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## **RLD REMINDS TECHNICIANS, FACILITIES: TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO GET LICENSED**

**Santa Fe** – Time is running out for animal shelters and technicians to become licensed to perform animal euthanasia, and the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department this week is reminding them about the deadline.

The Boards and Commissions Division is sending notices to every animal shelter in the state on behalf of the Animal Sheltering Board (ASB) to remind the facility operators and technicians of the Jan. 1, 2010 deadline.

“The Animal Sheltering Board and staff is here to support and assist shelters and technicians as they come into compliance with these new licensure requirements,” said Regulation and Licensing Superintendent Kelly O’Donnell.

In order to obtain a license as a Euthanasia Agency or a Euthanasia Technician, the shelter or individual must submit an application to the ASB. Technicians must take a board-approved euthanasia technician training course with proof of a passing grade of at least 80 percent for licensure and complete a 25-item questionnaire located on the Animal Sheltering Web site.

### **Tools for Technicians and Shelter Directors:**

- The rules, applications, and FAQs are at: <http://www.rld.state.nm.us/AnimalSheltering/forms.html> .
- The Web site provides links to approved Euthanasia Training Courses.
- Technicians and shelter directors may contact Benito Martinez at 505-476-4541 or 505-490-2969 or [benito.martinez@state.nm.us](mailto:benito.martinez@state.nm.us) for more information.

With the support of Gov. Richardson, legislation was passed replacing gas chamber euthanasia with lethal injection; another bill was passed requiring shelters and technicians to become licensed.

Gas chamber euthanasia was banned in June of 2009. Technicians have had 180 days since the rules became effective on July 1, 2009, to contract services

out to veterinarians or veterinary technicians while working to become licensed. Licensed veterinarians or veterinary technicians are not required to apply for licensure through the ASB.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2010, any facility or technician operating without a license will be subject to disciplinary action from the ASB.

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