



Ohio Revised Code

Section 1717.05 County humane societies.

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(A) A county humane society for the prevention of acts of cruelty to animals may be organized in any county by the association of not less than seven persons.

(B) The members of a county humane society, at a meeting called for the purpose, shall elect not less than three of their members as its board of directors, and such directors continue in office until their successors are duly chosen.

(C) The secretary or clerk of the meeting shall make a true record of the proceedings thereat and certify and forward the record to the secretary of state, who shall record it. The record must contain the name by which the association is to be known. On and after its filing with the secretary of state, the board of directors and the associates and their successors, have the powers, privileges, and immunities incident to incorporated companies. A copy of the record, certified by the secretary of state, must be taken in all courts and places in this state as evidence that the county humane society is a duly organized and incorporated body.

(D) A county humane society may elect officers, and make rules, regulations, and bylaws, as are deemed expedient by its members for its own government and the proper management of its affairs.

(E) A humane society that organized as a branch of the Ohio humane society prior to the effective date of this amendment shall continue to have the same powers and duties that were authorized on March 1, 2019. Such a humane society is considered to be a county humane society organized under this section for purposes of this chapter and any other laws regarding county humane societies.
