



BOARD OF ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
Tuesday, November 8, 2011  
10:00 A.M.

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

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### **COMMISSION MEETING**

**1. 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.

### **2. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes for October 25, 2011.
- B. Election of Commission Officers for 2011-2012
- C. Oral Report by the Commissioners on Meetings and Events attended.

**3. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Discussion of Citations issued by the Department
- B. Free Vaccinations Clinic
- C. Meeting Schedule for the Commission
- D. Superior Court Bail Schedule for Animal Ordinances

**4. GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FOR BOARD ACTION**

- A. None

**5. ORAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Next Commission Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 A.M December 13, 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 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

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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 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  
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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

Brenda F. Barnette, General Manager

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COMMISSION MEETING DATE: November 8, 2011

PREPARED BY: Brenda Barnette, General Manager

DISCUSSION DATE: November 8, 2011

SUBJECT: FREE VACCINE CLINICS FOR SOUTH LOS ANGELES DOGS

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**BACKGROUND**

Canine Parvovirus is a particularly deadly disease among young dogs. Left untreated, it is uniformly fatal (with treatment, there is a 20 - 80% survival rate). Parvovirus is spread by contact with an infected dog's feces. Because it is such an extremely hardy virus, it is found ubiquitously in the environment. Symptoms include lethargy, bloody diarrhea, fever, vomiting, loss of appetite, and dehydration.

The County Department of Veterinary Public Health started tracking Parvovirus cases in April 2009. Since that time, Los Angeles Animal Services shelters reported a total of 355 incidents, with almost 85% of puppies infected *before*<sup>1</sup> entering our shelters. The following table shows the breakdown of parvo by shelter:

PARVOVIRUS BY SHELTER		
	Number of Cases	Percentage of Cases (%)
South Los Angeles	166	46
North Central	67	19
Harbor	59	17
East Valley	53	15
West Valley	10	3

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<sup>1</sup> This was calculated by using the shorter end of the incubation period, or five days. If the animal's illness was detected in four days or less after impound, the parvo was imported into the shelter and not contracted in the shelter.



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## SOURCES OF PARVO BY ZIP CODE

Parvovirus cases are scattered across Los Angeles, ranging from the San Fernando Valley to the Harbor. However, the table above shows that almost one-half of all parvo cases are in South Los Angeles. Further research indicated that South Los Angeles and Wilmington Zip Codes' 90018, 90037, 90062, and 90744 represent the areas with significant Parvovirus cases.

## STRATEGY TO COUNTER PARVO OUTBREAK

To stop this recent increase in parvo cases, the Department intends on providing *free* DAPP (and rabies) vaccinations in the neighborhoods with the highest incidents. The exact locations will be determined after consulting with the appropriate Council offices and using the County of Los Angeles' Veterinary Public Health statistics.

To qualify for these free vaccinations, residents must:

1. Have a piece of mail delivered in 90018, 90037, 90062, or 90744 ZIP Codes with their name matching their ID;
2. Purchase a dog license<sup>2</sup>;
3. Consider sterilizing their dog. If an owner resists, a spay-and-neuter voucher will be provided and the owner will be issued a Notice to Comply.

## OUTREACH, IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING

Los Angeles Animal Services will work closely with volunteers, churches, schools, stores, and the Council Offices to publicize these free vaccination clinics. We will also use social networking and other low- or no-cost advertising strategies to notify the community.

We estimate vaccinating 100 dogs a day and holding two clinics a month starting in January 2012. Each vaccination will cost \$2-3/dog. Funding initially will be from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund and will be less than \$5000; therefore, no Board approval is necessary. The Department is also actively seeking private funding for the project.

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<sup>2</sup> While microchips will be available for purchase, we are also exploring whether these can be provided for free.