanasia as: the humane killing of an animal accomplished by a method that utilizes anesthesia produced by an agent that causes painless loss of consciousness and subsequent death, and administered by a licensed veterinarian or a euthanasia technician licensed by the Drug Enforcement Administration and certified by the Department of Health. A.C.A. § 4-97-103

California

Cal Civ. Code, Civil Code 1834.4. Policy against euthanization of adoptable or treatable animals.
<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/waisgate?WAISdocID=9503515417+0+0+0&WAIAction=retieve>

It is California state policy that no animal should be euthanized if it can be adopted or treated.

Cal Civ. Code, Penal Code 597u: Prohibited methods of killing animals.

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=pen&group=00001-01000&file=594-625c>

California prohibits the use of Carbon Monoxide gas and intracardiac injection of a euthanasia agent on a conscious animal unless it is heavily sedated, or the circumstances justify it.

For dogs and cats, California also prohibits high altitude decompression chambers and Nitrogen gas.

Penalties: Misdemeanor (imprisonment not to exceed 6 months, or a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or both)

Cal Civ. Code, Penal Code 597v: Permissible methods for killing newborn dog or cat.

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=pen&group=00001-01000&file=594-625c>

Can only use chloroform vapor or inoculation of barbiturates when euthanizing newborn dogs and cats.

Penalties: Misdemeanor (imprisonment not to exceed 6 months, or a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or both)

Colorado

Colorado Revised Statutes Section 35-80-102(7): Definitions

http://www.animallaw.info/statutes/stuscost35_80_101_117.htm#s102

Methods recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association as humane.

Connecticut

Conn. Gen. Statutes Section 22-344a: Euthanasia of animals by pet shops.

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2005/pub/Chap435.htm#Sec22-344a.htm>

Pet shops can only euthanize warm-blooded animals by lethal injection of sodium pentobarbital.

Penalties: A violation will result in a revocation of the pet shops license.

Conn. Gen. Statutes Section 29-108h: Use of high altitude euthanasia devices prohibited.
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2005/pub/Chap530a.htm#Sec29-108h.htm>
High altitude decompression chambers are not allowed for euthanasia.

Conn. Gen. Statutes Section 26-47: Euthanasia of wild animals.
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2005/pub/Chap490.htm#Sec26-47.htm>
Euthanasia on wild animals must conform to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection's orders which are based on the recommendations of the 1993 report of the American Veterinary Medical Association panel on euthanasia.

Delaware

Del. Code Ann. Section 8001: Euthanasia.
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title3/c080/index.shtml#TopOfPage>
Delaware only allows sodium pentobarbital or chloroform after approval by a licensed veterinarian.

Del. Code Ann. Section 8005: Use of decompression chamber to be prohibited.
<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title3/c080/index.shtml#TopOfPage>
Penalties: Class A misdemeanor (imprisonment not exceeding 1 year, and a fine of \$2,300).

Florida

Fla. Stat. Section 828.058: Euthanasia of dogs and cats.
http://www.flsenate.gov/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=Ch0828/SEC058.HTM&Title=->2007->Ch0828->Section%20058#0828.058
Florida only allows Sodium pentobarbital, a sodium pentobarbital derivative, or other agent the Board of Veterinary Medicine may approve for the destruction of cats and dogs.
Penalties: 1st degree misdemeanor (imprisonment not to exceed 1 year, or a fine not to exceed \$5,000, or both).

Fla. Stat. Section 828.065: Euthanasia of animals offered for sale by pet shops.
http://www.flsenate.gov/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=Ch0828/SEC065.HTM&Title=->2007->Ch0828->Section%20065#0828.065
Warm blooded animals in pet shops can only be put to death by sodium pentobarbital, a sodium pentobarbital derivative, or a substance or procedure which acts on the central nervous system and is clinically proven to be humane.
Penalties: 1st degree misdemeanor (imprisonment not to exceed 1 year, or a fine not to exceed \$5,000, or both).

Georgia

Official Code of Georgia Ann. Section 4-11-5.1: Euthanasia of dogs and cats by animal shelters, ect.
<http://w3.lexis-nexis.com/hottopics/gacode/default.asp>

Only sodium pentobarbital or a derivative may be used to euthanize dogs and cats.

However, should a shelter have used commercially bottled carbon monoxide gas before July 1st 1990, and have properly notified the Commissioner of Agriculture that they use gas; they will be allowed to continue to use gas.

Georgia allows an alternative to sodium pentobarbital so long as the alternative is humane and approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Under no circumstances can succinylcholine chloride, curare, curariform mixtures, or any substance which acts as a neuromuscular blocking agent be used on a dog or cat.

Georgia does not allow under any circumstances the use of a gas powered engine to deliver carbon monoxide, nor does it allow the use of decompression chambers.

Under extreme circumstances, where the animal poses a risk to the person administering euthanasia, any humane method may be used to euthanize the animal.

Hawaii

Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 143-13. Destruction of diseased or unfit dogs.

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol03_Ch0121-0200D/HRS0143/HRS_0143-0013.htm

Diseased or unfit dogs in taken into custody must be destroyed in a humane manner.

Idaho

Idaho Code Section 25-3516: High-Altitude Decompression Chamber Prohibited.

<http://www3.state.id.us/cgi-bin/newidst?scid=250350016.K>

Idaho does not allow decompression chambers to be used to euthanize cats and dogs.

Penalties: Misdemeanor (imprisonment not more than 6 months, or a fine between \$100 and \$5,000, or both)

A second offense within 10 years results in imprisonment of less than 9 months, or a fine between \$200 and \$7,000, or both

A third or subsequent offense within 15 years of the first conviction results in imprisonment not more than 1 year, or a fine of between \$500 and \$9,000, or both

Idaho Administrative Code Agency 46 Chapter 1 Section 201: Methods of Euthanasia.

Schedule II non-narcotic or Schedule III non-narcotic euthanasia drugs covered by the Controlled Substances Act that has first been approved in writing by the Idaho Board of Pharmacy, the CETF and the Board.

Euthanasia chambers when the equipment is properly designed and operated.

Illinois

Illinois Compiled Statutes Ann. Section 510 72/57: Procedures for euthanasia.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1718&ChapAct=510 ILCS 72/&ChapterID=41&ChapterName=ANIMALS&ActName=Humane%20Euthanasia%20in%20Animal%20Shelters%20Act>

Illinois only allows euthanasia by euthanasia drugs and commercially compressed carbon monoxide. A carbon monoxide chamber must meet the requirements sent down by the American Veterinarian Medical Association. Animals that are under 4 months of age, old, injured, or sick cannot be euthanized by carbon monoxide.

Indiana

Ind. Code Ann. Section 15-5-17: Prohibited Methods of Destroying Animals.

http://www.animallaw.info/statutes/stusinst15_2_1_6_1.htm#s5_17_2

Decompression chambers and electrocution are not allowed.

Penalties: Class B misdemeanor (imprisonment not to exceed 180 days, additionally a fine not more than \$1,000 may be ordered).

Iowa

Iowa Administrative Code 21-67.9(162): Acceptable forms of euthanasia.

<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/IAC.html>

Euthanasia must be in conformance with the 1993 AVMA Report on Euthanasia.

Kansas

Kansas Ann. Statutes Section 47-1718: Euthanasia, approved methods.

<http://www.kslegislature.org/legsrv-statutes/getStatuteInfo.do>

The only allowable methods of euthanasia are those methods established by the latest American veterinary medical association panel on euthanasia.

Kentucky

KRS 258.095: Definitions for KRS 258.095 to 258.500 (euthanasia).

<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/KRS/258-00/095.PDF>

Euthanasia must be humane, and should follow the American Veterinary Medical Association Panel on Euthanasia's latest report on acceptable methods of euthanasia for each species.

Kentucky Revised Statutes Ann. Section 258.505: Use of gunshot as euthanasia.

<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/KRS/258-00/505.PDF>

Gunshot euthanasia shall not be used in animal shelters unless the animal is a threat to those at the shelter. Gunshot euthanasia can be used by peace officers or animal control officers outside of shelters when the animal cannot be sized, is a threat to the general public, or when the animal is injured and suffering.

Louisiana

Louisiana Revised Statutes Section 3:2465: Operating procedures.

<http://www.legis.state.la.us/lss/lss.asp?doc=86039>

Louisiana only allows euthanasia approved by the report of the American Veterinary Medical Association on Euthanasia, dated July 1, 1978, or as revised.

Maine

Maine Revised Statutes Section 17-42-1042: Euthanasia performed by licensed veterinarian or certified person (cats and dogs).

<http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes/17/title17sec1042.html>

Maine only allows veterinarian or other certified people to use barbiturate overdose to euthanize cats a dogs.

Penalties: Class E crime (imprisonment not to exceed 6 months, additionally a fine not to exceed \$1,000 may be imposed).

Maine Revised Statutes Section 17-42-1043: Emergency methods.

<http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes/17/title17sec1043.html>

Shooting an animal is allowed when the usual method cannot be used quickly and delay will cause undue suffering, or when human or other animal life is endangered.

Maine Revised Statutes Section 4011: Cruelty to animals.

<http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes/7/title7sec4011.html>

An owner of a dog or cat may kill that dog or cat with a gun so long as they are 18, using a weapon that will require only a single shot, they cause instant death, and the animal is not restrained in such a way to cause undue suffering.

Maryland

Ann. Code of Maryland Section 10-611: Killing of dog or cat -- Prohibited means.

<http://www.michie.com/maryland/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&cp=>

Decompression chambers, carbon monoxide gas, and curariform drugs cannot be used when euthanizing cats and dogs.

Penalties: Misdemeanor (a fine not to exceed \$500)

Massachusetts

Ann. Laws of Mass. Section 128C 7: Humane Disposition of Greyhounds (effective until December 2008).

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/128c-7.htm>

Greyhounds may only be euthanized by lethal injection or by another method approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Ann. Laws of Mass. Chapter 140 Section 174A: Killing of dogs by carbon monoxide fumes.

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/140-174a.htm>

Euthanasia by carbon monoxide is prohibited unless the engine or gas generator used produces at least a 4% concentration of carbon monoxide within 5 minutes and the gas is cooled and filtered so that it does not exceed a temperature of 85 degrees.

Michigan

Ann. Laws of Massachusetts Ch. 287 Section 279a: Killing dog or other animal; use of high altitude decompression chamber or electrocution prohibited.

<http://law.justia.com/michigan/codes/mcl-chap287/mcl-287-279a.html>

Michigan does not allow decompression chambers of electrocution.

Minnesota

343.37: Decompression chambers prohibited.

<https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=343.37>

Penalties: Misdemeanor (imprisonment of not more than 90 days, or a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both).

Mississippi

Check with your state official.

Missouri

Missouri Ann. Statutes Section 578.005: Definitions (humane killing).

<http://www.moga.mo.gov/statutes/C500-599/5780000005.HTM>

Animals may only be euthanized by methods approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association's Panel on Euthanasia.

Montana

Montana Code Ann. Section 81-2-120: Management of wild buffalo or bison for disease control.

<http://data.opi.state.mt.us/bills/mca/81/2/81-2-120.htm>

When a wild buffalo enters Montana from a herd that is infected, that buffalo can be euthanized by gun shot or by some other humane method of euthanizing animals.

Administrative Rules of Montana §24.225.930: Approved Euthanasia Drugs.

Montana only approves sodium pentobarbital for use as a euthanasia drug.

Nebraska

Check with your state official.

Nevada

Nevada Revised Statutes Ann. Section 638.119: Euthanasia technician.

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-638.html#NRS638Sec119>

Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners will set all standards and methods used for euthanizing animals.

New Hampshire

Check with your state official.

New Jersey

N. J. Statutes Section 4:22-19.3: Neuromuscular blocking agents prohibited.

http://lis.njleg.state.nj.us/cgi-bin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=21492549&Depth=2&depth=2&expandheadings=on&headingswithhits=on&hitsperheading=on&infobase=statutes.nfo&record={21E8}&softpage=Doc_Frame_PG42

When euthanizing a domestic animal succinylcholine chloride, curare, curariform drugs, or any other substance which acts as a neuromuscular blocking agent is prohibited.

N. J. Statutes Section 4:22-19: Destruction of impounded animals.

http://lis.njleg.state.nj.us/cgi-bin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=21492549&Depth=2&depth=2&expandheadings=on&headingswithhits=on&hitsperheading=on&infobase=statutes.nfo&record={21E8}&softpage=Doc_Frame_PG42

New Jersey does not allow euthanasia by hypoxia induced by decompression, by lethal gas other than an inhalant anesthetic, or by any other means not generally accepted by the veterinary medical profession.

Penalties: 1st offense (fine of \$25 for each animal).
 Subsequent offense (fine of \$50 for each animal).

New Jersey Administrative Code 8:23A-1.11: Euthanasia.

The primary recommended method is an intravenous injection of a barbiturate. New Jersey also allows administration of injectable solutions approved for use in dogs and cats, inhalant anesthetics, and intravenous injections of combinations of chloral hydrate, magnesium sulfate and pentobarbital for large animals, such as horses

New Mexico

New Mexico Statutes Ann. Section 77-1B-8: Euthanasia agencies.

<http://www.nmlaws.org/NXT/gateway.dll?f=templates&fn=default.htm&vid=nm:all>

The animal sheltering services board shall determine all standards and methods for euthanizing animals.

The law is repealed on July 1st 2012.

New Mexico Statues Ann. Section 30-18-15: Intracardiac injection prohibited on conscious animal.

<http://www.nmlaws.org/NXT/gateway.dll?f=templates&fn=default.htm&vid=nm:all>

If an animal can be rendered unconscious before administering an intracardiac injection, then an animal may not be euthanized until it is rendered unconscious.

Penalties: Misdemeanor (imprisonment not to exceed 1 year, or a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or both).

New York

New York Consolidated Law Service Agriculture and Markets Law Section 26-374: Humane destruction or other disposition of animals.

<http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/menuegcf.cgi?COMMONQUERY=LAWS>

New York does not allow any decompression chamber or decompression device.

They do not allow a cat or dog to be euthanized with T-61, curare, any curariform drug, any neuro-muscular blocking agent or any other paralyzing drug.

They do not allow euthanasia of cats or dogs with a gunshot, unless in situations where it would lessen the suffering of a seriously injured animal or it is a dangerous dog.

They do not allow euthanasia of a dog or cat with gas from any engine exhaust system.

Penalties: Misdemeanor (imprisonment not to exceed 1 year, or a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or both)

North Carolina

N.C. Gen. Statutes Section 19A-24: Powers of Board of Agriculture.

http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/BySection/Chapter_19A/GS_19A-24.html

The Board of Agriculture will determine the allowable methods of euthanasia, and only methods approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Humane Society of the United States, or the American Humane Association will be allowed.

If carbon monoxide gas is approved by the Board, only commercially made gas is allowed. Furthermore, the actual chamber must have the ability to individually separate the animals.

North Dakota

Check with your state official.

Ohio

Ohio Revised Code Ann. Section 959.06: Prohibited methods of destroying domestic animals.

<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/959.06>

Ohio does not allow high altitude decompression chambers, and only allows methods that immediately and painlessly renders the animal unconscious and then dead.

Ohio Revised Code Ann. Section 4729.532: Performance of euthanasia on animals by lethal injection.

<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4729.532>

When performing euthanasia by lethal injection only a combination of drugs consisting of a mix of pentobarbital and at least one noncontrolled substance active ingredient can be used.

Oklahoma

Oklahoma Statutes Ann. Section 501: Method of disposal of animals kept for pleasure.

<http://www.oscn.net/applications/oscn/DeliverDocument.asp?CiteID=64820>

Oklahoma allows euthanasia by denatured sodium pentobarbital, carbon monoxide chamber so long as it used commercially compressed gas and is not used on puppies and kitten under 16 weeks, and any other method allowed by the Animal Industries Services Division of the State Department of Agriculture.

Oklahoma does not allow the use of curariform derivative drugs.

Penalties: Failure to abide by these rules is a nuisance.

Exception: This does not apply to municipalities with a population under 10,000. They do have to euthanize the animal in a humane way.

Oklahoma Statutes Ann. Section 502: Denatured sodium pentobarbital.

<http://www.oscn.net/applications/oscn/DeliverDocument.asp?CiteID=437010>

Oklahoma only allows denatured sodium pentobarbital and other drugs approved by the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners or the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control for euthanizing animals in animal shelters.

Exception: This does not apply to municipalities with a population under 10,000. They do have to euthanize the animal in a humane way.

Oregon

Oregon Revised Statutes Section 609.405: Requirement for destroying dogs and cats.

<http://landru.leg.state.or.us/ors/609.html>

Dogs and cats can only be euthanized by a lethal injection of sodium pentobarbital or other substance approved by the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board.

If the animal to be euthanized is an imminent threat to other life, and administering sodium pentobarbital is inappropriate given the situation, the animal may be destroyed by another humane method. This decision is reviewable by the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board.

Pennsylvania

3-7-328.1. Prohibited means of destruction of animals.

http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/dawson/cruelty/pa_cruel.htm

No animal shall be destroyed by means of a high altitude decompression chamber or decompression device.

3-7-328.2. Methods of destruction of animals.

http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/dawson/cruelty/pa_cruel.htm

In Pennsylvania euthanasia can occur by the administration of an overdose of a barbiturate, barbiturate combinations, drug or drug combinations approved for this purpose by the Federal

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Drug Administration and in accordance with guidelines established by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Euthanasia can also occur by anyone with firearms.

3-7-328.5. Use of carbon monoxide systems.

http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/dawson/cruelty/pa_cruel.htm

Carbon monoxide gas may be used to destroy animals seven weeks of age or older.

Chloroform, ether, halothane or fluothane may be used to destroy animals under seven weeks of age.

Rhode Island

R.I Gen. Laws. 4-1-34: Destruction of racing greyhounds

<http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE4/4-1/4-1-34.HTM>

Racing Greyhounds cannot be killed unless by lethal injection, or by some other human way established by the American veterinary medicine association.

R.I. Gen Laws 4-19-12: Disposition of animals

<http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/Statutes/TITLE4/4-19/4-19-12.HTM>.

Carbon Monoxide and gas chambers are explicitly banned, and the only acceptable means of euthanasia is lethal injection.

However, under emergency type situations with no alternative, an animal may be shot so long as: the shooter is well trained, the animal is restrained in a humane manner, and maximum precaution is taken to minimize the animal's suffering.

South Carolina

S.C. Code Ann. § 47-3-420: Allowable methods of euthanasia.

<http://www.scstatehouse.net/code/t47c003.htm>

S.C. allows barbituric acid derivatives and, for dogs and cats older than 16 weeks only, bottled carbon monoxide gas.

An animal may be shot only in emergency situations where the animal is a danger to the public, or where the emergency requires the animal to be shot to prevent further suffering.

South Dakota

S.D. Codified Laws Section 40-1-25: Administration and enforcement of livestock provisions.

<http://legis.state.sd.us/statutes/DisplayStatute.aspx?Type=Statute&Statute=40-1-25>

This places all decisions regarding the method of euthanasia in the hands of South Dakota Animal Industry Board.

Administrative Rules of South Dakota 12:68:20:03: Methods of Euthanasia.

South Dakota only allows methods that produce instantaneous unconsciousness and immediate death without visual evidence of pain or distress or by administering an anesthetic which causes loss of consciousness and death following loss of consciousness.

Tennessee

Tenn. Code Ann. Section 44-17-303: Methods allowed.

<http://www.michie.com/tennessee/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&cp>

Extensive procedures listed, but it comes down to Sodium pentobarbital and such other agents as may be specifically approved by the rules of the board of veterinary medicine shall be the only methods used for euthanasia of non-livestock animals.

Texas

Texas Health and Safety Code Section 821.052: Methods of Euthanasia.

<http://tlo2.tlc.state.tx.us/statutes/docs/HS/content/htm/hs.010.00.000821.00.htm#821.052.00>

A dog or cat in the custody of an animal shelter may only be euthanized by administering sodium pentobarbital or commercially compressed carbon monoxide.

All other animals should be euthanized according to applicable methods, recommendations, and procedures set forth in the 2000 Report of the American Veterinary Medical Association Panel on Euthanasia as modified or superseded by a subsequent report of the American Veterinary Medical Association Panel on Euthanasia that is approved by the board.

Utah

Check with your state official.

Vermont

V.S.A. Title 13 Section 371: Euthanizing animals

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/fullsection.cfm?Title=13&Chapter=008&Section=00371>

The Sec. of agriculture, food, and markets determines what the states euthanasia practices are.

Virginia

Va. Code Ann. Section 3.1-796.77. Disposal by means of decompression chamber and use of gas chamber for companion animals prohibited.

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+3.1-796.77>

High altitude decompression chambers and gas chambers are prohibited.

Washington

Washington Administrative Code §246-887-050 Sodium pentobarbital for animal euthanasia.

Washington only allows sodium pentobarbital.

West Virginia

W. Va. Code § 19-20-8. Impounding and disposition of dogs; costs and fees.

Use a hypodermic injection (it is indicated elsewhere, §30-10A-8, that the “drug of choice” is sodium pentobarbital).

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Use any other procedure approved by American Veterinary Medical Association, the Humane Society of the United States, or the American Humane Association.

Lastly you can shot a dog in an emergency situation when other options are not available, but only if: the shooter is someone trained to use firearms, and maximum precautions are made to minimize the dog's suffering.

Wisconsin

Check with your state official.

Wyoming

Wyoming Statutes Ann Section 6-3-203: Cruelty to animals; penalties; limitation on manner of destruction.

<http://legisweb.state.wy.us/statutes/statutes.aspx?file=titles/Title6/T6CH3AR2.htm>

No high altitude decompression chambers and no carbon monoxide gas chambers using gasoline engines.

Penalties: Misdemeanor (6 months maximum imprisonment, or a fine of not more than \$750.00, or both)

A subsequent offense is a high misdemeanor (1 year maximum prison or a maximum fine of \$5,000, or both)

Wyoming Statutes Ann Section 33-30-216: Definitions.

<http://legisweb.state.wy.us/statutes/statutes.aspx?file=titles/Title33/T33CH30AR2.htm>

Wyoming defines euthanasia as:

(iv) "Euthanasia" or "euthanizing" means the act or practice of providing a humane death for animals through the use of euthanizing drugs;

(v) "Euthanizing drugs" means any pentobarbital-based drug labeled by the manufacturer for the purpose of euthanizing animals, with the exception of Schedule I drugs as defined in W.S. 35-7-1013 and 35-7-1014.

In the state of Wyoming, euthanasia can only be preformed by a pentobarbital-based drug.