

**SB3537**



**103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2023 and 2024**

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Introduced 2/9/2024, by Sen. Terri Bryant

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

225 ILCS 605/3.3

Amends the Animal Welfare Act. Provides that an animal shelter or animal control facility may waive the fee for sterilizing and microchipping a dog or cat (in addition to waiving the adoption fee) and if the person adopting the dog or cat is a veteran and meets specified criteria. Effective immediately.

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**A BILL FOR**

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

4 Section 5. The Animal Welfare Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 3.3 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 605/3.3)

7 Sec. 3.3. Adoption of dogs and cats.

8 (a) An animal shelter or animal control facility shall not  
9 adopt out any dog or adopt out or return to field any cat  
10 unless it has been sterilized and microchipped. However, an  
11 animal shelter or animal control facility may adopt out a dog  
12 or cat that has not been sterilized and microchipped if the  
13 adopting owner has executed a written agreement to have  
14 sterilizing and microchipping procedures performed within 14  
15 days after a licensed veterinarian certifies the dog or cat is  
16 healthy enough for sterilizing and microchipping procedures  
17 and a licensed veterinarian has certified that the dog or cat  
18 is too sick or injured to be sterilized or it would be  
19 detrimental to the health of the dog or cat to be sterilized or  
20 microchipped at the time of the adoption.

21 (b) An animal shelter or animal control facility may adopt  
22 out any dog or cat that is not free of disease, injury, or  
23 abnormality if the disease, injury, or abnormality is

1 disclosed in writing to the adopter, and the animal shelter or  
2 animal control facility allows the adopter to return the  
3 animal to the animal shelter or animal control facility.

4 (c) The requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this  
5 Section do not apply to adoptions subject to Section 11 of the  
6 Animal Control Act.

7 (d) An animal shelter or animal control facility shall  
8 waive the adoption fee for a dog or cat and may waive the fee  
9 for microchipping and sterilizing the dog or cat if the person  
10 adopting the dog or cat:

11 (1) presents to the animal shelter or animal control  
12 facility a current and valid Illinois driver's license  
13 with the word "veteran" printed on its face, a current and  
14 valid Illinois Identification Card with the word "veteran"  
15 printed on its face, or an identification card issued  
16 under the federal Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015  
17 and a valid Illinois driver's license or valid Illinois  
18 Identification Card; and

19 (2) complies with the adoption policies of the animal  
20 shelter or animal control facility.

21 (e) An animal shelter or animal control facility may limit  
22 the number of dogs or cats adopted from that animal shelter or  
23 animal control facility pursuant to this Section to one dog or  
24 cat each in a 2-year period.

25 (Source: P.A. 102-558, eff. 8-20-21; 103-434, eff. 1-1-24.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.