



## Carbon Monoxide Gas Chamber Animal Euthanasia Chart

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**KEY:**

<b>Abbreviations:</b>	NM= Not Mentioned; UA= Unavailable; AM= Allowable Method, NA= Not an Allowable Method; AVMA= recommendations by the American Veterinary Medical Association Panel on Euthanasia
<b>Terminology:</b>	CO= Carbon Monoxide; SPB= Sodium Pentobarbital; NG= Nitrogen Gas

<b>State:</b>	<b>CO Euthanasia Permitted in the State: (YES/NO)</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
<b>Alabama</b>	YES	“destroy by SPB, NG. CO regulated by state” AL ST §34-29-131
<b>Alaska</b>	YES	Use of SPB and NG in AS 08.02.050. Village council elected by residents to destroy loose dogs.
<b>Arizona</b>	NO	“destroy by SPB, NG, T-61 by a licensed technician” AZ ST § 11-1021
<b>Arkansas</b>	NO	“humane killing” is permitted--”...agent that causes painless loss of consciousness and subsequent death...” AR ST § 4-97-103(7)
<b>California</b>	NO	killing by use of NG also prohibited. CA Code § 597w.
<b>Colorado</b>	AVMA: YES	Statute: CO ST § 35-80-102
<b>Connecticut</b>	NM	“lethal [SPB] injection” CT ST § 22-344a
<b>Delaware</b>	NO	Only put down by lethal dose of SPB or chloroform by licensed technician. DL Code § 8002.
<b>District of Columbia*</b>	NM	“lawfully destroy, or cause to be destroyed...” DC Code § 22-812

<b>Florida</b>	NO	“SPB or other agents approved by AVMA shall be the <u>only</u> methods used for euthanasia of dogs or cats..” FL ST § 828.058
<b>Georgia</b>	NO	“use of SPB or derivative shall be the exclusive method of euthanasia of dogs and cats” GA ST § 4-11-5.1
<b>Hawaii</b>	NM	methods permitted are UA- Hawaii Statutes: § 143-15
<b>Idaho</b>	NM	disposing of the dog- “humanely destroyed” ID ST §25-3511
<b>Illinois</b>	NO	(510 ILCS 70/3.02) Sec. 3.02. Aggravated cruelty. No individual, except a licensed veterinarian as exempted under Section 3.09, may knowingly or intentionally euthanize or authorize the euthanasia of a companion animal by use of carbon monoxide.
<b>Indiana</b>	NM	SPB and ketamine in shelters, tiletamine and zolazepam as an agent for the remote chemical capture of domestic pets or animals” IC 35-48-3-2
<b>Iowa</b>	NM	“euthanasia- means the humane destruction of an animal accomplished by a method that involves instantaneous unconsciousness...by an agent which causes painless loss of consciousness...” Iowa Code § 162.2
<b>Kansas</b>	AVMA: YES	“euthanasia methods established by the AVMA...” KS ST§ 47-1718
<b>Kentucky</b>	AVMA: YES	“SPB and other drugs approved by the boards shall be only drugs used in euthanasia of animals” KT ST 321.207
<b>Louisiana</b>	AVMA: YES	“euthanasia methods and procedures must conform with recommendations outlined by the AVMA...” Technician must attend HSUS Academy on Euthanasia. LA Statute § 2465C.
<b>Maine</b>	NO	Euthanasia via intravenous, intraperitoneal, intrathoracic or intracardial injection of barbiturate overdose by hypodermic needle by a licensed veterinarian or a person certified in performing

		euthanasia. ME ST 17-§1042
<b>Maryland</b>	NO	prohibited: “use of CO gas” MD Code § 59A (2)
<b>Massachusetts</b>	AVMA: YES	“means of euthanasia by lethal injection, or by such other standard of humane killing as may be established by the AVMA” MGL 128C: 7.
<b>Michigan</b>	NM	“destruction of animal.” MI ST § 287.322 “human euthanasia” MI ST §287.338a
<b>Minnesota</b>	NM	no specific methods mentioned refer to: MN ST § 9100.0100
<b>Mississippi</b>	NM	no specific methods mentioned “humanely euthanized” MS ST § 97-41-19
<b>Missouri</b>	AVMA: YES	“methods approved by the AVMA..” MO ST § 578.005 (7), § 273.325, Senate Bill No. 596 & 810
<b>Montana</b>	NM	"Euthanasia" means the act or practice of ending the life of an animal in order to end suffering or for some other humane purpose” MN ST §37-18-602
<b>Nebraska</b>	NM	“Euthanasia via sodium pentobarbital and other “controlled” substances by trained person” NE ST §54-2503
<b>Nevada</b>	NM	“euthanasia technician... administers SPB” NRS 453.336
<b>New Hampshire</b>	NM	“put to death humanely using a method approved by the commissioner of the NH department of agriculture, markets, and food” NH ST § 437:22 II.
<b>New Jersey</b>	NO	“humane disposal shall not include hypoxia induced by decompression or in any other manner or the administration of a lethal gas...producing loss of consciousness and death as rapid and painless as possible” NJ ST §4:22-19.
<b>New Mexico</b>	NO	Section 77-1B-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2007, Chapter 60, Section 8) is amended to read: The board shall adopt rules governing the procedures for administering euthanasia; provided that the use of carbon monoxide gas chambers shall be prohibited for the

		euthanasia of cats and dogs.
<b>New York</b>	AVMA: YES	method used to euthanize an animal must be “designated as acceptable by the AVMA” NY AGRI and MRKTS § 77.3 Gunshot allowed in cases of animals that are extreme dangerous or injured.
<b>North Carolina</b>	AVMA: YES	method used to euthanize an animal must involve “rapid unconsciousness and immediate death or by use of anesthesia” NC ST §19A-23(9) “An animal shall only be put to death by a method and delivery of method approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Humane Society of the United States, or the American Humane Association.” NC ST §19A-24 (5)
<b>North Dakota</b>	UA	
<b>Ohio</b>	NM	“any substance other than combination drugs that contain pentobarbital and at least one noncontrolled substance active ingredient, in a manufactured dosage form, whose only indication is for euthanizing animals.....” must be approved by “the state veterinary medical licensing board and the state board of pharmacy” OH ST § 4729.532
<b>Oklahoma</b>	YES	§ 501 (2), § 503 and § 504--provide specific guideline for CO §4-501 also states SPB as a method and that euthanasia must be as quick and painless as possible
<b>Oregon</b>	NO	Euthanasia by lethal injection of SPB or any other method approved by OR State Veterinary Medical Examining Board” OR ST §213.28 Senate Bill 931
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	YES	“ CO may be used...” PS ST § 328.5 provides specific guideline for CO; only allowed for animals over 7 weeks. Chloroform, ether, halothane or fluothane should be used for animals under 7 weeks old
<b>Puerto Rico*</b>	UA	
<b>Rhode Island</b>	NO	“Notwithstanding any provision of the general or public laws to the contrary, it shall be unlawful to

		dispose of any animal by using a carbon monoxide chamber or gas chamber.” RI Title § 4-19-12
<b>South Carolina</b>	YES	CO gas is an “allowable method(s) of euthanasia for animals over 16 weeks.” Injection or digestion of barbituates also allowed. SC ST §47-3-410
<b>South Dakota</b>	NM	“euthanasia by a licensed veterinarian with proper authority from the animal's owner” SD ST §40-1-21
<b>Tennessee</b>	NO	“SPB and other agents as may be specifically approved by the rules of the board of veterinary medicine shall be the only methods used for euthanasia” TN ST §44-17-303
<b>Texas</b>	YES	“euthanize a dog or cat in the custody of an animal shelter only by Administering SPB or commercially pressed CO” TX ST §821.052
<b>Utah</b>	NM	“euthanasia on animals by the use of prescription drugs” UT Code 58-17b-102
<b>Vermont</b>	NM	“Euthanasia- means to humanely destroy an animal by a method producing instantaneous unconsciousness and immediate death, or by anesthesia produced by an agent which causes painless loss of consciousness and death during the loss of consciousness....” (VT ST § 3901(8)) **“euthanasia solution” may be used in accordance with the rules established by the commissioner of agriculture, food and markets under § 3913 of Title 20. (VT ST § 371)
<b>Virginia</b>	NO	“Disposal of animals by means of decompression chamber and use of gas chamber for companion animals prohibited.” VA Code § <a href="#">3.1-796.77</a>
<b>Washington</b>	NM	“Euthanasia- means the humane destruction of an animal accomplished by a method that involves instantaneous unconsciousness and immediate death, or by a method that causes painless loss of consciousness, and death during the loss of consciousness.” WA ST § 16.52.011(d)
<b>West Virginia</b>	NO	“A BILL to amend and reenact §7-10-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §19-20-8 of said code, all relating to prohibiting

		the euthanizing of animals by means of a gas chamber.”
<b>Wisconsin</b>	UA	“disposing of the dog in a proper and humane manner” WI ST §174.046(9)
<b>Wyoming</b>	YES	“limitation on manner of destruction” (i.e. CO gas gasoline chamber WY ST § 6-3-203

Totals:	
Yes (legal)	15
No (banned)	16
Not mentioned in law	18 including District of Columbia
Unavailable	3 including Puerto Rico