

Documents needed to be trained as a Certified Euthanasia Technician

Thank you for taking time to undergo training to be a certified euthanasia technician (CET). The training, mandated by the General Assembly, was a significant step forward in building a cadre of individuals that both possess the knowledge necessary to euthanize animals and have proven that they can perform euthanasia in a competent and humane manner.

Euthanasia is an unfortunate reality at this time; you have the ability to ensure that those animals are euthanized in a humane and legal manner.

You will need several documents in order to become a CET:

1. A completed fingerprint card
2. An signed authorization to allow the AWS to request a background check through the SBI & FBI.
3. A completed, signed and notarized application to be a CET.

We understand that some people have already undergone a background check because they are employed by a law enforcement agency but State law requires that the background check be conducted by the AWS

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(d) Persons seeking certification as euthanasia technicians, or a renewal of such certification, shall provide the Department a fingerprint card in a format acceptable to the Department, a form signed by the person consenting to a criminal record check and the use of the person's fingerprints, and such other identifying information as may be required by the State or national data banks. The Department may deny certification to persons who refuse to provide the fingerprint card or consent to the criminal background check. Fees required by the Department of Justice for conducting the criminal background check shall be collected by the Department and remitted to the Department of Justice along with the fingerprint card and consent form.

The results of the background check are not subject to public record requests

114-19.29.

... The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall keep all information pursuant to this section privileged, in accordance with applicable State law and federal guidelines, and the information shall be confidential and shall not be a public record under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

Because the application packet contains documents that must be originals, not copies from the web, you must contact the AWS to obtain an application packet. You may send a fax (919-733-6431) or an email (agr.aws@ncagr.gov).

Please be aware that though many background checks are returned within 5 - 10 business days some take longer.

If you have any questions please contact the Director of the Animal Welfare Section at (919) 715-7111.

Note to employers: Occasionally background checks return unexpected results. Some groups have found that obtaining the background check first can prevent spending money training individuals that are legally prevented from becoming a CET.

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(b) In addition to rules on the euthanasia of animals adopted pursuant to subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this section, the Board of Agriculture may adopt rules on the euthanasia of animals for: shall adopt rules for the certification of euthanasia technicians. The rules may provide for:

(7) Denial, suspension, or revocation of certification of euthanasia technicians who: a. Violate any provision of the Animal Welfare Act pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 19A of the General Statutes or otherwise this Article or rules adopted pursuant to this Article;

b. Have been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to:

1. Any felony;
2. Any misdemeanor or infraction involving animal abuse or neglect; or
3. Any other offense related to animal euthanasia, the duties or responsibilities of a euthanasia technician, or a euthanasia

technician's fitness for certification;

(c) Regardless of the extent to which the Board exercises its authority under subsection (b) of this section, the Department may deny, revoke, or suspend the certification of a euthanasia technician who has been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a felony involving the illegal use, possession, sale, manufacture, distribution, or transportation of a controlled substance, drug, or narcotic.

