

- SUBJECT:** Requiring animal shelters to scan animals for microchips
- COMMITTEE:** County Affairs — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — Bohac, Anderson, Biedermann, Cole, Dominguez, Huberty, Rosenthal, Stickland
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — Coleman
- WITNESSES:** For — Faith Wright, American Pets Alive and AustinPets Alive; Cathy Gleason; (*Registered, but did not testify*); Clifford Sparks, City of Dallas; Cynthia Wood, Dog Owners Outdoor Gear; Nikki Prather, The Humane Society of the United States; Cheralyn Ballantyne; Duncan Ballantyne; Christine Watson)
- Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** Health and Safety Code sec. 828.001(2) defines a releasing agency as a public or private animal pound, shelter, or humane organization. The term does not include an individual who occasionally renders humane assistance or shelter in the individual's home to a dog or cat.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 2347 would require an animal shelter or releasing agency, including an animal rescue organization, to scan an animal to determine whether a microchip was implanted in the animal as soon as practicable after the animal was placed in the custody of the shelter or releasing agency.
- The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.