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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: All Certified Euthanasia Technicians  
Shelter managers

From: Lee Hunter, Director   
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Subject: New Requirements for Application/Renewal for CETs

During the latter days of the last session of the General Assembly House Bill 1741 passed and was signed into law. A copy of the bill can be found on our web site ([www.ncaws.com](http://www.ncaws.com)) or on that of the General Assembly ([www.ncleg.net](http://www.ncleg.net)).

The bill's primary purpose was to direct the Department of Health and Human Services to write rules to allow animal shelters to apply for registration to purchase drugs used in euthanasia of dogs and cats at animal shelters. Responsibility for drafting the language is that of DHHS; the proposed rules must go through the rules review process.

The bill also authorizes CETs to use those drugs only on dogs and cats and only on the shelter premises. Please note the specific restrictions.

Notably, included in the bill are several issues that directly affect CETs and the Animal Welfare Section starting on 1 October 2010. They include:

- Additional causes to deny, revoke or suspend certification
- The requirement for a criminal background check, including fingerprints, before issuing or renewing certification.
- Signed consent for a background check must be provided by the applicant for certification or renewal of certification. Certification may be denied to anyone failing to provide signed consent or a fingerprint card.
- The Department of Justice (DoJ) may charge a fee for the background check

**Please note that the bill states that the results of the background check are privileged and are not subject to a public records request.**

The AWS has been in contact with the branch within DoJ that provides background checks but has not yet received permission to proceed. If permission from DoJ is not forthcoming until after 1 October 2010, applications and renewals will not be processed until permission is granted by DoJ, background checks are returned to AWS and we are assured that applicants meet the requirements for certification.

Even though the required permission has not yet been granted and DoJ has not given AWS sufficient information to craft a protocol, we wanted to inform you of the changes so that you can best manage your situation in light of the deadline.

As we know more information we will post it to our web site. We propose to post an FAQ, a new application/renewal form, and directions on how to proceed and any costs associated with the process.