

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to disposition of impounded livestock;
 3 amending s. 588.17, F.S.; removing an exception to
 4 allow adoption and humane disposal of stray cattle
 5 under certain conditions; providing an effective date.

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

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 9 **Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 588.17, Florida**
 10 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

11 588.17 Disposition of impounded livestock.—

12 (4) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsections (1)-
 13 (3), the sheriff or the county animal control center may offer
 14 for adoption or humanely dispose of stray livestock, ~~excluding~~
 15 ~~cattle~~. If the livestock is to be offered for adoption or
 16 humanely disposed of, the sheriff or the county animal control
 17 center shall:

18 (a) Provide written notice to the owner, if known,
 19 advising the owner of the location where the livestock is
 20 impounded and of the amount due by reason of the impounding, and
 21 that unless the livestock is redeemed within a timeframe to be
 22 established by the sheriff or the county animal control center,
 23 which shall be a period of at least 3 business days, the
 24 livestock will be offered for adoption or humanely disposed of;
 25 or

26 (b) If the owner is unknown or cannot be located, obtain
27 service upon the owner by publishing a notice on the sheriff's
28 or the county animal control center's website. If the livestock
29 is not redeemed within a timeframe to be established by the
30 authorized agency, which shall be a period of at least 3
31 business days, the livestock will be offered for adoption or
32 humanely disposed of.

33 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.