

## CHAPTER 343

### PREVENTION OF CRUELTY

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#### **343.01 PURPOSES; POWERS; COUNTY ORGANIZATION.**

*[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1984]*

Subd. 3. The society must be governed by a board of directors consisting of seven persons appointed by the governor. The governor, the commissioner of education, and the attorney general, or their designees shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the board. The membership terms, compensation, removal, and filling of vacancies of board members other than ex officio members shall be as provided in section 15.0575; provided that the terms of two initial members shall expire in each of 1979, 1980, and 1981, and the term of the seventh initial member shall expire in 1982. The members of the board shall annually elect a chairman and other officers as deemed necessary. Meetings must be called by the chairman or at least two other members. The board shall appoint an executive director who shall serve in the unclassified civil service at the board's pleasure. The executive director may employ other staff who shall serve in the unclassified civil service. The commissioner of administration upon request of the executive director shall supply the board with necessary office space and administrative services, and the board shall reimburse the commissioner for the cost.

**History:** 1985 c 285 s 47

#### **343.11 ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, APPROPRIATIONS.**

Every county society for the prevention of cruelty to animals may acquire, by purchase, gift, grant, or devise, and hold, use, or convey, real estate and personal property, and lease, mortgage, sell, or use the same in any manner conducive to its interest, to the same extent as natural persons. The county board of any county, or the council of any city, in which such societies exist, may, in its discretion, appropriate for the maintenance and support of such societies in the transaction of the work for which they are organized, any sums of money not otherwise appropriated, not to exceed in any one year the sum of \$4,800 or the sum of 50 cents per capita based upon the county's or city's population as of the most recent federal census, whichever is greater; provided, that no part of the appropriation shall be expended for the payment of the salary of any officer of the society.

**History:** 1985 c 69 s 1

#### **343.37 DECOMPRESSION CHAMBERS PROHIBITED.**

A person may not use a decompression chamber to destroy an animal. A violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

**History:** 1985 c 270 s 1

NOTE: This section is effective June 1, 1986. See Laws 1985, chapter 270, section 2.