

# Just Wright

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"Family Pet Killed 'By Mistake' at Shelter" -- this headline describes something many shelters have experienced and many more shelter directors have bad dreams about.

Sometimes mistakes are made -- but shelters may often find that they and the particular animal euthanized 'by mistake' simply got caught between separated spouses or squabbling neighbors.

Every public and private shelter should have a euthanasia release form for each person turning in an animal to sign. If there is a complaint about an animal being destroyed, you can produce the name of the person who authorized it.

You can reproduce this form and add your shelter name with a rubber stamp or develop a form of your own.... ■

## AUTHORIZATION TO PERFORM EUTHANASIA

As owner, or duly authorized agent of the owner, of the animal described below, I hereby consent to euthanasia being performed on same. I further authorize the animal facility to dispose of the remains in accordance with its policy. To my knowledge and belief, this animal has not bitten any person during the fifteen days preceding this date.

signature \_\_\_\_\_

ID (driver's license or other) \_\_\_\_\_

species of animal \_\_\_\_\_

breed \_\_\_\_\_ sex \_\_\_\_\_

color, markings \_\_\_\_\_

age \_\_\_\_\_

shelter in-ticket number \_\_\_\_\_

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