

Without Immediate Legislative Action, Article 26-C Will Become the Deadliest Policy Ever Imposed on New York's Shelter Animals



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Article 26-C was created to help animals, but the way it is written will instead cause many healthy animals to be euthanized in New York. The law removes the rescue and foster support that shelters rely on, leaving shelters with only one option when they run out of space: to euthanize healthy, adoptable animals. We were told amendments would be made to stop this. Now we have been told there will be no amendments at all. Because of this, we must speak up and advocate for the animals whose lives now depend on public action. **Every animal on this poster would likely have been euthanized under this law.**

Shelters Will Be Forced to Kill for Space: Article 26-C stops shelters from creating extra space, even in emergencies. When cruelty or emergency cases arrive and no rescues can help, shelters must euthanize healthy animals already in their care to make room.

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Foster Homes Will Disappear: Fosters must now meet shelter-level rules, including daily paperwork, strict sanitation, and inspections for any complaint – even anonymous ones. Many fosters will quit, removing the only safety valve that prevents animals from being euthanized for lack of space.

Small Rescues Will Collapse Entirely: Volunteer-run rescues cannot meet the intense paperwork, sanitation, inspection, and protocol rules made for large shelters. When these rescues close, shelters lose critical transfer options – and more animals will be euthanized as a result.

Animals in Legal Cases Take Precedence: Impounded animals must be held, even when shelters are full. If five cruelty-case dogs arrive and there is no space, five other dogs must be moved – but with foster-based rescues closed, there is nowhere for them to go. Those dogs will be euthanized for space. Healthy animals will die because the law gives shelters no other option.

Esmarelda
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The Law Treats All Organizations the Same – Even When It Shouldn't: Article 26-C makes small foster groups follow the same rules as large shelters, overwhelming volunteers and pushing them away. With fewer fosters and fewer rescues, fewer animals can leave shelters alive – and euthanasia rates will rise.

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How You Can Help Save Animals



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Article 26-C will force shelters to euthanize healthy animals unless the public speaks up. We were promised amendments; now we know none are coming. Your voice is the only thing that can stop this.



to your NYS Assemblymember AND NYS Senator and tell them to:

- Protect foster homes from unrealistic, impossible standards
- Scale requirements for foster-based rescues
- Reduce paperwork that drives volunteers away
- Address breeder oversight



Maddie & Nilla
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Follow the QR codes or visit oswego-county-spca.org/help-save-our-rescues.html for phone and email templates, a petition to sign, and easy access to find your representatives contacts!

Public pressure is the only way animals will survive this.



Information, Templates & Contacts



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