

"Dedicated to the Advancement of Animal Rights"



International Society for Animal Rights

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International Society for Animal Rights ("ISAR"), founded in 1959, is a corporation created under the Not-for-Profit law of the District of Columbia and a federal tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

ISAR's chartered purposes include, but are not limited to, promoting "protection of animals from all forms of cruelty and suffering inflicted upon them for the demands of science, profit, sport or from neglect or indifference to their welfare or from any other cause"

In furtherance of that goal, through the support of thousands of individuals and organizations in the United States and around the world ISAR engages in extensive public education including the creation and dissemination of monographs and other material dealing with animal rights.

The first federal and state court opinions to use the term "animal rights" were in cases initiated by ISAR. (*See, Jones v. Butz*, 374 F.Supp. 1284 (SDNY, three-judge court, 1974), *Jones v. Beame*, 45 N.Y.2d 402 (1978); *see also Church of the Lukumi Babalu Aye, Inc. v. City of Hialeah, Florida*, 508 U.S. 520 (1993), *O'Sullivan v. City of San Diego*, 2007 WL 2570783 (2007)), *United States v. Stevens*, to be argued next fall in the Supreme Court of the United States.

In recent years, public interest concerning the welfare of animals generally and companion animals in particular has flourished and with that interest has come many questions about their treatment by custodians and caregivers, especially veterinarians.

Accordingly, to better inform our supporters and carefully define our goals, it is important that ISAR ascertain the formal policies of professional veterinary organizations.

Hence, the following email survey.

It is being sent via interactive email to every state (and many local) veterinary organizations in the United States and its possessions.

The survey results will be compiled in an ISAR Special Report and made available to all responding organizations, and to the general public through a posting on our website.

To answer the survey questions, it is necessary only to click the link below titled *ISAR Veterinary Society/Association Survey*. You will be directed to a new page where you will find a total of 26 questions. Simply click in the circle that corresponds to the answer you wish to provide. If your organization has no formal policy which enables it to answer a question, please use the "N/A" box.

ISAR VETERINARY SOCIETY/ASSOCIATION SURVEY

1. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of cropping the ears of dogs?

YES
NO
N/A

2. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of docking the tails of dogs?

YES
NO
N/A

3. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of debarking dogs?

YES
NO
N/A

4. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of declawing cats?

YES
NO
N/A

5. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of spay/neuter?

YES
NO
N/A

6. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of spay/neuter before four months of age?

YES
NO
N/A

7. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of mandatory spay/neuter for shelter dogs and cats?

YES
NO
N/A

8. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of mandatory spay/neuter for other dogs and cats?

YES
NO
N/A

9. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of mandatory spay/neuter before cat and dog adoption from shelters?

YES
NO
N/A

10. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of government-run or supported spay/neuter clinics?

YES
NO
N/A

11. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of government spay/neuter subsidies for low income dog and cat custodians?

YES
NO
N/A

12. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of government-operated mobile spay/neuter clinics?

YES
NO
N/A

13. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of the application of normal rules of liability to veterinary malpractice?

YES
NO
N/A

14. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of euthanasia of healthy dogs and cats for the custodian's convenience?

YES
NO
N/A

15. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of euthanasia of shelter dogs and cats by means other than injection?

YES
NO
N/A

16. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of micro-chipping for purposes of identification?

YES
NO
N/A

17. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of mandatory micro-chipping for purpose of identification?

YES
NO
N/A

18. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of spay/neuter release of feral cats?

YES
NO
N/A

19. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of breed-specific legislation?

YES
NO
N/A

20. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of private mobile veterinary clinics?

YES
NO
N/A

21. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of allowing veterinary students to opt out of practicing on lab animals?

YES
NO
N/A

22. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of reporting suspected cases of animal abuse?

YES
NO
N/A

23. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of allowing veterinary technicians to perform surgery?

YES
NO
N/A

24. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of counseling companion animal custodians before euthanasia?

YES
NO
N/A

25. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of ownership of collateral animal-related businesses (e.g. grooming)?

YES
NO
N/A

26. Does your organization have a formally adopted policy approving of providing emergency veterinary services?

YES
NO
N/A



Thank you for your participation in our survey. We value and appreciate your input.

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