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Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine Maddie's® Shelter Medicine Program

Certified Euthanasia Technician Didactic Training Course: Euthanasia by Injection for Companion Animals

Course introduction/description

Euthanasia in shelters and in the field is an essential component of animal welfare. This task must be performed precisely and in a humane manner following professional and legal guidelines. Obtaining certification by the NYS Department of Health will enable you to legally administer pre-euthanasia sedatives, as well as legally perform euthanasia of animals by injection [EBI] in NYS. Please be aware that taking this course does not automatically provide state certification in NYS. It provides didactic training and dry lab training in the subject. A portion of this class does contribute towards the recertification process for application for a CET in NYS with regards to training on the safe and effective use of solution in the euthanasia of animals.

Topics will include safe and effective use of solution in the euthanasia of companion animals; acceptable practices as defined by industry guidelines; anatomy and physiology of sedation and euthanasia; handling and management of controlled substances; and euthanasia decision-making and compassion fatigue. Additional laboratory sessions will be offered on equipment, humane animal handling, and case-based protocol review.

Information regarding animal euthanasia activities, society/facility registration and additional requirements for euthanasia technician certification within New York State may be located at https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/narcotic/licensing_and_certification/

Required text: HSUS Euthanasia Reference Manual, 2013. Accessed for free online at https://www.animalsheltering.org/sites/default/files/content/euthanasia-reference-manual.pdf

Copies will be printed for use by attendees during the course, but attendees are advised to read the entire manual prior to coming for training.

Successful course completion

Successful course completion will require attendance at and participation in all sessions, completion of in-class assignments (pre- and post-class tests, group work, discussion); and a passing grade (80%) on an open resource exam returned to the instructor via electronic or post mail within 30 days of the course. A certificate of completion will be provided to students completing all requirements successfully.

Course instructors

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A downloadable PDF version of the full syllabus can be found by clicking here (link to syllabus doc).

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