

Bennettsville Receives Grant to End Use of Animal Gas Chamber

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FULL TEXT

The Humane Society of the United States issued the following news release:

The city of Bennettsville, S.C., received a \$5,000 grant from The Humane Society of the United States to eliminate gas chamber use at the city's animal shelter. The funds will be used for training staff members and purchasing necessary supplies and equipment for the euthanasia by injection method.

Kimberly Kelly, South Carolina state director for The HSUS, said: "We're proud to work with the City of Bennettsville to institute more humane treatment of animals in the community. Working toward the elimination of gas chambers in South Carolina is a significant move."

Bennettsville Chief of Police Larry McNeil said: "We appreciate The Humane Society of the United States' assistance in helping our city become better equipped to perform euthanasia more humanely. We're proud to implement improved standards of care for our animals, and hope we can prevent more euthanasia by funding spay/neuter surgeries with the help of the grant money."

The HSUS works to end the euthanasia of all healthy, adoptable animals but maintains that when euthanasia does have to be performed, it is done as humanely as possible.

Facts:

- Gas chambers cannot provide a humane death for animals in a shelter setting. Even healthy adult dogs and cats will suffer stress just by being placed in a gas chamber, making their death inhumane.
- Gas chambers can pose great physical and psychological harm to shelter employees.
- Studies have proven that it is more expensive to operate a gas chamber than it is to purchase and use euthanasia drugs.

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