

# ASSEMBLY, No. 347

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires court to issue animal protective orders against persons found guilty of abusing animals.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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1 AN ACT concerning the protection of animals from abuse and  
2 supplementing Title 4 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. In addition to the provisions of Title 4 of the Revised  
8 Statutes concerning the confiscation and restrictions on ownership  
9 of animals, the court, upon finding a person guilty of abusing an  
10 animal or otherwise violating the State animal cruelty laws, may  
11 issue an animal protection order against the person adjudged guilty  
12 of the abuse or other violation, requiring the person to refrain from  
13 interacting with an animal permanently or for a period of time  
14 specified by the court. The court may issue the animal protection  
15 order to apply to a specific animal with which the adjudged person  
16 has had contact or any animal, as determined to be appropriate by  
17 the court.

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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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24 This bill would authorize a court upon finding a person guilty of  
25 abusing an animal or otherwise violating the State animal cruelty  
26 laws, to issue an animal protection order against the person  
27 adjudged guilty of the abuse or other violation. The animal  
28 protection order would require the person to refrain from interacting  
29 with an animal permanently or for a period of time specified by the  
30 court. The court may issue the animal protection order to apply to a  
31 specific animal with which the adjudged person has contact, or any  
32 animal, as determined to be appropriate by the court.