Humane Euthanasia Training
by Santa Fe Animal Shelter

NEXT CLASS: March 25th & 26th

The Santa Fe Animal Shelter will be conducting a low-cost euthanasia certification class on March 25th & 26th. Seating is limited. Classes are held from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

To register, please send an email with student names to jirwin@sfhumanesociety.org The registration fee is $100 per student and can be paid with a credit card over the phone or a check made payable to SFAS. We can provide a PDF version of the manual to be printed prior to the class. If you prefer the manual to be provided by SFAS please let us know at the time of registration.

The course will cover euthanasia history, scheduled drugs, handling, venipuncture, dosages, routes of administration, zoological diseases, safety, as well as advanced techniques for euthanizing fractious animals. There will also be a hands-on wet lab where all students will practice venipuncture on animals under surgical sedation. We will also include a tutorial on the application process and will have a notary on-hand for those who wish to complete their applications at the tutorial.

*If you would like to complete your application at the tutorial, you may wish to bring a copy of a federal or state issued ID; a copy of your high school diploma, college diploma, or unofficial college transcripts (even if you did not complete a degree). These items are not required, but will facilitate completion of the application.*

The SFAS&HS curriculum is approved by the NM Animal Sheltering Board.

As of January 1, 2010, individuals performing euthanasia in a shelter or animal control environment must be euthanasia technicians licensed by the New Mexico Animal Sheltering Board. Those who are not licensed will not be able to legally perform euthanasia.

**LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION EXEMPTIONS:**
16.24.2.9
A. The act does not apply to veterinarians licensed in New Mexico.
B. The act does not apply to wildlife rehabilitators working under the auspices of the department of game and fish.
C. A for profit veterinary facility serving as a euthanasia agency pursuant to a contract with a local government is
exempt from the provisions of the act; provided that the veterinary facility is subject to licensure and rules adopted pursuant to the Veterinary Practice Act, Section 61-14-1 et. seq. NMSA 1978.

D. A municipal facility that is a zoological park is exempt from the provisions of the act.
E. A commissioned law enforcement officer is exempt from the act when conducting emergency field euthanasia or in situations where the public's health or safety is at risk or the animal is irremediably suffering.
F. The board may exempt a euthanasia instructor from the required euthanasia technician testing based upon review of the applicant's credentials and practical experience in shelter euthanasia. The applicant shall be required to obtain a euthanasia instructor certificate and is subject to the required certified euthanasia instructor duties. [16.24.2.9 NMAC - N, 07/01/09]