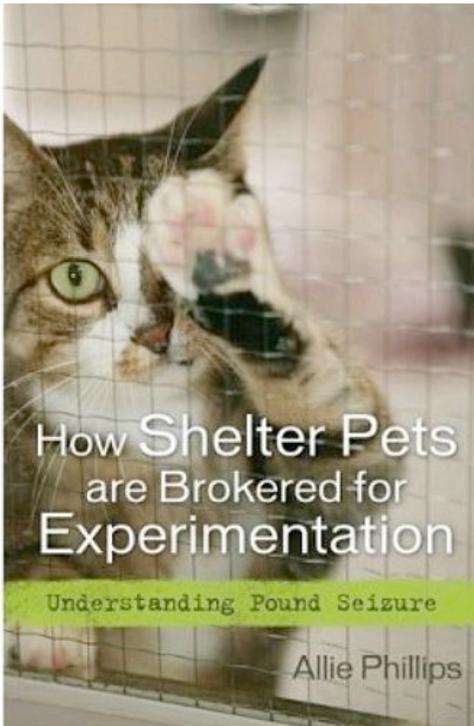


How Shelter Pets are Brokered for Experimentation: Understanding Pound Seizure

by Allie Phillips

"Consider this your go-to source on the tragedy that is 'pound seizure' and all of its ugly truths."

-- Stephan K. Otto, Esq., Animal Legal Defense Fund



Back in the 1940s, pound seizure became a common practice in taxpayer-funded animal shelters across the country. Whether for cosmetic testing, drug testing, medical technique and tool testing, or biochemical testing, these once-family pets are subjected to experimentation that often ends in death. The number of pets that become victims of pound seizure easily reaches into the thousands, and though most citizens are unaware of the practice, it may very well be happening at their local animal shelter.

Pound seizure remains a dirty little secret in American society, but the practice is moving toward extinction with the help of local citizens advocating for change at their shelters, as well as animal rescue and welfare organizations providing assistance. Learning more about the practice, as well as alternatives, will help give readers a fuller picture of what's happening in American animal shelters and what they can do to stem the tide of dealers and brokers sweeping animals off to their almost-certain demise.

♦"This book painfully illuminates how owners who surrender their pets due to situations beyond their control can never be sure that their pet won't end up splayed on an operating table or subjected to repeated experimentation. I highly recommend this book for educating the pet-owning public, as well as for animal advocates seeking advice and a road map in their work to ban pound seizure in our country."

--Debrah Schnackenberg, VP of Animal Programs, American Humane Association

♦"Phillips reveals a tragic failure to protect former pets from unnecessary--and at times, unlawful--use and abuse in science labs. She lays out the issues and the influences that have evolved over decades, and points to a solution that starts with each of us." --Sue Leary, American Anti-Vivisection Society, President

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