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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order;
Oregon Department of Agriculture Records

Dear Ms. Carlson:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your petition for disclosure of records under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. Your petition, which we received on May 14, 1991, asks the Attorney General to direct the State Veterinarian's office to provide you with a copy of the state requirements for animal shelters and any state administrative rules pertaining to the enforcement of those requirements.[1]

We understand that the Department of Agriculture has not adopted specific space or "cage-stay" length requirements for animal shelters. Nor does the department have any authority to enforce such requirements. However, Dr. Leroy Coffman, the State Veterinarian, informs us that he has provided you with a copy of all the relevant statutes and administrative rules concerning pets and captive animals. Accordingly, your request is now moot.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Bob Repine
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[1] Although your letter raises other questions, this is the only aspect that falls within the Attorney General's role under the Public Records Law.