



## **REVISED AGENDA**

### **BOARD OF ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSIONERS CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Tuesday, January 11, 2011  
10:00 A.M.

**Los Angeles City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Room 1060  
Los Angeles, California 90012**

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Melanie Ramsayer, President  
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### **COMMISSION MEETING**

#### **1. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2010
- B. Oral Report by the Commissioners on Meetings and Events attended

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

- A. Amendment to New Hope Rescue Partner Agreement on Secondary Releases

That the Board approve amending the New Hope Rescue Partner Agreement with an additional term that ensures pets pulled from the Department which are later released to other shelters, rescues, or humane societies are only released to those which have adoption guarantees or are No Kill organizations, as specified below; and direct staff to add this term to the New Hope Agreement for

future applicants and send a rider with this term to all current New Hope Rescue Partners for their acknowledgment and signature.

### **3. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. Coyote Issues (Continued from the Meeting of October 12, 2010)**

Discussion of community reports of coyote sightings and possible direction to staff.

#### **B. Pet Surrender Fees**

Discussion of the current fee schedule for owner surrender of pets.

#### **C. Discussion of Animal Control Officer Uniforms**

Presentation on wearing of various Officer uniform classes for various functions and possible direction to staff.

### **4. ORAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**

**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.)

**Public Comments: The Brown Act prohibits the Board and staff from responding to the speakers' comments. Some of the matters raised in public comment may appear on a future agenda.**

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

### **7. BRIEFING AND CLOSED SESSION**

Updates on the Status of Preliminary Research for Study of Trap-Neuter-Return Program. Discussion and possible direction to staff.

The Board of Animal Services Commissioners may convene into closed session with the City Attorney as its legal counsel pursuant to Government Code sections 54956.9(a) and 54856.9 (b)(1) to discuss litigation involving Trap-Neuter-Return in case No. BS115483, The Urban Wildlands Group, Endangered Habitats League, Los Angeles Audubon Society, et al vs. City of Los Angeles, et al.

### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Next Commission Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 A.M., January 25, 2011, Los Angeles City Hall, Room 1060, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

**AGENDAS** - The Board of Animal Services Commissioners (Board) meets regularly  
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every second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday of each month at 10:00 A.M. Regular Meetings are held at City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Room 1060, in Los Angeles, CA 90012. The agendas for Board meetings contain a brief general description of those items to be considered at the meetings. Board Agendas are available at the Department of Animal Services (Department), Administrative Division, 221 North Figueroa Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Board Agendas may also be viewed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Public Bulletin Board in City Hall East, 200 North Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Internet users may also access copies of present and prior agenda items, copies of the Board Calendar, MP-3 audio files of meetings as well as electronic copies of approved minutes on the Department's World Wide Web Home Page site at <http://www.laanimalservices.com/CommissionAgendas.htm>

Three (3) members of the Board constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Some items on the Agenda may be approved without any discussion.

The Board Secretary will announce the items to be considered by the Board. The Board will hear the presentation on the topic and gather additional information from Department Staff. Once presentations have finished, the Board President will ask if any Board Member or member of the public wishes to speak on one or more of these items. Each speaker called before the Commission will have one (1) minute to express their comments and concerns on matters placed on the agenda.

**PUBLIC INPUT AT BOARD MEETINGS – Public Participation on Agenda Items.**

Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Board on agenda items after the item is called and before the Board takes action on the item, unless the opportunity for public participation on the item was previously provided to all interested members of the public at a public meeting of a Committee of the Board and the item has not substantially changed since the Committee heard the item. When speaking to an agenda item other than during Public Comment (see Public Comment below), the speaker shall limit his or her comments to the specific item under consideration (California Government Code, Section 54954.3).

**Public Comment.** The Board will provide an opportunity for public comment at every regular meeting of the Board. Members of the public may address the Board on any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board as part of Public Comment.

**Speaker Cards.** Members of the public wishing to speak are to fill out one speaker card for each agenda item on which they wish to speak and present it to the Board secretary before the item is called.

**Time Limit for Speakers.** Speakers addressing the Board will be limited to one (1) minute of speaking time for each agenda item except in public comment which is limited to three (3) minutes. The Chairperson, with the approval of a majority of the Board, may for good cause extend any speaker's time by increments of up to one (1) minute. Total speaker time on any agenda item will be limited to ten (10) minutes per item and fifteen (15) minutes for Public Comment, unless extended as above.

**Brown Act.** These rules shall be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with the Ralph M. Brown Act, California Government Code Section § 54950 et seq.

**STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.** Speakers are expected to behave in an orderly manner and to refrain from personal attacks or use of profanity or language that may incite

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violence.

All persons present at Board meetings are expected to behave in an orderly manner and to refrain from disrupting the meeting, interfering with the rights of others to address the Board and/or interfering with the conduct of business by the Board.

In the event that any speaker does not comply with the foregoing requirements, or if a speaker does not address the specific item under consideration, the speaker may be ruled out of order, their speaking time forfeited and the Chairperson may call upon the next speaker.

The Board, by majority vote, may order the removal from the meeting of any speaker or audience member continuing to behave in a disruptive manner after being warned by the Chairperson regarding their behavior. Section 403 of the California Penal Code states as follows: "Every person who, without authority of law, willfully disturbs or breaks up any assembly or meeting that is not unlawful in its character, other than an assembly or meeting referred to in Section 302 of the Penal Code or Section 18340 of the Elections Code, is guilty of a misdemeanor".

**VOTING AND DISPOSITION OF ITEMS** – Most items require a majority vote of the entire membership of the Board (3 members). When debate on an item is completed, the Board President will instruct the Secretary to "call the roll". Every member present must vote for or against each item; abstentions are not permitted unless there is a Conflict of Interest for which the Board member is obliged to abstain from voting. The Secretary will announce the votes on each item. Any member of the Board may move to "reconsider" any vote on any item on the agenda, except to adjourn, suspend the Rules, or where an intervening event has deprived the Board of jurisdiction, providing that said member originally voted on the prevailing side of the item. The motion to "reconsider" shall only be in order once during the meeting, and once during the next regular meeting. The member requesting reconsideration shall identify for all members present the Agenda number and subject matter previously voted upon. A motion to reconsider is not debatable and shall require an affirmative vote of three members of the Board.

When the Board has failed by sufficient votes to approve or reject an item, and has not lost jurisdiction over the matter, or has not caused it to be continued beyond the next regular meeting, the issue is again placed on the next agenda for the following meeting for the purpose of allowing the Board to again vote on the matter.

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**BRENDA F. BARNETTE**  
General Manager

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

**BRENDA F. BARNETTE, General Manager**

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**COMMISSION MEETING DATE:** January 11, 2011 **PREPARED BY:** Linda Barth

**REPORT DATE:** January 6, 2011

**TITLE:** Asst. General Manager

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to New Hope Rescue Partner Agreement on Secondary Releases

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**BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

That the Board:

1. Approve amending the New Hope Rescue Partner Agreement with an additional term that ensures pets pulled from the Department which are later released to other shelters, rescues, or humane societies are only released to those which have adoption guarantees or are No Kill organizations, as specified below; and
  2. Direct staff to add this term to the New Hope Agreement for future applicants and send a rider with this term to all current New Hope Rescue Partners for their acknowledgment and signature.
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**SUMMARY:**

New Hope Rescue Partners assisted the Department in calendar 2010 by pulling 6,376 pets, mostly dogs and cats, for eventual adoption to the public through their own organizations. In some cases, the New Hope Rescue Partners have developed collaborations with other out-of-state rescue, shelter, or humane societies, whose communities are especially able and interested in receiving and adopting pets. The Department also has partners in various areas of the country to which we transport pets so that communities seeking pets can provide homes for ours. The Department requires such organizations receiving our transports to provide assurance of adoption guarantees for the transported pets and verifies that the receiving organization has plenty of space for the pets.

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As a safeguard for our pets, staff recommends that the Board amend the New Hope Rescue Partner agreement to require that they obtain similar assurance before any pets pulled from the Department would be released in turn to another rescue, shelter, or humane society. Specifically, we would add to the agreement the following term.

We agree that in the event we release any animal adopted through the New Hope Program to another rescue, shelter, or humane society that the receiving organization will be a No-Kill organization or provide an adoption guarantee and that the receiving shelter must not kill any of their population to make room to take our animals.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.

Approved:

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**Brenda F. Barnette, General Manager**

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**BOARD ACTION:**

_____ Passed	Disapproved _____
_____ Passed with noted modifications	Continued _____
_____ Tabled	New Date _____