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BILL STATUS

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48-35 (COR)	Louise B. Muña	AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTIONS § 70.10(a)(b) AND § 70.10.1(a)(b) OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 70, TITLE 9, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO ADDING THE NONCONSENSUAL KILLING OF A PET TO THE ELEMENTS OF THE CRIME OF ANIMAL ABUSE IN THE FIRST DEGREE AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR MULTIPLE COUNTS OR SUBSEQUENT CONVICTIONS TO A SECOND-DEGREE FELONY.	2/19/19 1:57 p.m.						

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Bill No. 48-35 (COR)

Introduced by:

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1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1.** § 70.10(a)(b) of Article 1, Chapter 70, Title 9, Guam Code Annotated is
3 *amended* to read as follows:

4 “~~§ 70.10. Cruelty to Animals~~ **Animal Abuse in the Second Degree: Defined;**
5 **Exceptions; Penalty.**

6 (a) A person commits the crime of animal abuse in the second degree if the person
7 intentionally, knowingly or recklessly, except as otherwise authorized by law:

8 (1) causes physical injury to an animal;

9 (2) fails to provide minimum care for the animal(s) in such person’s custody
10 and control, and the failure to provide such minimum care causes physical
11 injury to the animal(s); or

12 (3) ~~kills~~, impounds or injures any animal belonging to another without legal
13 authority or consent of the owner.

14 (b) Animal abuse in the second degree is a misdemeanor.”

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1 **Section 2.** § 70.10.1(a)(b) of Article 1, Chapter 70, Title 9, Guam Code Annotated
2 are *amended* to read as follows:

3 **“§ 70.10.1. Animal Abuse in the First Degree.**

4 (a) A person commits the crime of animal abuse in the first degree if the person
5 intentionally, knowingly or recklessly, except as otherwise authorized by law:

6 (1) causes serious physical injury to the animal(s), cruelty causes the death
7 of the animal(s) or tortures the animal(s); or

8 (2) fails to provide minimum care for the animal(s) in the person’s custody
9 or control, and the failure to provide care results in serious physical injury or
10 death to the animal(s) ~~or~~

11 (3) Intentionally causes death or serious physical injury to another person’s
12 pet without the consent of the owner or intentionally causes death or serious
13 physical injury to animals kept custody of other person(s) or facilities
14 expected to provide care for such animals to include but not be limited to pet
15 sitters, pet shops, groomers, veterinary clinics, quarantine facilities, boarding
16 kennels and animal shelters without the consent of the operators or owners
17 of said facilities.

18 (b) Animal abuse in the first degree is a third-degree felony. A subsequent
19 conviction or multiple counts of a first conviction of animal abuse in the first
20 degree is a second-degree felony.”