

EUTHANASIA POLICY

The LSPCA is opposed to the euthanasia of healthy animals, but understands, with regret that this may sometimes be necessary. Euthanasia should always be carried out by a qualified veterinarian, in a humane manner. The LSPCA's preferred method of euthanasia is

The LSPCA will undertake the euthanasia of animals under the following circumstances:

- 1) The animal is in severe distress with no chance of recovery
- 2) When a progressive, terminal condition is diagnosed with no known remedy
- 3) When a painful, severe affection (or accident) is suffered in the absence of a suitable professional or equipment
- 4) When a chronically ill or very old individual suffers from a condition that would deem the necessary veterinary care too unnecessarily stressful.

- 5) In addition, the LSPCA will euthanase animals which have proven to be aggressive to an extent which makes them unsafe to rehome and when the fostering period of 3 months has been exceeded with no permanent home secured. This is to ensure that the LSPCA allows a suitable period of time to find each animal a new home, whilst at the same time not forgetting the purpose of the Cyberkennel approach is to prevent foster carers and kennel facilities becoming sanctuaries with a finite carrying capacity, which prevents the rescue of future, potentially more rehomeable animals.