

Frequently Asked Questions:

North Carolina Certified Euthanasia Technician

1. What is a Certified Euthanasia Technician?

"Certified Euthanasia Technician" (CET) means a person employed by a certified facility who has been instructed in the proper methods of humane euthanasia, security and record keeping. You must be employed by a public or private shelter licensed under the NC Animal Welfare Act, you must be at least 18 years of age and you cannot have been convicted of a felony or any infraction involving cruelty to animals.

2. How do you become certified?

You must complete an application, pass a background check, receive training from a certified instructor, pass a written test & pass a practical examination. You may request an application packet by emailing the AWS at agr.aws@ncagr.gov or by US mail:

CET application packet
c/o Animal Welfare Section
1030 Mail Service Center
Raleigh NC 27699-1030

3. Does it matter in which order we complete the paperwork?

Experience has shown that occasionally items are found in the background checks that prevent someone from becoming a CET. Though many people with certain types of convictions self-select and opt out of applying, not all do. **Because there are occasional surprises many organizations prefer to have the background check completed before they pay for classroom training.**

4. Who teaches the classes to become a CET?

"Approved Certified Euthanasia Technician trainer" is a person or organization that received permission from the Animal Welfare Section to provide training to applicants or individuals seeking to be Certified Euthanasia Technicians. Approved trainers and their upcoming classes will be posted on our web site www.ncaws.com Also on the web site will be information that will allow you to directly contact the trainer to make arrangements to attend their class.

5. How much does it cost to take the class?

Costs will be determined by the approved instructor. Contact the instructor to determine if space is available in their class and how much training will cost.

6. Is certification good for life?

No, certification is good for five years from the date you are issued your certificate by the Animal Welfare Section. You must pass a background check each time you apply to renew your certificate.

NOTE: In order to fully understand your duties & responsibilities as a Certified Euthanasia Technician you must read the rules on euthanasia. A copy is found on our web site www.ncaws.com