



CHAPTER 19A

ARTICLE 1 - CIVIL REMEDY FOR PROTECTION OF ANIMALS

N.C.G.S. § 19A-3.

Preliminary injunction; care of animal pending hearing on the merits.

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§ 19A-3(a)

Upon the filing of a verified complaint in the district court in the county in which cruelty to an animal has allegedly occurred, the judge may, as a matter of discretion, issue a preliminary injunction in accordance with the procedures set forth in G.S. 1A-1, Rule 65. Every such preliminary injunction, if the plaintiff so requests, may give the plaintiff the right to provide suitable care for the animal. If it appears on the face of the complaint that the condition giving rise to the cruel treatment of an animal requires the animal to be removed from its owner or other person who possesses it, then it shall be proper for the court in the preliminary injunction to allow the plaintiff to take possession of the animal as custodian.

§ 19A-3(b)

The plaintiff as custodian may employ a veterinarian to provide necessary medical care for the animal without any additional court order. Prior to taking such action, the plaintiff as custodian shall consult with, or attempt to consult with, the defendant in the action, but the plaintiff as custodian may authorize such care without the defendant's consent. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, the plaintiff as custodian may not have an animal euthanized without written consent of the defendant or a court order that authorizes euthanasia upon the court's finding that the animal is suffering due to terminal illness or terminal injury.

§ 19A-3(c)

The plaintiff as custodian may place an animal with a foster care provider. The foster care provider shall return the animal to the plaintiff as custodian on demand.

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APPARATUS I
5 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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01	1969	c. 831	ENACTED	
02	1971	c. 528, s. 10	AMENDED	
03	1979	c. 808, s. 3	AMENDED	
04	2003	S.L. 2003-208, s. 1	AMENDED	
05	2006	S.L. 2006-113, s. 1.1	AMENDED	

APPARATUS II
1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 1A-1	(a)	<i>"with the procedures set forth in"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 19A-3 (2006).

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(1969, c. 831; 1971, c. 528, s. 10; 1979, c. 808, s. 3; 2003-208, s. 1; 2006-113, s. 1.1.)

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