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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

510 ILCS 5/2.11b-2 new

510 ILCS 5/10

510 ILCS 5/15.5 new

from Ch. 8, par. 360

Amends the Animal Control Act. Provides that each Administrator shall post on his or her website: (1) all locations in the county that impound dogs and cats; (2) the operating hours of those locations; (3) the contact information for those locations; and (4) the applicable redemption fees for dogs and cats. Provides that any dog found to be vicious must be listed in a database by the Administrator or Director, along with any other dangerous wild animals. Provides that the database shall include the name, current address, contact information, and other pertinent information of the owner, and the database shall be made available to first responders in the region in order to put them on notice before they respond to a call to any location.

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1 AN ACT concerning animals.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Animal Control Act is amended by changing
5 Section 10 and by adding Sections 2.11b-2 and 15.5 as follows:

6 (510 ILCS 5/2.11b-2 new)

7 Sec. 2.11b-2. First responder. "First responder" means and
8 includes all fire departments and districts, law enforcement
9 agencies and officials, emergency medical responders, and
10 emergency management officials who would be called to the scene
11 of an emergency.

12 (510 ILCS 5/10) (from Ch. 8, par. 360)

13 Sec. 10. Impoundment; redemption. When dogs or cats are
14 apprehended and impounded, they must be scanned for the
15 presence of a microchip and examined for other currently
16 acceptable methods of identification, including, but not
17 limited to, identification tags, tattoos, and rabies license
18 tags. The examination for identification shall be done within
19 24 hours after the intake of each dog or cat. The Administrator
20 shall make every reasonable attempt to contact the owner as
21 defined by Section 2.16, agent, or caretaker as soon as
22 possible. The Administrator shall give notice of not less than

1 7 business days to the owner, agent, or caretaker prior to
2 disposal of the animal. Such notice shall be mailed to the last
3 known address of the owner, agent, or caretaker. Testimony of
4 the Administrator, or his or her authorized agent, who mails
5 such notice shall be evidence of the receipt of such notice by
6 the owner, agent, or caretaker of the animal. A mailed notice
7 shall remain the primary means of owner, agent, or caretaker
8 contact; however, the Administrator shall also attempt to
9 contact the owner, agent, or caretaker by any other contact
10 information, such as by telephone or email address, provided by
11 the microchip or other method of identification found on the
12 dog or cat. If the dog or cat has been microchipped and the
13 primary contact listed by the chip manufacturer cannot be
14 located or refuses to reclaim the dog or cat, an attempt shall
15 be made to contact any secondary contacts listed by the chip
16 manufacturer prior to adoption, transfer, or euthanization.
17 Prior to transferring the dog or cat to another humane shelter,
18 rescue group, or euthanization, the dog or cat shall be scanned
19 again for the presence of a microchip and examined for other
20 means of identification. If a second scan provides the same
21 identifying information as the initial intake scan and the
22 owner, agent, or caretaker has not been located or refuses to
23 reclaim the dog or cat, the animal control facility may proceed
24 with the adoption, transfer, or euthanization.

25 In order to increase redemptions of lost or missing dogs
26 and cats, each Administrator shall post on his or her website:

1 (1) all locations in the county that impound dogs and cats; (2)
2 the operating hours of those locations; (3) the contact
3 information for those locations; and (4) the applicable
4 redemption fees for dogs and cats.

5 In case the owner, agent, or caretaker of any impounded dog
6 or cat desires to make redemption thereof, he or she may do so
7 by doing the following:

8 a. Presenting proof of current rabies inoculation and
9 registration, if applicable.

10 b. Paying for the rabies inoculation of the dog or cat
11 and registration, if applicable.

12 c. Paying the pound for the board of the dog or cat for
13 the period it was impounded.

14 d. Paying into the Animal Control Fund an additional
15 impoundment fee as prescribed by the Board as a penalty for
16 the first offense and for each subsequent offense.

17 e. Paying a \$25 public safety fine to be deposited into
18 the Pet Population Control Fund; the fine shall be waived
19 if it is the dog's or cat's first impoundment and the
20 owner, agent, or caretaker has the animal spayed or
21 neutered within 14 days.

22 f. Paying for microchipping and registration if not
23 already done.

24 The payments required for redemption under this Section
25 shall be in addition to any other penalties invoked under this
26 Act and the Illinois Public Health and Safety Animal Population

1 Control Act. An animal control agency shall assist and share
2 information with the Director of Public Health in the
3 collection of public safety fines.

4 (Source: P.A. 97-240, eff. 1-1-12.)

5 (510 ILCS 5/15.5 new)

6 Sec. 15.5. Vicious dog database. Any dog found to be
7 vicious must be listed in a database by the Administrator or
8 Director, along with any other dangerous wild animals. The
9 database shall include the name, current address, contact
10 information, and other pertinent information of the owner. The
11 database shall be made available to first responders in the
12 region in order to put them on notice before they respond to a
13 call to any location.