

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to sexual activities involving animals;
 3 creating s. 828.126, F.S.; providing definitions;
 4 prohibiting knowing sexual conduct or sexual contact with
 5 an animal; prohibiting specified related activities;
 6 providing penalties; providing that the act does not apply
 7 to certain husbandry, conformation judging practices, and
 8 veterinary practices; providing an effective date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12 Section 1. Section 828.126, Florida Statutes, is created
 13 to read:

14 828.126 Sexual activities involving animals.--

15 (1) As used in this section, the term:

16 (a) "Sexual conduct" means any touching or fondling by a
 17 person, either directly or through clothing, of the sex organs
 18 or anus of an animal or any transfer or transmission of semen by
 19 the person upon any part of the animal for the purpose of sexual
 20 gratification or arousal of the person.

21 (b) "Sexual contact" means any contact, however slight,
 22 between the mouth, sex organ, or anus of a person and the sex
 23 organ or anus of an animal, or any penetration, however slight,
 24 of any part of the body of the person into the sex organ or anus
 25 of an animal, or any penetration of the sex organ or anus of the
 26 person into the mouth of the animal, for the purpose of sexual
 27 gratification or sexual arousal of the person.

28 (2) A person may not:

29 (a) Knowingly engage in any sexual conduct or sexual
 30 contact with an animal;

31 (b) Knowingly cause, aid, or abet another person to engage
 32 in any sexual conduct or sexual contact with an animal;

33 (c) Knowingly permit any sexual conduct or sexual contact
 34 with an animal to be conducted on any premises under his or her
 35 charge or control; or

36 (d) Knowingly organize, promote, conduct, advertise, aid,
 37 abet, participate in as an observer, or perform any service in
 38 the furtherance of an act involving any sexual conduct or sexual
 39 contact with an animal for a commercial or recreational purpose.

40 (3) A person who violates this section commits a felony of
 41 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
 42 775.083, or s. 775.084.

43 (4) This section does not apply to accepted animal
 44 husbandry practices, conformation judging practices, or accepted
 45 veterinary medical practices.

46 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2009.