## 4741-1-09 **Euthanasia and disposal of animals.**

- (A) A licensed veterinarian must <u>make a reasonable attempt to</u> communicate with the <u>animal's</u> owner, <u>agent of the owner or person presenting the animal if the owner is</u> <u>unknown</u>, or <u>bailee of the animal under his or her care</u> prior to <u>euthanizing</u> <u>euthanasia</u> or <u>disposing disposal</u> of a patient that died under their care.
- (B) Animals presented to a licensed veterinarian with no known owner or bailee agent may be attended to treated or euthanized or disposed of at the discretion of the attending veterinarian.
- (C) If the veterinarian is unwilling or unable to comply with the euthanasia request of the owner or agent, the animal must be released to the owner or agent so that euthanasia can be sought elsewhere.

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