

COUNTY OF ERIE
LOCAL LAW NO. 4-1986
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A LOCAL LAW prohibiting the use of certain animals as prizes or awards in games or contests or as inducements to enter any place of business within the County of Erie.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Legislative Findings. The county legislature supports the long standing policy of the Humane Society of the United States against the practice of awarding live animals as prizes to use them as an inducement to enter a contest or place of business. It has been found that in many instances there is no control or knowledge of the conditions in which the animals will be placed and the person taking the animal usually has not prepared for its arrival. Many times individuals are thereby saddled with pets for which they have no use or desire thus resulting in the inhuman treatment of the animal.

Section 2. As used in the following section, the term "animal" shall mean any animal, domestic or feral, or any domesticated bird, but shall not include goldfish.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, association or corporation to give, raffle, or offer as a prize or use as an inducement to enter any game, contest, competition, place of amusement or business any animal. This local law shall not apply to (a) an exchange which is the result of a bona fide sale or barter, (b) an exchange between related parties, (c) an award or prize by a governmental unit, agricultural society or organization, or society for the treatment and care of animals made in recognition of scholastic, agricultural or horticultural achievement, or (d) any game, contest, raffle or competition which offers as a prize livestock or fowl raised for slaughter or butcher.

Section 4. A violation of this local law shall be punishable by imprisonment for not more than fifteen (15) days or by a fine of not more than two hundred fifty (\$250) dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 5. Effective Date. This local law shall take effect immediately.




