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Good morning Carolyn,

The animal cruelty subcommittee, which consists of Abby Albee, Judge Garner and myself, has chosen to recommend that no formal rules be established at this time to address new legislation directed at animal cruelty cases. This seems to be the direction that the Committee was headed at its last meeting when reviewing the letter from Patricia Morris (#2019-008). However, because the new statute calls for a hearing in certain instances the timing of which may conflict with current rules, the subcommittee did believe that Administrative Orders for both of the trial courts would be appropriate to address that scheduling conflict. Such Orders could be issued, and revised if necessary, more quickly than could an amendment to the rules. In addition, the subcommittee believes that the new statute must be given time to work before we engage in any possible discussion of rules.

Regards,
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