The Illinois Pattern Jury Instructions (IPI) manual does not contain an instruction for the charged offense. With the agreement of both parties, the trial court provided the following instruction, which tracked the language of the statute:

“To sustain the charge of aggravated cruelty to an animal, the State must prove the following proposition:

That the defendant intentionally committed an act that caused a companion animal to suffer serious injury or death.”

\*552 \*\*85 Although the trial court did not break the offense down into elements, the trial court did specifically instruct the jury:

“Aggravated cruelty to an animal does not include euthanasia of a companion animal through recognized methods approved by the Department of Agriculture.”

The trial court was concerned that the subsequent euthanasia by the veterinarian might confuse the jury, and the above instruction was intended to remove that confusion.

People v. Land, 2011 IL App (1st) 101048, ¶ 71, 955 N.E.2d 538, 551–52