

# BOARD OF ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSIONERS CITY OF LOS ANGELES

# REGULAR MEETING AGENDA Tuesday, June 12, 2018 9:00 A.M.

LOS ANGELES CITY HALL, ROOM 1060 200 NORTH SPRING STREET LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

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# I. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

1. Dangerous Animal Case: DA 182195 WV

Appellant(s): Joseph Pavone, Laurel Pavone and Alice Pike West Valley Animal Services Center: Captain Wendell Bowers Complaining Witness: Joseph and Katherine Lula

### Dangerous Revocation Animal Case: DR 181182 WLA Appellant(s): Hortencia Magana and Raphael Berry West Los Angeles Animal Services Center: Acting Lieutenant Yvonne Rodriguez Complaining Witness: Casper Martin

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# **II. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - (Comments from the public on items of public interest within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction that are not on the Agenda; two minutes per speaker.)

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. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS - (Discussion with Neighborhood Council representatives on Neighborhood Council Resolutions or Community Impact Statements filed with the City Clerk which relate to any agenda item listed or being considered on this agenda for the Board of Animal Services Commissioners)

# 3. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Approval of the Minutes for Meeting of May 8 and 22, 2018. (Action Item; Public comment limited to one minute per speaker).
- 4. ORAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER (Public comment limited to one minute per speaker).
- 5. COMMISSIONERS' ORAL REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Public comment limited to one minute per speaker).

# 6. BOARD REPORTS

A. Approval of MOU between the Department of Animal Services and Los Angeles Pierce College for use as a Large Animal Evacuation Shelter. (Action Item; Public comment limited to two minutes per speaker).

# 7. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 P.M., June 26, 2018, at Harbor Animal Services Center, 957 North Gaffey Street, San Pedro, CA 90731.

<u>AGENDAS</u> - 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 9:00 A.M. Regular Meetings are held at City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Room 1060, in Los Angeles, CA 90012. Evening Meetings are held in various locations throughout the City, from 7:00 to approximately 9:30 P.M. 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, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite 600, 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-

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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. (For certain agenda items, speakers will have two (2) minutes.)

<u>PUBLIC INPUT AT BOARD MEETINGS</u> – 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 **<u>before</u>** 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 during general public comment period which is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker. (For certain agenda items, speakers will have two (2) minutes each.). 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.

**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

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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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### NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL HEARINGS

To Be Held: Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at 9:00 A.M.

City Hall 200 North Spring Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 1060 Los Angeles, CA 90012 (Entrance on Main Street)

This serves as formal notice pursuant to Section § 53.18(q) 4 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to the following parties and witnesses in the appeal(s) listed below:

- 1. Dangerous Animal Case: DA 182195 WV Appellant(s): Joseph Pavone, Laurel Pavone and Alice Pike West Valley Animal Services Center: Captain Wendell Bowers Complaining Witness: Joseph and Katherine Lula
- Dangerous Revocation Animal Case: DR 181182 WLA Appellant(s): Hortencia Magana and Raphael Berry West Los Angeles Animal Services Center: Acting Lieutenant Yvonne Rodriguez Complaining Witness: Casper Martin

These hearings will not be rescheduled, except for good cause.

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For additional information, please refer to the Board's "Rules and Procedures for Appeals", or contact the Department of Animal Services at (213) 482-9558, or visit the Department's website: <u>http://www.laanimalservices.com/</u>. Written statements are to be submitted to the Commission seven days prior and, if in excess of 50 pages, seven hard copies must be provided. You may submit your statement (50 pages or less) via email to: <u>ani.commission@lacity.org</u>.

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# MINUTES TUESDAY, May 8, 2018 at 9:00 AM



LOS ANGELES CITY HALL, ROOM 1060 200 N. SPRING STREET LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

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Larry Gross, President Olivia E. García, Vice President Layne Dicker Alisa Finsten Roger Wolfson

Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m. Commissioners present were Gross, García, Dicker, and Finsten. Also present from Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) Acting Board Secretary Tammy Watson, General Manager (GM) Brenda Barnette and Assistant City Attorney (ACA) Dov Lesel.

**Commissioner Gross** opened the meeting, introduced staff, and provided an overview of the meeting agenda.

Note: Due to a power failure in the audio equipment, the first 40 minutes of the meeting was not recorded.

### I. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

### 1. Dangerous Animal Case: DA 171587 WLA

Appellant(s): Nicole Yorkin, Timothy Shaheen and Julian Shaheen West Los Angeles Animal Care and Control: Acting Lt. Yvonne Rodriguez Complaining Witness: Jolie Busch

The Board discussed the merits of the appeal, the evidence provided to the Hearing Examiner, and the grounds supporting the General Manager's determination.

**Commissioner Dicker** made a motion to overrule the General Manager decision and to replace the decision with terms and conditions. There was no second of this motion, therefore, the motion failed.

**Commissioner Gross** made a motion to uphold the decision of the General Manager and to ask the General Manager to give due consideration to the other two uninvolved dogs. **Commissioner Finsten** seconded the motion, however, the motion failed with a 2-2 vote. Therefore the General Manager's decision stands.

Public Comment: None.

### 2. Dangerous Animal Case: DA 181136 EV

Respondent: Kristina Yasmin Miller East Valley Animal Care and Control: Lt. Jose Gonzalez Complaining Witness: Ileana Melania Gasman and Eugeniu Gasman Board of Animal Services Commissioners Minutes for the April 10, 2018 Commission Meeting Page 2

The Board discussed the merits of the appeal, the evidence provided to the Hearing Examiner, and the grounds supporting the General Manager's determination.

**Commissioner Garcia** made a motion to amend the decision of the General Manager from a finding of a dangerous animal to imposing a license revocation. **Commissioner Gross** seconded and the motion was approved by a vote of 3-1.

### II. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

### 1. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Phyllis Daugherty:** Don Koscheck the former Deputy City Attorney who represented the Department in animal cruelty cases has retired. It will be a great loss for the City. Ride-alongs are dangerous to the Officers and impede their ability to go to calls due to concern for their passengers.

2. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS - (Discussion with Neighborhood Council representatives on Neighborhood Council Resolutions or Community Impact Statements filed with the City Clerk which relate to any agenda item listed or being considered on this agenda for the Board of Animal Services Commissioners)

Public Comment: None.

### 3. COMMISSION BUSINESS

None

### 4. ORAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

GM Barnette discussed the following:

- Recently in the news, there was a three-year-old infant killed by a dog. All three dogs were impounded.
- In Lake View Terrace two horses wearing metal shoes were electrocuted; one horse survived and the other did not. The Department assisted were we could.
- On April 18 and 19, District Supervisor Karen Knipscheer Cox attended a Homeland Security Advisory Workshop.
- Recreation and Parks is in the process of installing pet and child-friendly synthetic turf at the West Valley Animal Services Center.
- General Services Department is in the process of purchasing HVAC systems for the West Valley Animal Services Center and the North East Center used by Best Friends.

- Upon leaving work one day, Ashley Rodriguez our Public Relations Specialist was stopped by a man who was trying to protect six ducklings as they crossed the street. Ashley called one of our officers while other City employees protected them from traffic.
- The big ask for the budget was funding for the Animal Control Officer positions, \$850,000 for the Animal Sterilization Trust Fund and funding for staffing of the Urgent Call Center.
- The Department asked the Bureau of Engineering to post the timeline and progress of the EIR to their project management webpage.

Public Comment: None.

### 5. COMMISSIONERS' ORAL REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**Commissioner Garcia**: Stated it's good to see the free spay and neuter program.

**Commissioner Finsten**: Asked about the status of the previous meeting minutes and an update on the telephone system.

**Commissioner Dicker:** Stated he's looking forward to seeing a greater number of lifesaving issues on agenda in the future.

Public Comment: None.

### 6. Board Reports

A. Distribution of revised financial report for Animal Welfare Trust Fund for February 2018 and Animal Welfare Trust and Animal Sterilization Fund Balances for March and April 2018.

Lilia Liclican reviewed the financial reports.

Public Comment: None.

B. Woof Stat Report for March 2018.

Brenda Barnette reviewed the Woof Stat report.

Public Comment: None.

C. Request for Approval to Use the Animal Welfare Trust Fund for the Installation/Replacement of Canopy and Kennel Covers at South Los Angeles, Chesterfield Square and North Central Animal Services Centers.

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**District Supervisor Christy Louzan and Assistant General Manager MeLissa Webber** requested use of the Animal Welfare Trust Fund to provide necessary coverage for staff and volunteers to exercise the animals year round.

Public Comment:

**Phyllis Daugherty:** Supports this request. The lack of canopies at all of the shelters has been awful.

### 7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 11:43 a.m.

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# MINUTES TUESDAY, May 22, 2018 at 9:00 AM



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Larry Gross, President Olivia E. García, Vice President Layne Dicker Alisa Finsten Roger Wolfson

Meeting called to order at 9:17 a.m. Commissioners present were Gross, García, Dicker, Finsten, and Wolfson. Although present during the meeting, Wolfson arrived after roll was called. Also present from Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) Acting Board Secretary Tammy Watson, Assistant General Manager MeLissa Webber, John Forland, General Manager (GM) Brenda Barnette and Assistant City Attorney (ACA) Dov Lesel.

**Commissioner Gross** opened the meeting, introduced staff, and provided an overview of the meeting agenda.

Note: **Commissioner Dicker** asked that it be made a matter of record that ACA Lesel requested that he recuse himself from the Dangerous Animal Case DA 181034 WV. **ACA Lesel** informed Commissioner Dicker that he is to recuse himself from Dangerous Animal Case DA 181034 WV because he (Dicker) gathered evidence in an extrajudicial manner. **Commissioner Dicker** requested the rule or policy requiring such action to which **ACA Lesel** responded that due to the short notification of Dicker's actions he does not have the exact rule available but in the future, if he is given prior notice of such activity he can provide the written policy before any action is action. **Commissioner Dicker** stated for the record that he would recuse himself but pending further verification of the cause.

### I. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

### 1. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Diana Mendoza:** Pets distributed flyers to advertise the Month of May Free Spay/Neuter Program. The website to apply for the free certificate was down for one day. Further, recommended that the Department extend the program for one additional day. **Phyllis Daugherty:** John Chavez, former Assistant General Manager for the Department of Animal Services is retiring this month. Veterinarian Dr. Joey Vasquez is going to Turkey the first week of July to teach early spay/neuter for cats. One state is funding spay and neuter through tax on pet food. **Gregory Shukman:** Due to the Free Cat Spay/Neuter Program there has been a 600% increase for spay/neuter surgeries, which is great. Further, recommended more prep time for the community in the future.

2. NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS - (Discussion with Neighborhood Council representatives on Neighborhood Council Resolutions or Community Impact Statements filed with the City Clerk which relate to any agenda item listed or being considered on this agenda for the Board of Animal Services Commissioners)

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> Public Comment: None.

### 3. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Approval of the Minutes for Meeting of April 10 and April 24, 2018.

**Commissioner Gross** asked that the minutes be modified to reflect the vote of abstention of Commissioner Dicker for item I.1, Barking Dog Noise Case: BD 171232 WV. Commissioner Dicker was not present for the appeal; however, he was present for the vote and appropriately abstained.

**Commissioner Finsten** moved to approve the minutes of April 10, 2018 as corrected. **Commissioner Dicker** seconded and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

**Commissioner Garcia** moved to approve the minutes of April 24, 2018. **Commissioner Dicker** seconded and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Public Comment: None.

### 4. ORAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

**GM Barnette** discussed the following:

- The North Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council donated a new incubator for East Valley.
- The Department responded to a horse rescue call and was assisted by LAFD, who air-lifted the horse to safety.
- The Department's computers were down from Friday evening to Saturday night due to ITA challenges. All systems have been restored.
- Progress report on the Month of May Free Spay/Neuter Program as of May 21, the department has issued over 1,000 vouchers.
- Both the NKLA and Cat-A-Palooza events over the past weekend were successful.
- During the 2018-19 Budget Year, the Department will receive nine (9) months of funding for ten (10) Animal Control Officers and \$425,000 for the Animal Sterilization Trust Fund. An additional \$425,000 will be reserved in the Unappropriated Balance for mid-year distribution to the Animal Sterilization Trust Fund.

Public Comment:

**Phyllis Daugherty:** There was a Facebook post stating that the free spay/neuter vouchers can be used for feral cats. We need more Officers to answer the urgent calls.

### 5. COMMISSIONERS' ORAL REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**Commissioner Wolfson**: Thank you for following up on the issue regarding products we use.

**Commissioner Garcia**: Visited the Inner City Law offices and it is good to see food and services distributed to those in need.

**Commissioner Dicker:** Attended the NKLA adoption event. The adoption numbers were terrific. It was a nice venue and very organized.

**Commissioner Gross:** Attended the NKLA adoption event. Shout-out to all staff and volunteers who participated in this wonderful event.

Public Comment: None.

### 6. Board Reports

A. Oral Request for Approval to Accept a Grant from EcoMedia to Underwrite Dog Adoption Fees for Specific Events.

**Brenda Barnette** people who buy ad time put some money aside into EcoMedia for charitable funding. We were recommended by KNX to receive this grant. Dov Lesel did the legal work on the agreement. The donors want to do impact adoptions to get more dogs adopted; 13 days of adoption fees for dogs, not including license fees.

Public Comment: None.

**Commissioner Wolfson** moved to approve the request to accept the grant from EcoMedia, Inc. **Commissioner Dicker** seconded and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

B. Request for Approval of a Three-Year Agreement with Three One-Year Renewal Options with Idexx Laboratories Inc. for Diagnostic Laboratory Testing Services.

**John Forland** this is a service that we must have to for professional laboratory testing to determine illness or injury to animals. We received two bids; one for services that we did not need and Idexx who provides a service we need. We also need to approve a 90-day extension of the current contract while we await the implementation of the new contract.

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Public Comment: None.

**Commissioner Dicker** moved to approve the three year contract; authorize the General Manager to extend the current agreement for 90 days; and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement upon receiving approval. **Commissioner Garcia** seconded and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

C. Request for Approval to Use the Animal Welfare Trust Fund for the Purchase of a Digital Radiograph Machine for North Central Animal Services Center.

**Dr. Jeremy Prupas** the North Central x-ray machine is dead and beyond repair. The manufacturer no longer services the machine. If approved, the new one will be similar to the others ordered for four other districts. It's an upgraded machine and will need to go to bid with GSD.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Dicker moved to approve the request for approval to use the Animal Welfare Trust Fund to purchase a new digital radiograph machine for North Central. **Commissioner Finsten** seconded and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

### 7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 10:04 a.m.

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

MEETING DATE: June 6, 2018

PREPARED BY: K. Knipscheer-Cox

**REPORT DATE:** June 12, 2018

TITLE: District Supervisor

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO APPROVE MOU BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES AND LOS ANGELES PIERCE COLLEGE

### **BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

**APPROVE:** Staff recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Los Angeles Animal Services Department and Los Angeles Pierce College.

### BACKGROUND:

The Department of Animal Services uses Pierce College as a temporary emergency evacuation shelter to provide refuge only for large animals, including horses, goats, pigs, cattle and similar farm animals, in the event of an emergency requiring evacuation and temporary sheltering of multiple animals during the emergency, including wildfires, flood and/or earthquakes.

### SUMMARY:

The MOU is to protect both the City and Pierce College by having standard guidelines on when and how the facility will be used. The MOU has been approved by both parties and they are in agreement. We believe that this is an important step in being able to save these animals from a disaster and to keep them warm and isolated during this time, and better serve our communities.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

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Brenda Barnette, General Manager

Attachments

# **BOARD ACTION:**

 Passed	Disapproved	
 Passed with noted modifications	Continued	
 Tabled	New Date	

DRAFT 1-3-2018

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN CITY OF LOST ANGELES, Through its DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES AND LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT / LOS ANGELES PIERCE COLLEGE

PARTIES (each a "Party"):

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ("District") 770 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90017 Attn: James B. Watson, Contracts Manager

On behalf of Los Angeles Pierce College ("College") 6201 Winnetka Avenue Woodland Hills, CA 91371 Attn: Rolf Schleicher, Vice President Administrative Services

CITY OF LOS ANGELES ("City") Emergency Management Department 200 N Spring St Los Angeles, CA 90012

Copies of legal notices must also be sent to: City of Los Angeles Department of Animal Services 221 N. Figueroa Street, 6th Floor, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90012 (888) 452-7381

### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **DESCRIPTION OF FACILITY:**

Los Angeles Pierce College Equestrian Center ("Equestrian Center") is an 840,000 square feet equine teaching facility located at 6201 Winnetka Avenue, Woodland Hills, California. The Equestrian Center is generally bounded by De Soto Ave and a 300 foot Agriculture Education Center buffer on the West, Victory Boulevard and a 600 foot Agriculture Educational Center buffer on the North, Parking Lot 8 on the East, and El Rancho Drive on the South. There are two (2) eight foot by forty foot storage containers located in the Equestrian Center which are used for the storage of emergency shelter operations supplies. The storage container location and access to the Equestrian Center and storage containers are set forth on the Campus Map (attached as "Exhibit 1") and are collectively referred to as "Facility".

### INTENDED USES AND ALTERNATIVE DESIGNATION

Facility will be used as a temporary emergency evacuation shelter to provide refuge only for large, non-exotic animals including, but not limited to, horses, goats, pigs, cattle, and similar farm animals, in the event of an emergency requiring evacuation and temporary sheltering of multiple animals during an emergency, including wildfire, flood and earthquake. The Facility will not be used for evacuation of human beings, small domesticated animals such as dogs and cats, or wild/exotic animals such as bears, snakes, or tigers.

When the Facility is used for the evacuation shelter purposes, it shall include the areas identified in the Site Plan (attached "Exhibit 1"). When the Facility is discussed in this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") in connection with its capacity to serve as an evacuation shelter, the Facility will be referred to as "Shelter". At all other times, the designation "Facility" will be used. The Facility may also be used by the City, from time to time, on a day use basis for emergency training exercises, under the terms and conditions as agreed upon by the Parties prior to its use as long as the College receives prior notice 72 hours before use of the Facility for emergency training exercises.

### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Facility has served as an interim emergency animal shelter for the City for many years in the past; and

WHEREAS, the use of the Facility has been well established in the minds of Los Angeles communities as being a safe haven for large animal evacuations during times of natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to establish written terms and conditions by which the Facility can be used for the emergency sheltering of horses and small livestock when evacuation orders have been issued by the City of Los Angeles or as otherwise directed by the Los Angeles City Department of Animal Services; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to use the Facility identified herein and as the District is willing to allow such use as long as such use does not interfere with the educational purposes of the College;

WHEREAS, any animal residing at the Facility which is the property of the District and/or whose care and feeding is maintained under a separate lease agreement shall not be displaced; and

WHEREAS, use of the Facility is conditioned upon the occurrence of a proclamation of emergency in accordance with Exhibits 3 and 4 and activation of emergency responders by the City of Los Angeles when evacuations of large domestic animals are necessary, and prior approval for use of the Facility must be sought from the College President or his/her designee before use of the Facility;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows.

### AGREEMENT

- 1. **TERM AND CONSIDERATION**. Upon request, if feasible and in consideration of the performance of the covenants herein contained, District does hereby allow the City to use the Facility, conditioned upon the emergency needs of the City of Los Angeles when large animal evacuations are necessary AND prior approval is obtained by the College President or designee for the purpose set forth above before shelter activation. This MOU shall be in effect on the date fully executed by both parties up to a maximum duration of five (5) years if not earlier terminated per Provision 14.
- 2. **EXTENSIONS AND AMENDMENTS**. This MOU is the entire agreement between the parties as to its subject matter and supersedes all prior or

contemporaneous understandings, negotiations or agreements between the parties, whether written or oral, with respect thereto. Any amendment to this MOU shall be in writing as mutually determined between District and City. The City acknowledges that District and its agents, employees, and representatives have made no representation to the City of any kind regarding any matter including, but not limited to, the effect of applicable laws or zoning on the City's intended use under this MOU.

- 3. **SHELTER ESTABLISHMENT**. Shelter for evacuated farm animals and horses will be established and managed by City, through a shelter manager appointed by City of Los Angeles, Department of Animal Services Emergency Manager, Emergency Management Coordinator or designee ("Shelter Manager") and the sheltering personnel and volunteers under City's supervision, in cooperation with Facility Coordinator and other personnel designated by the District. Sheltering Personnel will perform the functions in accordance with existing City of Los Angeles Animal Services' standard operating procedures for large animal shelters. For the comprehensive description of shelter personnel/volunteer functions, please look to Large Animal Sheltering Site Operations Guideline (heretofore referred to as "Guideline," attached herein as "Exhibit 4"). City shall be responsible for ensuring that intake forms be completed on the animals prior to sheltering such evacuated animals, and kept on file by the Shelter Manager.
- 4. **CONDITION OF FACILITY.** The Facility Coordinator and Shelter Manager (or designee) will jointly conduct a pre-occupancy survey of the Facility before it is turned over to the City to be used as Shelter. They will use the first page of the Facility/Shelter Opening/Closing Form (heretofore referred to as "Opening/Closing Form," attached herein as "Exhibit 2") to record any existing damage or conditions. The Facility Coordinator will identify and secure all equipment that the City should not use while utilizing the Facility as Shelter.
- 5. **SECURITY**. The Shelter Manager will ensure that personnel and/or volunteers under his/her supervision perform all the delegated safety and traffic control related functions as detailed in the Guideline (see Exhibit 4). In cooperation with the Facility Coordinator, the Shelter Manager, as he or she deems necessary and appropriate, will coordinate with Facility Coordinator and Sheriff's Office for on campus and local law enforcement regarding any public safety issues at the Shelter.

### 6. **CITY RESPONSIBILITIES.**

(a) **Shelter Management.** At all times during Shelter activation, City will assume primary responsibility for all aspects of the operation and management of the Shelter including but not limited to staffing, security, insurance, equipment,

supplies, including but not limited to bedding and grooming materials, food products for animal feeding, and services such as rendering medical assistance to animals. If these supplies or services are provided to the City by the District during the evacuation, the City shall keep an inventory of materials and/or services performed and reimburse the District within a reasonable amount of time. The City shall also reimburse the District for use of water, electricity and any other utilities used during the evacuation.

- (b) **Supervision of All Persons Involved in Sheltering Operation**. The City will assume sole responsibility for supervision of all persons involved in the Shelter operation, including members of the general public. No action taken by College or District shall be construed as sponsoring, encouraging, soliciting, or extending supervision over the volunteers from members of its student body, faculty, staff, or any college-affiliated group.
- (c) Unclaimed Animal Placement. In the event that an owner of an evacuated animal is unable or unwilling to reclaim the animal at the de-activation of the evacuation center, the City is responsible for long-term placement of the unclaimed animal and transporting the animal to the placement site from the Shelter. If the City fails to place such an unclaimed animal the District will charge City for any expense to the District associated with the extended sheltering and feeding of the unclaimed animal as set forth on the Facility's standard rate sheet for horse boarding fees.
- 7. **SMOKING PROHIBITED**. The City agrees to enforce District's no smoking policy within the Facility or in any other place utilized by the City if such place is designated as non-smoking.
- 8. GENERAL PROHIBITIONS WHILE USING DISTRICT PROPERTY. Subject to exceptions enumerated in the District's Board of Trustee's ("Board of Trustees") current rules, the following are prohibited and the City agrees to enforce such prohibitions while using District's property: unlawfully discriminatory conduct, profanity, possession of or use of intoxicating liquors or narcotics, quarreling or fighting, betting or other forms of gambling, such as conducting a raffle or lottery, and the conduct set forth in Article VIII of Chapter IX of the Board Rules. The City shall agree to not displace any animal who resides at the Facility. These animals which are used within the instructional programs are considered the property of the District. Some animals, while not directly owned by the District but whose care and feeding is maintained under a under a separate lease agreement, shall also not be displaced.
- 9. **COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCES, LAWS AND REGULATIONS**. The City agrees that it will at all times during its use and occupancy of the Facility

comply with all applicable ordinances, laws, and regulations, including but not limited to regulations promulgated by District from time to time affecting the use and occupation thereof to the fullest extent possible in a disaster. Other than as set forth in this MOU, the City's use and occupation of the Facility shall not interfere in any way with the occupancy or activities of any other agency, tenant, occupant, or District On District Premises.

- 10. ALTERATIONS, ADDITIONS AND/OR IMPROVEMENTS TO DISTRICT PROPERTY. The City agrees that during the term of this Agreement, City shall have no right to make alterations, additions, or improvements to the Facility without the written consent of District. The City shall maintain the Facility in a neat and clean condition, and shall return the Facility to District in substantially the same condition, except for normal wear and tear, after each use.
- **REPAIRS AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF DISTRICT PROPERTY.** 11. The City shall be responsible for and shall pay for repairs or replacements except for damage caused by the emergency, by the District's officers, employees or agents or a pre-existing condition. City shall reimburse the District for damages to the District facilities based on replacement at replacement value. The District will file a written request for payment on the City's standard cClaim for dDamages form, which can be accessed online at the City Clerks Website: https://claims.lacity.org/Home/BasicClaim. The District shall notify the Department of Animal Services and/or the Emergency Management Department of any such Claim for Damages within 30 days of its filing. In the event of any disagreement regarding responsibility for alleged damage, or the amount owed for repairs or replacements, the Parties agree to meet and confer to attempt to resolve their differences. If such meeting and conferring does not resolve the disagreement, the Parties agree to designate a mediator to assist in the resolution of their differences. Any payment of damages shall require approval by the City through its claim process.
- 12. SIGNAGE AND PUBLICITY. The City may post signs identifying the Facility as an Animal Evacuation Center operated by the City in locations approved by the District or Facility Coordinator and will remove such signs when the Facility is closed. The District will not issue press releases or other publicity concerning the Facility without the express written consent of the Shelter Manager. The District will refer all media questions about the Facility to the Shelter Manager, Campus Public Relations Officer and College President or designee. A sign may not state or otherwise suggest that either the District or a college sponsors or endorses a particular individual, organization or activity. Use of the District and/or college name for publicity and advertisement purposes is prohibited, unless permission is granted by the Board of Trustees in advance.

- 13. **RIGHT OF ENTRY**. District and the agents and employees of District shall have the right to enter upon the Facility at all reasonable times to inspect the same to see that no damage has been or is done, to protect any and all rights of District, and to post such reasonable notices as District may desire to protect the rights of District. The City, its employees, agents or volunteers will be allowed to occupy the Facility throughout the period during which the Facility is used as Shelter, including overnight stays required to care for the evacuated animals.
- 14. **TERMINATION OF MOU**. District, at its sole discretion, shall have the right to cancel and terminate this MOU immediately and without notice upon its discovery of a violation of any term, condition, or provision of the MOU on the part of City. Should any such violation occur, District, at its sole discretion, shall have the right to deny future requests by City for the use of the Facility which is the subject of this MOU, or for any other property or facility of District. District shall also have the right to terminate without notice this MOU at any time if the property being used by City under this MOU is needed for academic purposes. District shall not terminate the MOU during the time the Facility has been activated for evacuation purposes and is being used as a Shelter.
- 15. VACATING DISTRICT PROPERTY. The City will notify the District or Facility Coordinator of the closing or de-activation date of the Shelter. The City and District or Facility Coordinator will determine an appropriate timeline to vacate based on an analysis of the emergency disaster conditions.

Before the City vacates the Facility, the Shelter Manager and Facility Coordinator will jointly conduct a post-occupancy survey, using the second page of the Opening/Closing Form (see Exhibit 2) to record any damage or conditions. The City shall leave the Facility in as good order and condition as the Facility were at the beginning of the term of this MOU for Use; ordinary wear and tear thereof and damage by the elements, fire, earthquake, flood, or acts of God excepted.

16. **DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION/LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**. The City agrees to defend, hold harmless, and indemnify District, its Board of Trustees, officers, employees and agents from and against any legal liability, including reasonable attorney fees, with respect to injuries to persons/animals or damage to the District's facilities arising in the course of the animal evacuation with the exception of injuries by persons directly under the College's supervision or caused by the willful actions or negligence of the District, its Board of Trustees, officers, employees or agents, or a pre-existing condition of the Facility. The City will not assume liability for animals evacuated to the Facility prior to its activation into Shelter. The District will not assume liability for animals that it turns away prior to the activation.

- 17. **INSURANCE AND WORKER'S COMPENSATION COVERAGE**. The City is self-insured.
- 18. **NOTIFICATIONS**. Any notice required to be served under this MOU shall be in writing and shall be deemed given when personally delivered or deposited in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid to the addresses first listed above.
- 19. **NONDISCRIMINATION**. The City, in the execution of this MOU, certifies that any program or activity conducted by the City at the District-owned facility will be operated in a manner which is free of discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religious creed, color, ancestry, national origin, medical conditions not requiring qualified medical care, (cancer related as defined under State law), marital status, pregnancy, age, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation, and that it will comply with all applicable federal and California anti-discrimination laws.
- 20. GOVERNING LAW. This MOU shall be deemed to have been executed and delivered within the State of California, and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder, and any action arising from or relating to this MOU, shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the State of California or United States law, without giving effect to conflict of laws principles. Any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this MOU shall be brought in the City of Los Angeles, State of California, and each Party hereto irrevocably consents to such jurisdiction and venue, and waives any claim of inconvenient forum.
- 21. **ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS**. If either Party shall bring any action or proceeding against the other Party arising from or relating to this MOU, each Party shall bear its own attorneys' fees and costs, regardless of which Party prevails.
- 22. **BOARD AUTHORIZATION**. The effectiveness of this MOU is expressly conditioned upon approval by the District's Board of Trustees, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners of City's Department of Animal Services, and the Los Angeles City Council.
- 23. **STATEMENT REGARDING BOARD OF TRUSTEES.** The City acknowledges that the Board of Trustees does not sponsor or endorse the person/organization using the District facilities nor their activities.
- 24. **ASSIGNMENT.** This MOU is personal to the City, and the City's rights hereunder may not be assigned, sub-licensed, or otherwise transferred in any fashion, regardless of whether such an arrangement is called an assignment, a sub-license, or any other name.

25. **SEVERABILITY**. The City and the District agree that if any part, term, or provision of this MOU is found to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect other parts, terms, or provisions of this MOU, which shall be given effect without the portion held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, and to that extent the parts, terms, and provisions of this MOU are severable.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this MOU by their duly authorized representatives in Los Angeles, California, as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, Department of Animal Services	LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT on behalf of its BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Brenda F. Barnette, General Manager	Ву
Date:	Title:
<b>Emergency Management Department</b>	Date
By Aram Sahakian, General Manager	
Date:	
APPROVED AS TO FORM: MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney	
By Dov S. Lesel, Assistant City Attorney	
Date	
ATTEST: HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, City Clerk	
By Deputy City Clerk	
Date	)

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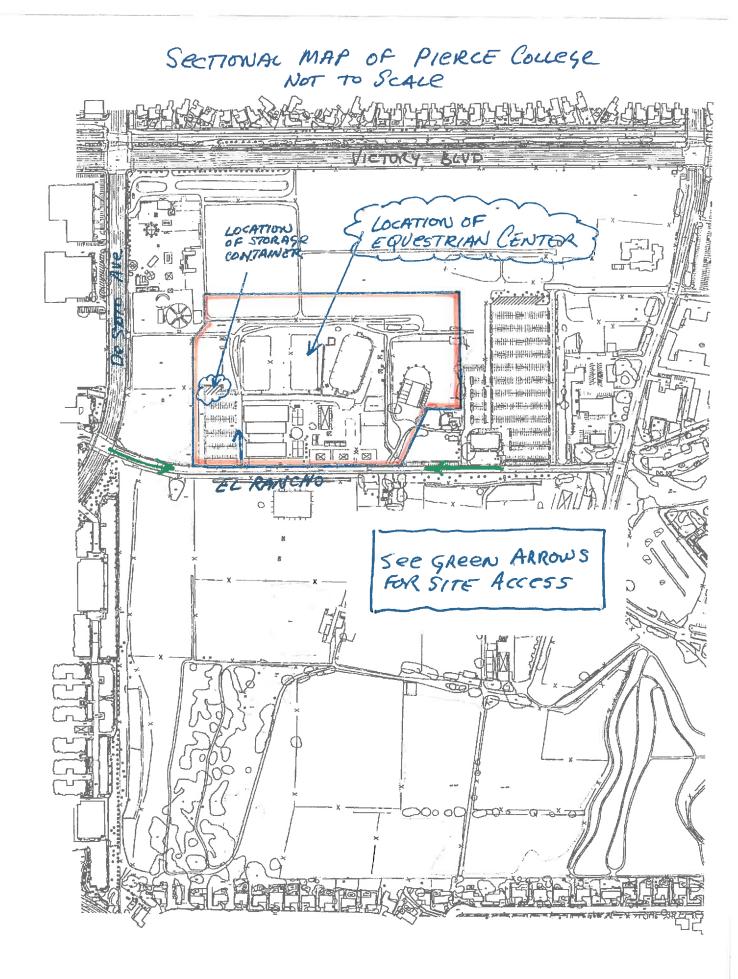


Exhibit 2

FACILITY / SHE	ELTER FACILITY	OENNING	CLOSING FO	RM	
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Signature of individual releasing the space

Printed Name and Title

Date

Signature of individual accepting the space

Printed Name and Title

Date

# Animal Evacuation Center - City / County Protocol and Call List

In the event that the City or County of Los Angeles wishes to activate the Emergency Animal Evacuation Center they must call the Sheriffs Office at the number below.

	Phone Number	Phone Number	
1. Sheriff's Department	818-719-6450	818-710-4311	

### Authorized list of individuals who can request to open the Emergency Animal Evacuation Center

The list below (as of 7-11-16) reflects the individuals who are authorized via their respective agencies to request the Equestrian Center be opened for use as an emergency sheltering site.

### Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control

Main Contact: Lieutenant Fred Agoopi, Emergency Operations Coordinator, County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care & Control, 5898 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, CA 90805, (562)256-1376 FAgoopi@animalcare.lacounty.gov

Main Contact Lieutenant Lisa Eldridge, Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care & Control, 31044 Charlie Canyon Road, Castaic, CA 91384, Office 661 702-7098 Fax 661 295-1619 LEldridge@animalcare.lacounty.gov

1.	Marcia Mayeda	(562) 716-3278	mmayeda@animalcare.lacounty.gov
2.	Betsey Webster	(562) 233-1577	bwebster@animalcare.lacounty.gov
3.	Danny Ubario	(562) 217-1480	jubario@animalcare.lacounty.gov
4.	Lisa Eldridge	661 702-7098	LEIdridge@animalcare.lacounty.gov
5.	Fred Agoopi	(562)256-1376	FAgoopi@animalcare.lacounty.gov
6.	Denise Rosen	(818) 324-6690	drosen@animalcare.lacounty.gov

### **City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department**

Main Contact: EMD Duty Officer, City of Los Angeles, Emergency Mgmt Department, Community Emergency Mgmt, Division Chief, 500 E. Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012, (213) 200-6414 Emddutyofficer@lacity.org

- 1. EMD Duty Officer Staff Phone No:213-200-6414
- 2. Carol Parks (213) 484- 4815 Carol.Parks@lacity.org
- 3. Gary Singer (213) 484-4803 Gary.Singer@lacity.org
- 4. Larry Meyerhofer (213) 484-4814 Larry.Meyerhofer@lacity.org
- 5. Chris Ipsen (213) 484-4803 Chris.Ipsen@lacity.org

### **City of Los Angeles Department of Animal Services**

Main Contact: Director of Field Operations William Tranzow, City of Los Angeles Animal Services, 221 N Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Work (213) 485-8855, Cell (213) 610-7021, William.Tranzow@lacity.org.

Additional Contact: Senior Animal Control Officer Karen Knipscheer Cox, City of Los Angeles Animal Services, 20655 Plummer St, Chatsworth, CA 91311, Work (818) 756-9323, Cell (213) 505-5668 karen.knipscheercox@lacity.org.

### Los Angeles City Department Of Animal Services

### LARGE ANIMAL SHELTERING SITE OPERATIONS

Activation Procedures for The Emergency Evacuation/Sheltering Of Large Animals – City of Los Angeles – Department of Animal Services (LAAS)Los Angeles City Department Animal Services (LACDAS) staff.

Upon notification of a wildfire or incident by L. A. County Sheriff or Fire Department, LAAS Emergency Manager (EM), Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) or designee will contact Sheriff's EOB or other cognizant authority to obtain a preliminary briefing, and:

1) Verify the location of the fire and confirm that it is within the department's jurisdictional area.

2) Determine initial LAAS resources required by Sheriff's EOB or the Incident Management Team.

3) Begin deployment of LAAS staff and volunteer teams if an Evacuation Warning has been issued in horse keeping areas, or a stand by notice if an Evacuation Order is anticipated. A request will be made to open the Sheltering Site(s) when it has been determined that horses will be evacuated.

# NOTE: Volunteers are divided into 3 Levels and are limited to specific tasks dependent on their training.

Level 3 can assist all aspects of handling horses, including loading and unloading from trailers Level 2 can assist in handling horses (feeding, leading, cleaning etc.) but not loading/unloading Level 1 can do paperwork and assist in communications, but not handle horses

Every Sheltering Site will have an **Animal Control Technician (ACT) Supervisor (Sheltering Ops Officer)** who takes the responsibility for the animals and staff at the Sheltering Site. Additional ACT's and ACT Supervisors may be assigned to other duties ranging from interacting with the public to cleaning stalls.

Animal Care Technician Supervisor will be the qualified "Shelter Site Coordinator" Sheltering Site Coordinators. They are in charge of the "Equine" part of the Sheltering Site. A Sheltering Ops Officer and/or Sheltering Site Coordinator will be on site 24 hours a day until the sheltering site is closed.

### Working in a Combined Command

Occasionally, we work with another Animal Control Agency in managing a Sheltering Site (L. A. County Animal Control (LACAC) at Pierce College or Hansen Dam, Ventura County Animal Control at the Ventura Fairgrounds). If two or more agencies are involved at a site, LAAS will support City of Los Angeles residents' animals and the other agencies will support their service area constituents' animals. The main issue is one of cooperation – we are all working together

to assist animals and their owners in an extreme time of stress. We will still maintain our policies and paperwork, even when we work as support with these other agencies.

### **Sheltering Site Jobs and Responsibilities**

Animal Control Officer in Charge (ACOIC) Sheltering Ops Officer helps to set up, organize and maintain security for the Sheltering Site.

- 1. Ensures that all unauthorized persons and non-owners leave the shelter site.
- 2. Ensures all staff and volunteers Sign In and that all paperwork is complete and correct
- 3. Works with the Volunteers to assign jobs, including Logistics, Safety, Clerks and Stable Helpers.
- 4. Sets up the traffic flow and parking
- 5. Coordinates with the Incident Command to get equipment, supplies and food for animals and staff.
- Meets with the media, or arranges for the Public Information Officer (PIO) to do so. NOTE: Volunteers are NOT to interact with the media unless specifically asked to do so.
- 7. Keeps current number of animals brought into the Sheltering Site
- 8. Oversees the unloading and loading of horses to make sure it is done in a safe manner
- Requests Veterinarian (from LAAS identified list) for injured/ill animals.
  NOTE: The veterinarian is to be called in for immediate, life threatening injuries or illness. Old wounds or existing conditions are not considered immediate and are seldom life-threatening.
- 10. Makes sure any dangerous animal or animals needing extra care are clearly labeled.
- 11. Works with the Sheltering Coordinator (ACTS) to ensure shifts have been arranged for Sheltering Site workers. Notes the names of the workers scheduled for the next shift.
- 12. Works with Incident Command (Shelter Manager) to arrange for overnight security (if necessary).
- 13. Meets with owners who visit the shelter site.
- 14. Oversees the release of all animals.
- 15. These are the Go To People if you have a problem!

### Sheltering Site Coordinator – Animal Care Technician Supervisor

- 1. Sets up and organizes the Intake Table
- 2. Maps Shelter Site with corrals/stalls/tie lines/etc., using a numbering system
- 3. Ensures all Shelter Site workers sign in (and out) on Sign in Sheet
- 4. Assigns jobs, including Logistics, Safety, Clerks and Stable Helpers
- 5. Oversees all animals at the Shelter Site
- 6. Oversees the unloading and loading of horses to make sure it is done in a safe manner. (Only Level 3 Volunteers can assist.)

- 7. ACT's Oversees receiving animals, ensures all paperwork is completely filled out on each animal and that they are all identified with a duct tape collar and/or other ID
- 8. In charge of stabling and knowing the location of each animal
- Labels stalls of animals if they require special feed or care. NOTE: it is safer to use grass hay instead of Alfalfa hay because of ponies and warmbloods
- 10. Coordinates with owners to provide feed and medications for horses with special needs.
- 11. Makes certain that all animals, if tied, are tied safely to solid posts. Gives instruction on safe tying of animals.
- 12. Reports any health or injury problems to Sheltering Ops Officer and Veterinarian.
- 13. Immediately reports any problem with any animal to ACOIC
- 14. Locates appropriate place for Manure Pile.

ACT (aka "Receiver") - Volunteer Level 1 (can do paperwork, but not handle horses).

- 1. Assists owners in filing our Animal Impound forms **NOTE**: it is often useful to have the owners fill out these forms before they unload the animals.
- 2. Verifies the Identification number assigned for each animal with paperwork and collar on animal.
- 3. When time allows completes "Animal Pick-up and Return Record", including recording all the markings and identifying brands or scars.
- 4. Add pen/stall/etc. location to "Animal Pick-up & Return Record" form.
- 5. Files paperwork alphabetically by owner's name.
- 6. When time allows cross references animal number with the location of animal on list.

# Stable Helpers – (ACT's ) Volunteer Level 2 or 3

NOTE: HORSES SHOULD NEVER BE FED WITHOUT WATER AVAILABLE.

- 1. Assists in intake of horses, puts ID on each animal and assists in putting animals in a stalls
- 2. Assists with intake paperwork
- 3. Provides water and feed for each animal.
- 4. Constantly monitors all animals brought to shelter site. Immediately reports any changes or problem with any animal to Sheltering Coordinator (ACTS) and Sheltering Ops Officer (ACOIC).
- 5. Mucks all pens/stalls and tie areas.
- 6. Assists Veterinarian in treating animals when necessary.
- 7. Immediately reports any dangerous animals or unsafe stalls to the Sheltering Coordinator and/or Shelter Ops Officer.
- 8. Assists in loading horses (Level 3 Only)

### Liaison / Safety Officer – Animal Control Officer

- 1. Secures the perimeter of the shelter site
- 2. Assists in setting up the traffic flow and parking

- 3. Politely greets and speaks with everyone coming into the Sheltering Site. Verifies proper identification of persons, owners/agents visiting shelter site.
- 4. Keeps all unauthorized persons and non-owners out of shelter site.
- 5. Takes contact information of convergent volunteers and makes sure they leave the area.
- 6. Takes contact information of anyone donating food or supplies to the sheltering site.
- 7. Makes sure Sheltering Ops Officer and Sheltering Coordinator are notified before any animal is released.

**NOTE: All Sheltering Site Workers must help monitor Sheltering Site for intruders.** Report any unauthorized personnel / convergent volunteers to the Liaison Officer, Sheltering Coordinator or Sheltering Ops Officer.

### Long Term Holding Protocol –

Sheltering Sites are only open for as long as the fire is a threat -- the typical site will be closed One Day after the fire.

Any animal not picked up after the Sheltering Site has closed will be transported to the nearest City Animal Shelter, if the animal is from an evacuation area within the city and/or if the shelter is operated together with LACAC, animals from County area will be taken to the nearest LACAC shelter unless the owner has made other arrangements with Pierce College or another facility. "

The animals of owners who have suffered fire damage to their homes or property to the extent that they cannot immediately reclaim them will be housed, free of charge, at the City Animal Shelter or County Shelter pending on jurisdiction of evacuation until the arrangements are made for their return.

Note: This Guideline is subject to revisions, based on recruitment of new volunteers, training.

All volunteers must have received training and may only perform duties based on their level of training received from LAAS.

Volunteers will have to provide proof of training at the sheltering intake site and follow reporting procedures at sheltering site.