



BOARD OF ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
Monday October 22, 2007  
10:00 A.M.  
**LOS ANGELES CITY HALL**  
**200 N. Spring St.**  
**Room 1060**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90012**

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Commissioners:  
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**REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING WILL COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE APPEAL HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR 10:00 A.M.**

**COMMISSION MEETING**

- 1. ORAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**
- 2. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes of August 27 and October 9, 2007.
- B. Oral Report by the Commission on Meetings and Events attended.

### **3. GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FOR BOARD ACTION**

#### **A. Fiscal Year Budget Request 2008-2009**

Review and requested approval of packages to be submitted for 2008-2009 Fiscal Year in conformance with the Mayor's Budget Directive.

#### **B. Instituting Additional Names for the City's Animal Care Centers**

Increasing the congeniality of Animal Care Centers by adding neighborhood or historical names to existing geographic designations.

### **4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. Update on "Giardia" Enteritis Problem at South Los Angeles Animal Care Center**

### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - (Comments from the public on items of public interest within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction and on items not on the Agenda.)**

### **6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Requests from Commissioners for future Agenda Items.

### **7. ADJOURNMENT:**

Next Commission Meeting is scheduled for West Los Angeles Shelter, November 13, 2007.

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL HEARING 10:00 A.M.**

1. Appeal of the General Manager's Decision in Barking Revocation Case – **BR 06354 SL**

Appellant: Ms. Winifred Smith

Complaining Witness: Mr. Ernest Grant

District Manager, South Los Angeles Animal Center, Jorge Figueroa, Captain

Hearing Coordinator, Department of Animal Services, Ross Pool, Management Analyst

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**EDWARD A. BOKS**  
General Manager

## **Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners**

**Edward A. Boks, General Manager**

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**COMMISSION MEETING DATE:** October 22, 2007 **PREPARED BY:** Linda Barth

**REPORT DATE:** October 18, 2007

**TITLE:** Assistant General  
Manager

**SUBJECT:** Instituting Additional Names for the City's Animal Care Centers

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### **BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

That the Board approve use of historic or common neighborhood names in addition to, but not officially replacing, the existing geographically-based names, as described in the body of the report.

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### **SUMMARY:**

The names of the animal care facilities in the City are geographic labels which relate to the physical district which each serves. These official names are used on all signage and materials, including the signage constructed as part of the new facilities development under the Proposition F Animal Facilities Bond program. Generally, the geographic district labels are reasonably affiliated with the area served. The pending opening of a new Northeast Valley Animal Care Center prompted discussion about the value of considering changes to the names, for a few reasons. The new facility is very close to the historic San Fernando Mission, and use of the term "mission" in the name would help orient residents looking for the new facility. Secondly, the San Fernando Valley animal services area for decades was readily bifurcated into West Valley and East Valley, but the welcome and needed addition of a third animal care center, Northeast, makes the East Valley designation less precise. Further, the recent resolution of site selection issues in the south part of the City appears to be allowing the project for an eighth planned-for animal care center to resume. The existing South Los Angeles facility, which is really more in the central part of the City, could present confusion with the pending new South Los Angeles facility on St. Andrews place.

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**Subject:** Instituting Additional Names for the City's Animal Care Centers

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Over a period of several months, staff considered several options and alternatives for additional names. No heritage or special neighborhood name has been considered yet for the new animal care center in the southern part of the City.

<b>Current Geographic Name</b>	<b>Additional Heritage/Place Name</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
East Valley	Van Nuys	Community name – blocks from Van Nuys City Hall complex
Harbor	- none -	Name already connects with the Port of Los Angeles
North Central	Arroyo Seco	Adjacent to this historic watershed
Northeast	Mission	Nearness to landmark San Fernando Mission
South Los Angeles	Exposition	Prime and nearby area of service is world famous Exposition Park
West Los Angeles	Pacific	Serves the largest portion of ocean-adjacent Los Angeles, including Venice Beach and Pacific Palisades
West Valley	Stoney Point	Nearness to rock climbing landmark viewable throughout the Valley

In each case, the official name of the facilities will remain as currently designated, and no facility signage or official documentation will be changed. Instead, in producing new materials like flyers or brochures, or speaking of a facility, staff could use phrasing such as, “The North Central District Animal Care Center in the Arroyo Seco,” or, “Mission Animal Care Center for the Northeast Valley.”

Staff recommends approval of use of these additional names because they will increase the congeniality of the facilities in contrast to use only of institutional geographic labels, and connect the facilities more closely to the communities they serve.

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to this additional naming proposal because no new signage or replacement of official names is contemplated. The additional names will be used in connection with new materials as they are produced.

**Subject:** Instituting Additional Names for the City's Animal Care Centers

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**Approved:**

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**Edward A. Boks, General Manager**

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**BOARD ACTION:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Passed

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Passed with noted modifications

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\_\_\_\_\_ Tabled

New Date \_\_\_\_\_



CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
**L A ANIMAL SERVICES**



Date: October 12, 2007

To: Board of Animal Services Commissioners

From: Edward A. Boks, General Manager

Subject: UPDATE ON "GIARDIA" ENTERITIS PROBLEM AT SOUTH LOS ANGELES ANIMAL CARE CENTER

Approximately two weeks ago Department staff noticed a few sporadic cases of watery diarrhea among the main kennel dogs at South Los Angeles (SLA). The dogs were not anorexic or vomiting or having bloody stool (as in parvoviral enteritis), and they were not acting lethargic nor getting dehydrated.

Beginning on October 3, 2007, we started submitting fecal samples to Antech Laboratory and we were getting many positive readings for Giardia (ELISA), Giardia cysts, and even an occasional coccidia or roundworm/hookworm positive. Twice daily treatment with metronidazole and sulfadimethoxine (Albon) was begun on the affected dogs (which were concentrated in the female section).

It became important to try to limit potential transmission of the diarrhea via fomites (objects), so staff started to restrict entry into the SLA kennels by requiring an ACT to accompany any citizens into the kennels. Although Giardia may not be transmissible from dogs to humans, we still determined to take precautions, and proper sanitation is important. To that end, staff is using the parvocidal (virucidal) Kennel Kare to disinfect SLA kennels and we are requiring citizens to disinfect their hands after touching dogs in the SLA wards.

As a bland diet is often important in the treatment of intestinal disorders, we provided Hill's Prescription I/D diet to all the dogs that were showing symptoms of this diarrhea outbreak.

Over the weekend beginning October 6, 2007, the affected female dogs appeared to be recovering and having more solid stools. However many of the male dogs were beginning to break with diarrhea, and antibiotic treatment was promptly initiated in those kennels. An entire ward was disinfected and reserved for incoming impounds. The mobile adoptions from SLA were cancelled due to the diarrhea outbreak and to minimize the potential of spreading any contagious disease to other dogs or citizens.

Department veterinarian staff decided to start treating animals even in non-affected dog kennel runs with antibiotics and to begin a 3-day course of fenbendazole (Panacur) to all incoming dogs in order to treat any roundworms, hookworms, and whipworms which any of the newcomers may be harboring. Since Panacur is an alternative treatment for Giardia, this drug may have a very beneficial effect on the health of the newly-impounded pets.

Another diagnostic tool that was initiated is the random culture and sensitivity testing for pathogenic bacteria such as Salmonella in affected SLA dogs. The narcotic antidiarrheal Lomotil is also part of the treatment regimen to help these dogs recover.

It should be noted that the number of dogs showing this supposed-Giardia infection at SLA is serious. Members of our New Hope partner organizations, volunteers, or other members of the interested public who are disseminating all kinds of Internet dialogue about the enteritis problem at SLA need to communicate directly with the LAAS veterinarians. As long as dogs are not irremediably suffering we will continue to treat animals to the best of our ability.

We do not consider euthanasia an appropriate response to this condition. However, to get a handle on this problem we are placing affected dogs on the Red Alert. This is a plea for help to our New Hope partners to take adoptable pets (who may be symptomatic) and foster them outside of the shelter. This is not an automatic death sentence, but rather reflects the urgent need to help us to reduce the canine population at SLA so we can better treat a smaller number of patients. We will also be able to dispense several days of medication gratis to New Hope partners willing to assist.

The LAAS veterinary medical team is on top of this SLA situation, and will be on hand at the meeting to give an update and answer any additional questions.

Report Prepared by Steven Feldman, DVM,  
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LA Animal Services