



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (October 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.310)

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Agency: Department of Health - Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission

Subject of possible rule making:

Animal Euthanasia Training Program Guidelines. The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is considering amending WAC 246-945-503 and establishing new section(s) in chapter 246-945 WAC to establish regulatory requirements for animal euthanasia training programs seeking commission approval.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.64.005, 69.41.080, and 69.50.310

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The commission is undergoing a process to replace policy, procedure, and guidance documents with rules where possible. One policy statement from October 2020 is titled Euthanasia Training Program Guidelines for Animal Control Agencies and Humane Societies. This policy statement establishes guidelines for animal euthanasia training programs seeking to meet substantially equivalent training requirements as a commission-approved program. The policy statement does not provide enforceable standards or consistent criteria for program approval. Rulemaking is necessary to provide for uniform application, transparency, and enforceability of training program requirements. On February 5, 2026, the commission authorized rulemaking on animal euthanasia training program guidelines to consider replacing the policy statement.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Collaborative rulemaking

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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Additional comments:

Interested parties can participate in the drafting of the proposed rules. The department will conduct at least one rules workshop. Rulemaking notices will be delivered via the GovDelivery list. To receive notices, please go to: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>. After signing in, please click open the box labeled "Health Systems Quality Assurance." Next click open the box labeled "Health Professions" and then click again on "Pharmacy Commission Newsletter." You may also check the box next to one or more of the other professions or facilities listed to receive information related to that specific topic.

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