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## IT'S THE LAW: 70 DAYS TO SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET!

*LA Animal Services Reminds Angelinos that the  
CLOCK IS TICKING for Owners of Fido and Fluffy*

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**Los Angeles** – LA Animal Services announced today the launching of a “Countdown Calendar” to serve as a daily reminder to all Angelinos of how many days they have left to comply with the City’s new Spay/Neuter law before formal enforcement begins.

On February 12, 2008, the City Council of Los Angeles approved a new law that requires all cats and dogs in the City to be spayed or neutered after the age of four months, with some specific exemptions allowed. The Mayor signed this ordinance into law on February 26, 2008, making Los Angeles the national leader in efforts to humanely decrease the number of pets abandoned and euthanized each year.

The law provided a seven month “grace” period to give pet guardians an opportunity to voluntarily comply with the law. The Countdown Calendar is to remind them that if they have not spayed or neutered their pets by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, haven’t met the ordinance’s other requirements for unsterilized animals and don’t qualify for any of the specified exemptions, they will be in violation of the law and subject to three levels of increasing penalties.

The first violation is \$100, the second \$500, the third is a misdemeanor subject to a \$2,000 fine and the pet is still required to be spayed or neutered.

The Countdown Calendar and more information on this law and spay/neuter services in the City of Los Angeles can be found at [www.laanimalservices.com](http://www.laanimalservices.com).

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(TTY Hearing impaired: 877-875-8205) or visit the website at [www.LAAnimalServices.com](http://www.LAAnimalServices.com).

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