



BOARD OF ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, August 14, 2018
9:00 A.M.

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

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I. 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 Minutes for the Meeting of July 24, 2018. (Action Item; Public comment limited to one minute per speaker).
- B. Election of Board Officers. (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. Request to Approve the Program Agreement between the University of California (UCLA) Law School and Los Angeles Animal Services for Temporary Hearing Examiners. (Action Item; Public comment limited to two minutes per speaker).
- B. Request to Approve the Boredom Buster Enrichment Program – Pilot Program (Action Item; Public comment limited to two minutes per speaker).
- C. Request for Approval for the Department to Advise the City Council that the Board of Animal Services Commissioners is in Support of California Proposition 12, Farm Animal Confinement Initiative (2018). (Action Item; Public comment limited to two minutes per speaker).
- D. Request for Approval for the Department to Submit the Proposed Modification to LAMC Section 53.50 – Governing Rules for Granting Permits for Pet Shops. (Action Item; Public comment limited to two minutes per speaker).
- E. Discussion on Departments Response to Kapparat Activities. (Public comment limited to one minute per speaker).
- F. Discussion on Humane Education Programs. (Public comment limited to one minute per speaker).
- G. Discussion on Dog Limits in the City of Los Angeles; Reference Council File No. 17-1237-S1. (Public comment limited to one minute per speaker).

7. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M., August 28, 2018, at City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Room 1060, Los Angeles, CA 90012. (Enter on Main Street).

AGENDAS - The Board of Animal Services Commissioners (Board) meets regularly every second (2nd) and fourth (4th) 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, 6th Floor, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Board Agendas may also be viewed on the 2nd 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. (For certain agenda items, speakers will have two (2) minutes.)

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 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.

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Government Code Section § 54950 et seq.

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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.



BOARD OF ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSIONERS
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MINUTES

TUESDAY, July 24, 2018 at 7:00 PM

**SOUTH LOS ANGELES, CHESTERFIELD SQUARE ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER
1850 WEST 60TH STREET
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Larry Gross, President
Olivia E. García, Vice President
Layne Dicker
Alisa Finsten
Roger Wolfson

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. Commissioners present were García, Gross and Finsten. Also present from Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) Assistant General Manager (AGM) Tammy Watson, General Manager (GM) Brenda Barnette, AGM Melissa Webber, LaTonya Dean, Commission Executive Assistant and Assistant City Attorney (ACA) Dov Lesel.

Commissioner Gross opened the meeting, introduced staff, and provided an overview of the meeting agenda and extended thanks to Frederick Jordan for bringing in snacks and water.

I. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals made comments on the item:

1. **Frederick Jordan**
2. **Stephanie White**
3. **Phyllis Daugherty**
4. **Debra Vigna**
5. **Jessica Landesman**
6. **Sally Embrey**
7. **Amir Gharaeghadje**
8. **Andrew Brown**

- 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

- A. Approval of the Minutes for the Meetings of June 26, 2018 and July 10, 2018.

AGM Watson noted that corrections to the spelling of the public speaker names (Fredrick Jordan, Elizabeth, Jane Castillo, Marcy Monroe, Lejla Hadzimuratovic and Ashley Quintero) were made to the June 26, 2018 meeting minutes.

The following individual made comments on the item:

1. **Andrew Brown** noted that within his comments listed in the June 26, 2018 meeting minutes the word "sick" should be replaced with the word "six."

Commissioner Finsten moved to approve the minutes of June 12, 2018 and July 10, 2018 with amendments as noted. **Commissioner García** seconded and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

Ayes: García, Gross and Finsten

Noes: None.

Absent: Dicker and Wolfson

B. Election of Board Officers.

This item was tabled to the August 14, 2018 Board meeting.

Public Comment:

None.

4. ORAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

GM Barnette discussed the following:

- July 19-21, 2018 was the Best Friends National Conference where some staff attended. A follow-up meeting with staff is being scheduled to get feedback from what was learned.
- On the same weekend (July 21-22) the Cat-A-Palooza adoption event took place where the Department partnered with the Pet Care Foundation to offer discount adoptions the entire weekend at all six animal services centers. Adoption rates increased from the previous year.
- The Public Information Officer has been busy working with Nat Geo Wild and Haley Greer of Dog Earth Photography to do caricature pictures of some of the animals which can be found on Facebook and/or the Department's website. The Department's website is being updated on a regular basis and new promotions to target large-dog adoptions are being rolled out.
- We are slammed with large dogs, cats and kittens. Some individuals that attended the Best Friends National Conference were able to offer the service centers some relief. We continue to be challenged with big dog adoptions.
- We had some injuries at the centers including one person being bitten by a rabbit. We also had an ACO and an ACT attacked by a person because their dogs were being held, a dog bite which resulted in a broken bone at the West Valley Animal Center and a GSD worker working at a center was bitten by a dog. GSD has requested that Animal Services provide training to their staff.

- West Valley Spay Neuter Clinic has been on a bit of delay. Their contract is now complete and they hope to get started by the first of August.
- Spoke with Rebecca Corry of Stand up for Pits who stated she will be applying the Department logo to signage so that so that it is compliance with Department policy and can be used on Department trucks.
- Chicken Handling training classes are scheduled for August 4, 2018 at the East Valley Animal Service Center.
- There is an injunction that prevents the Department from providing services to the community as it relates to feral cats. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is being conducted and is being overseen by the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE).
- President Gross noted that Jackson Galaxy flew out 130 cats to Washington. AGM Webber reported that approximately 50 dogs went to New York City and 128 cats went to Washington.

The following individuals made comments on the item:

1. **Phyllis Daugherty**
2. **Stephanie White**

5. COMMISSIONERS' ORAL REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Finsten: Started communication with Carolyn Almos, Volunteer Coordinator, to learn more about how the Department trains volunteers. She learned that we require our volunteers to purchase their own t-shirts, gloves and leashes. Commissioner Finsten suggested that we put together a welcome package for new volunteers to provide them after they complete training. She further reported that she discussed the proposal regarding large-scale events. She also noted that she planned to attend a volunteer orientation in August.

Commissioner García: Was able to attend the Best Friend's conference that took place the prior weekend and noted that one session that stood out in her mind was the "Managed Admissions" session. She stated that staff should re-visit having owners who want to surrender their animals make an appointment because she felt that it could have a (positive) impact on our no-kill statistics. Also, we should make this community know that the South Los Angeles (SLA) Animal Center is here to provide services (e.g. spay, neuter) to the community by working with our coalition partners who can assist with services (e.g. door-to-door services).

GM Barnett spoke about some of the services provided to the SLA community.

Commissioner Gross stated that we should improve signage for the SLA facility so that people in the community know that it is there and requested staff make sure there is follow-up regarding issues with customer service at the service centers.

AGM Watson noted she would work with BOE and GSD to get signage for the facility.

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The following individuals made comments on the item:

1. **Phyllis Daugherty**
2. **Frederick Jordan**
3. **Danielle Howard**
4. **Andrew Brown**
5. **Stephanie White**

Commissioner Gross requested staff to look into any issues with guillotine doors during the safety training and the implementation of tag machines at animal centers.

GM Barnette responded that the guillotine door was old and broken and the issues with it had been addressed. She also stated that staff had been looking at kiosks for the centers and the identification tags are something she would look into.

6. Board Reports

- A. Request for Approval to Accept a \$200K Grant Awarded by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).

GM Barnette noted that last year the Department received a grant from the ASPCA to underwrite the adoption of cats four months old and older. They generously offered to give the Department another \$200K grant to help with cat adoptions.

Public Comment:
None.

Commissioner García moved to approve the acceptance of a \$200K grant awarded by the ASPCA. **Commissioner Finsten** seconded and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

Ayes: García, Gross and Finsten

Noes: None.

Absent: Dicker and Wolfson

- B. Request for Approval for the Department to Advise the Chief Legislative Analyst that the Board of Animal Services Commissioners is in Support of California Proposition 12, Farm Animal Confinement Initiative (2018).

Commissioner Gross stated that the board report needed to be amended to direct the Department to advise the City Council, instead of the Chief Legislative Analyst that the Board of Animal Services Commissioners' support of the passage of Proposition 12. He also noted that the item was requested by Commissioner Wolfson who requested that the item be held until the next Board meeting.

This item was tabled to the August 14, 2018 Board meeting.

Public Comment:
None.

- C. Discussion on dog limits in the City of Los Angeles; Council File No. 17-1237-S1.

Commissioner Gross explained that a motion was put forth to amend a zoning code to increase the number of cats and dogs per household. This Commission was instructed to gather public input.

GM Barnette noted that the discussion of this item is being conducted on behalf of the Council Office of District 5 and the Planning and Zoning Department.

The following individuals made comments on the item:

1. **Phyllis Daugherty**
2. **Frederick Jordan**
3. **Commissioner Gross**
4. **Andrew Brown**
5. **Jessica Landesman**
6. **Debra Vigna**

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

MEETING DATE: August 14, 2018

PREPARED BY: Tammy Watson

REPORT DATE: August 8, 2018

TITLE: Assistant General Manager

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO APPROVE PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES (UCLA) LAW SCHOOL AND LOS ANGELES ANIMAL SERVICES FOR TEMPORARY HEARING EXAMINERS

BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:

APPROVE: Staff recommendation to approve the Program Agreement with UCLA Law School establishing an educational/service partnership based on the Los Angeles Animal Services Hearings Program.

BACKGROUND:

On October 24, 2017, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners approved a pilot program with UCLA and the Department of Animal Services (LAAS) having UCLA Law students facilitate administrative hearings. UCLA Law, Professor Taimie Bryant supervised this pilot program which commenced from January 2, through May 9, 2018. At the start of the pilot program on January 2, 2018, the students began a nine-day intensive training program which included readings about alleged dangerous dogs and barking dogs and legal procedures for processing disputes. Students also completed a review of the laws concerning dog ownership, barking dog complaints, and dangerous animal complaints. At the conclusion of the training program on January 12, 2018, the students observed multiple hearings and attended an appeal hearing. On January 19, 2018, the students began conducting hearings, every other Friday, concluding on April 20, 2018. The UCLA students processed 22 hearings.

SUMMARY:

Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 53.18.5, an administrative hearing must be held for barking dog and dangerous animal cases to determine license revocation, terms and conditions for ownership and dangerous animal declarations. Currently, the Department handles

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administrative hearings internally utilizing three Senior Animal Control Officer IIs acting as Hearing Examiners. These three employees are managing the workload of the incoming cases while processing the inherited backlog of non-impound dangerous animal hearings.

Both LAAS and UCLA agree that we were successful in attaining the goals of the Pilot Program. The students conscientiously produced reports designed to resolve problems of barking and allegedly dangerous dogs and uniformly praised the Department and their experience with conducting administrative hearings. Our Senior Animal Control Officers were infused with new vigor and excitement while sharing their knowledge and experience with the students and receiving assistance in reducing the backlog of cases.

Currently, UCLA has between three to five students registered for their course entitled *Law – Administrative Law in Practice: Dangerous and Nuisance Dog Regulations in Los Angeles*. As with the Pilot Program, the students will be required to hold the hearings in accordance with administrative hearing laws and guidelines and make recommendations to the General Manager based on the evidence presented. The students will serve as Hearing Examiners on September 14, 28; October 12, 26; and November 19, 2018.

LAAS is pleased with the results attained with the Pilot Program, and we have the unique opportunity to continue this mutually beneficial program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

Approved:

Brenda Barnette, General Manager

Attachments

UCLA Law School and Los Angeles Animal Services: Program Agreement

BOARD ACTION:

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

UCLA LAW SCHOOL AND LOS ANGELES ANIMAL SERVICES: PROGRAM AGREEMENT

This agreement ("Agreement") effective as of August __, 2018, represents the understanding between the UCLA School of Law ("UCLA Law") and the City of Los Angeles ("City") acting by and through the Department of Animal Services ("LAAS" or "Department") with respect to a program through which participating UCLA Law students ("Participant/Participants") are trained and serve as temporary hearing examiners appointed by the General Manager of LAAS for potentially dangerous dog and barking dog complaints ("Program").

1. SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

The Program will provide Participants with the opportunity to utilize their legal skills in service to the City by serving as hearing examiners in dangerous dog and barking dog complaint proceedings. The Program will provide the City with the opportunity to include trained law students as temporary hearing examiners to assist in the reduction of the backlog of complaints and assist the Department to hear and process more complaints than is currently possible.

By entering into this Agreement, UCLA Law and LAAS understand that the content of the services rendered by UCLA Law students as temporary LAAS hearing examiners are independent from the views, opinions or activities of UCLA School of Law. All academic details of design and implementation of the training program and subsequent service obligations are the responsibility of UCLA Law, in accordance with UCLA Law School educational requirements with regard to all of its academic programs.

UCLA Law and LAAS agree to collaborate on the development and implementation of the Program, and the resolution of any challenges that may arise during the course of the Program. UCLA Law will provide LAAS with the names and such other information as deemed necessary by the City for Participants to be appointed by the General Manager as temporary hearing examiners. The hearing location shall be at 221 N. Figueroa St, 6th Floor, Los Angeles CA 90012. The Participants shall be unpaid volunteers and shall not be nor hold themselves out to be, City employees.

2. TERM

The term of this Agreement shall begin on the date first written above and shall be operative following the execution by the parties and terminate on June 30, 2019, and may be renewed up to two additional one-year terms at the sole discretion of the Department, not-to-exceed total of three (3) years.

3. STUDENT WORK

UCLA Law considers the Program as a legal educational opportunity through which UCLA Law students can be of service to LAAS. The Participants will have sufficient legal background and receive additional training and supervision by UCLA Law and will conduct the hearings in a professional manner, demeanor and dress. The hearing reports shall be produced consistent with the requirements of the Los Angeles Municipal Code and with the format used by LAAS. The reports shall contain material factual information and recommendations to assist the General Manager to make a determination regarding the appropriate decision in the case. Student training and all work produced by Participants during this Program will be supervised by an experienced UCLA Law faculty member, with input from LAAS staff as needed.

4. FEES, COSTS AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Program does not require any payment from LAAS to UCLA Law or to the Participants, nor from UCLA Law to LAAS; nor does the Agreement create an agency relationship between the parties.

5. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Any potential conflict of interest concerning the Participants shall be promptly referred to LAAS, and the Participant shall be recused from the hearing that is the cause of the potential conflict.

6. WAIVER AND NON-DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

UCLA Law Participants will sign and provide to LAAS a waiver of liability and non-disclosure agreement which among other things, prohibits the disclosure of information about individual cases processed by LAAS. The non-disclosure agreement will cover any information provided to Participants that LAAS identifies as confidential.

7. EVALUATION OF PROGRAM

UCLA Law and LAAS shall evaluate the Program at the conclusion of the academic year of 2018-2019.

8. MAINTENANCE OF FILES

All LAAS files used or generated during this Agreement, including those generated by the Participants, will be maintained by LAAS. UCLA Law will not serve as a repository for any LAAS case files.

9. HOLD HARMLESS AND INSURANCE

Each party to the Agreement shall hold harmless the other party from any and all liability, including but not limited to claims, losses, lawsuits, injuries, damages, costs and expenses arising from or as a result of any acts, errors or omissions of the City or UCLA Law, the Participants, or the parties' officers, agents or employees. UCLA Law shall maintain such insurance as is necessary to protect the interests of the City including any claims from the UCLA Law or the Participants.

10. CONFIRMATION OF ENGAGEMENT

The persons signing below are the authorized representatives of the respective parties. As indicated by the signatures of these authorized representatives, UCLA Law and LAAS agree to the terms presented in this Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES, DEPT OF ANIMAL SERVICES

Signature (on behalf of LAAS)

Date

Print Name (on behalf of LAAS)

Title of Signatory

Approved as to Form:

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

Date

By: Dov Lesel, Assistant City Attorney

UCLA LAW SCHOOL

Signature (on behalf of UCLA Law School)

Date

Print Name (on behalf of UCLA Law School)

Title of Signatory

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

MEETING DATE: August 14, 2018

PREPARED BY: Brenda F. Barnette

REPORT DATE: August 8, 2018

TITLE: General Manager

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO APPROVE BOREDOM BUSTER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM - PILOT PROGRAM

BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:

APPROVE FAR Side Journey's pilot program named Boredom Buster Enrichment Program.

BACKGROUND:

It is widely known that dogs need exercise, enrichment and stimulation to reduce stress and allow them to thrive in a kennel or shelter situation. This becomes even more important in animal welfare as dogs are housed for longer periods of time while they wait for us to find them new homes of their own.

SUMMARY:

India Griffith, founder of FAR Side Journey, has developed a pilot program named Boredom Buster Enrichment Program that they would like to implement at our South Los Angeles Chesterfield Square Animal Services Center.

Attached are three documents that describe the program and its implementation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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PROGRAM

Approved:

Brenda F. Barnette

Brenda Barnette, General Manager

Attachments:

Cover Letter Enrichment Program SLA
BOREDOM BUSTER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
Enrichment White Board

BOARD ACTION:

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

July 30, 2018

Brenda Barnette
General Manager
Los Angeles Animal Services
221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 600
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Barnette:

The FAR Side Journey Rescue (FARSJ) respectfully requests an opportunity to pilot and sponsor an enrichment program we have developed, called the Boredom Buster Enrichment Program, at the South Los Angeles Shelter (SLA).

As you are aware, enrichment activities are a crucial component in all shelter environments. Unfortunately, many municipal shelters are not funded and do not have the resources to develop and manage robust enrichment programs. This program is created to provide municipal shelters with a simple, cost-effective enrichment program that can be customized to fit the unique needs and constraints of individual municipal shelters.

FARSJ will provide enrichment supplies and program management support for a four (4) month pilot program. During the pilot program, the dogs at SLA will participate in a coordinated enrichment program created to succeed in a resource constrained environment. LAAS will have total control over which activities to select and when to engage the dogs in the activities. The goal of this pilot program is to implement, monitor and adjust the Boredom Buster Enrichment Program so that it can be successfully implemented at other municipal shelters. At the end of the pilot period we ask that LAAS provide an assessment of the program and propose solutions for any areas that are identified as needing improvement.

Our board of directors is enthusiastic about this program and eager to launch it so we can advance the importance of enrichment in municipal shelters by providing a cost-effective and easy to use program guide that will help save the lives of shelter dogs.

Through this project, we hope to increase the number of municipal shelters that are committed to implementing and managing enrichment programs and we are excited and hopeful that LAAS will accept our offer.

Please review the attached program and let me know if LAAS would like to move forward with this pilot program.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

India Griffin
Executive Director
(562) 508-2638
farsidejourney@gmail.com

FAR SIDE JOURNEY'S BOREDOM BUSTER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

Enrichment activities are a crucial component in all shelter environments. Unfortunately, many municipal shelters are not funded and do not have the resources to develop and manage robust enrichment programs. Regardless of the constraints, enrichment programs should be implemented, in some form, in all municipal shelters. This program is created to provide municipal shelters with a simple, cost-effective enrichment program that can be customized to fit the unique needs and constraints of individual municipal shelters.

Enrichment as defined by the Association of Shelter Veterinarians is a process for improving the environment and behavioral care of confined animals within the context of their behavioral needs. The purpose of enrichment is to reduce stress and improve well-being by providing physical and mental stimulation, encouraging species-typical behaviors and allowing animals more control over their environment. Enrichment is not a substitute for moving animals out of shelters and into homes and it is not the intent of FAR Side Journey's Boredom Buster Enrichment Program to promote or endorse municipal shelters for long term or lifetime housing for adoptable companion animals. The best enrichment program will not overcome the need for companion animals to be in a home or natural environment. The Boredom Buster Enrichment Program is intended to enhance and maintain an animal's behavioral health while temporarily housed in a stressful shelter environment.

The Boredom Buster Enrichment Program is a strategical designed combination of various enrichment activities and training that focuses on the mental and physical wellbeing of companion animals housed in municipal shelters. This is accomplished by providing a variety of enrichment activities which are labeled so that shelters can select the activities that fit their organizational structure and needs. Understanding that most municipal shelters do not have the resources to manage a comprehensive enrichment program without relying on their volunteer base, the Boredom Buster Enrichment Program is developed with this restraint in mind and has put great effort into designing the program to require minimal staffing effort while maximizing the volunteer's ability to carry out the program. The shelter selects the activities they can manage and organizes them on an activity board in a manner that ensures they are rotated on a schedule and that all animals have access to the program. Volunteers follow the board and provide an end of activity summary for each activity in which they participate.

If not currently trained, staff and volunteers will need training to understand basic animal behavior and how it can be positively affected by enrichment. Training will need to include teaching an understanding of behavior that may indicate whether the form of enrichment being used is having the desired impact on animals. A staff person will need to be assigned to have primary responsibility for implementation and oversight of the program to ensure proper training and program management.

Benefits of providing shelter enrichment include a reduction in stress, behavioral deterioration, euthanasia, and more engaged staff and volunteers. Positive changes will include a reduction in

stress behaviors such as fear, boredom barking, destructive chewing, and spinning or circling action patterns. More animals will exhibit relaxed body postures, calmer demeanors, and interest in appropriate social interaction.

It is critically important to monitor the program to ensure desired outcomes are achieved. Regular assessments of the program and of individual animal's behavior will ensure that any necessary adjustments are being made in a timely fashion. Monitoring needs to be done on a programmatic level as well as an individual level to be sure the overall goals are being met.

THE PROGRAM

The enrichment activities are broken into two types of levels which are staff resource requirement levels and volunteer difficulty levels. These levels identify the amount of staff resources necessary and the level of volunteer training and experience required for each enrichment activity. Whiteboards are used to track and assign activities to facilitate easy selection of activities. In addition, all activities are reported by simply identifying the activity, kennel number, dog's name, and identification number that participated in the activity.

Staff Resource Requirement

Levels 1 – 3 are used to identify necessary staff time allocation for each activity. Staff resource requirements include tasks such as cleaning up after an activity, assisting in preparing an activity, and participating in an activity. The shelter manager assigned to the program is not included in the staff resource requirements.

- Level 1 Activities: no staff time required.
- Level 2 Activities: less than 1-minute of additional staff time within the existing routine.
- Level 3 Activities: the most time consuming with more than 1-minute per animal required either inside or outside of existing routine.

Volunteer Training Requirement

Levels A – C are used to identify the level of volunteer training and experience required to participate in the activity. This is helpful to identify which volunteers can participate in what activities. The levels are for direct participation in the activities and do not include volunteer training.

- Level A Activities: volunteers have no contact with animals.
- Level B Activities: volunteers have contact with animals and are required to enter kennels.
- Level C Activities: yard or outside shelter activities that require volunteers that are trained and experienced in taking animals out of the kennels and off-site.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

The list of enrichment activities was determined by keeping in mind resource constraints of municipal shelters and is focused on activities that require minimal staff investment and minimal funding. There is a few more time consuming activities included as examples. It's easy to add

activities to the program and shelters are encouraged to continue to grow the amount of activities in their program.

Note that many of the selected enrichment activities have been used by many organizations and most were not developed specifically for this program. They have been created by many different individuals over the years and it is our expectation that new activities will continue to be developed by innovative animal community individuals.

Gimmie A Break (1A)

Visual barriers are a great low cost way to decrease stress and reactivity. Blankets and clips are used to cover the front of the kennel during high noise and traffic hours for animals that are showing signs of reactivity. Placing an object like a blanket between the dog and the cause of the reactivity can provide a needed break.

Ooooh That Smell? (1A)

A variety of essential oils and food scented sprays are spritzed into kennels daily. Only use dog safe scents. Extracts mixed in water dry spices. Synthetic prey scents can also be used. Switch it up and sprinkle herbs on bedding and stuffed toys.

Music to Mutt Ears (1A)

Research shows that classical music and even reggae can calm shelter dogs. Natural sounds may also be interesting for shelter dogs. There are dog specific CD's that can be purchased or you can develop your own playlist. Portable audio players are placed near individual kennels or located in areas that allow an entire bay or zone to enjoy the music. Switch it up and use white noise machines.

Storytime (1A)

Have a book library available in the volunteer room and/or encourage volunteers to download books to their mobile devices (audio books also work great). Volunteers sit outside the kennel and read for 10-minutes then move to the next kennel. They continue until they complete a bay of kennels. The dogs might bark at first, but soon they settle down, relax and listen to the story.

Click & Treat for Quiet (1A)

If a dog is barking, walk past, and wait until the barking stops even if it's only for a second. Click, treat, and move on. If a dog barks persistently, don't look at him and keep walking. If a barking dog stops when he sees you, click and treat. Wait a few seconds, click and treat, again if he remains silent. Persistent barkers should be clicked and rewarded for looking away, lying down, or backing away from the gate. Switch it up by clicking for "Four on the Floor."

Protein Boost (1A)

Place a hard-boiled egg in the kennel and let the dog investigate. Most dogs will enjoy rolling the egg around until it breaks and then enjoying the tasty treat inside. The shell contains calcium and can also be ingested.

Let's Get Visual (1A)

Provide items of visual interest outside the kennel but in a location where the dogs can make visual contact. The best items are those that constantly move such as mobiles, lava lamps, motion toys, and baby visual activity screens. Wind chimes and other wind driven items also work great.

Bubbly (1A)

We all love bubbles and so do dogs. Use dog safe bubbles to encourage dogs to think and act. They really enjoy popping the bubbles or investigating bubbles that have made touchdown near them. Bubbles even come in a variety of flavors such as peanut butter, bacon and fruit flavors.

Dog Massage (1B or 1C)

Bring in a dog massage therapist to train staff and volunteers on basic massage methods. After training the volunteers and staff can use their skills to massage dogs either in kennel or outside of the kennel.

Bedding (1A) (1B)

Bedding should be provided in each kennel unless restricted by the shelter veterinarian. Regardless of the bedding being raised or at floor level, it must be easily accessible. It is also important to keep in mind that bedding is going to be treated as the dog's territory and care should be taken when conducting activities near the bedding. This activity just ensures that all kennels have appropriate bedding and that it's not soiled, ripped, or unusable.

Free Play (1C)

Free play is great activity to provide cognitive enrichment and socialization. Take a dog to the yard and interact using tug ropes, Frisbees, balls, etc. Rotate dogs on 15 minute intervals. Using multiple volunteers to get dogs from kennel to yard will maximize the number of dogs that can participate.

Flirt and Chase (1C)

This game is great for getting dogs interested in play and it's a great form of exercise for dogs. You should have a variety of different toys to attach to the flirt pole. Use the flirt pole to move the toy around the ground and in unpredictable motions. Once you have the dog's attention, make sure to let him capture the toy occasionally. To release the toy toss the dog a treat.

Quiet Time (1C or 3C)

Encourage staff and volunteers to take a dog to a quiet space and spend time relaxing and enjoying the stress free quiet environment. This activity is great for all dogs, but those that don't know how to turn off will gain the most benefit from quiet time. If a dog is having difficulty settling down during this activity, do not interact with them just remain calm and settled yourself. When you notice settling behaviors, such as lying down or sitting still, treat them. Switch it up by petting and groom during quiet time.

Smear it Up (2A)

Take a small amount of creamy thick food such as peanut butter or cream cheese and apply it to your finger then smear it on the kennel door in a location the dog can access and lick it off.

Kong Party (2B)

Keep a supply of frozen Kong's handy so volunteers have access to them. As they are used, volunteers should clean them and re-stuff. This can be a group or individual activity. Distributing Kong's by area limits the number of Kong's that need to be cleaned and stuffed which is more manageable than having 100 + dirty Kong's that need to be prepared. Make sure Kong's don't do down your drains.

Tubular Treats (2B)

Take milk containers, PVC pipe or treat dispensing toys fill them with treats and hang them inside the kennels so the bottom of the dispenser is at nose height to the dog. Make sure all containers have been thoroughly cleaned. Cut a few holes so the treats can fall out. You can also smear peanut butter on the holes. Just make sure you don't make it impossible to get a treat out of the container. Switch it up by making drip bottles which are filled with liquid and treats, frozen, and then hung so they drip the liquid and treats out through the melting process.

Pupsciles and Meltaway Glaciers (2B)

Great activity for hot dogs on hot days. Pupicicles can be made using ice trays, Dixie type cups, or any other small freezable container. Just fill with yummy stuff, stick a biscuit handle in and freeze. A close cousin to the Pupicicle is the Melt-away Glacier which can be created using larger containers or buckets. Due to the glacier size of the glaciers you can add extra surprises such as toys. Both can be layered with different types of yummy goodies. Be mindful of the amount of treats dispensed during these activities because they can easily add up to a full meal.

The Low Down Brush Down (2B or 2C)

Just brushing a dog's coat will provide socialization and it will also distribute oils over and aerate their skin and fur which helps with circulation and leads to a shiny, healthy coat.

Ball Pit/Sand Pit (2C)

Using a ball or sand pit, you can bury treats and let your shelter buddies dig around to find the hidden treasure which encourages them to think and to be physically active. Simply fill small pools with sand or balls and hide treats.

Paws to the Wall (2C)

This activity is a bit messy, but provides socialization and the final product (paw prints) can be displayed on each artist dog's kennel. Finger paint and paper is perfect for this activity. You can also use clay to make an impression that can go with the dog when it is adopted or be displayed on a wall.

Professional Grooming (2C)

Find a few local groomers that are willing to donate or take a reduced rate to train volunteers on basic dog bathing. Sometimes local rescues can help pay for this activity. Ask them.

Busy Box/Bag (3B)

Busy boxes and busy bags are so easy to make and can be created by volunteers and stored for a day or two or given immediately. Get some brown lunch bags, empty paper towel rolls, cardboard shipping boxes, etc. and then fill them with yummy treats. You can use biscuits,

cheeses, applesauce, whip cream, meat products, and spices just to name a few. Many dogs love to shred the boxes and bags, which may be of concern to your staff. However, once cleanup is incorporated into the regular routine it will become just another part of the job.

Day Foster (3C)

Allowing staff and volunteers to take dogs off-site provides one-on-one time while getting the dog away from the hustle and bustle of the busy shelter environment. , take a dog to lunch or to run errands. The goal is to get them out and about, seeing and experiencing new things, and interacting with the public.

Playgroup (3C)

Only experienced and trained volunteers should lead play groups and it is highly recommended that staff also participate in the playgroup activities. Through socialization, mental stimulation, and physical exercise Playgroups can increase the quality of life for shelter dogs. Playgroups also give staff and volunteers insights into individual dogs personalities. Before any playgroup is implemented, it is important to get proper training from any of the available playgroup training providers.

Manners (3C)

Teaching basic commands, such as sit, stay, and heel, will provide mental stimulation, physical activity, and may help adoptions. Lead by a trainer at first and held regularly. Volunteers and staff should participate and each is responsible for bringing a dog to the class. The added advantage of a group manners class is that it cultivates teamwork between volunteers and staff.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Get approval from the shelter veterinarian prior to implementing any activities in this program. Develop and implement a plan to ensure your staff and volunteers are properly trained in each activity. Make sure dogs that are selected for the program are healthy and behaviorally ready for participation.

While the goal of enrichment is often to increase mental and physical stimulation, many animals benefit from enrichment strategies that reduce stimulation. Some high energy, and/or extremely athletic dogs may benefit from additional enrichment in the form of increased mental and physical exercise. Other dogs will be too fearful to find certain activities an enriching experience. This could change during the course of their stay so appropriate enrichment activities should be chosen based on the current emotional state and observed behavior of individual dogs. If animals exhibit challenging behavior such as rough, rowdy play or mouthy behavior, limit direct contact with people to skilled designated staff and volunteers. Be sure to post clear, noticeable signage to indicate which animals require designated handlers.

The food dispensing activities in the program are great for mental stimulation and they increase the time during the day when a dog is engaged in enriched activities. Be sure to start with easier activities that assure success; too difficult of an activity can increase frustration and stress.

To keep dogs safe, enrichment activities that involve food and toys should not be used in areas containing, or accessible to, more than one dog. If dogs are housed in groups, each dog should be given a private space to play with toys.

A Few Dog Safe Ingestible Extracts, Spices, and Foods

Extracts

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Basil	Chamomile	Eucalyptus	Lavender
Lemon	Peppermint	Rose	Vanilla

Spices

Anise	Carob	Catnip	Ceylon Cinnamon
Cumin	Dill	Kelp	Nutmeg
Oregano	Parsley	Rosemary	

Stuffing Food

Peanut Butter	Canned Pumpkin	Wet Dog Food	Peas
Cottage Cheese	Greek Yogurt	Cream Cheese	Apple Sauce
Blueberries	Baby Food	Boiled Eggs	Rice
Hot Dogs	Broth	Whip Cream	Kibble

ENRICH MY SHELTER STAY - WEEKLY ACTIVITY BOARD

KENNEL ZONE	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
100	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY
200	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY
300	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY
400	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY
500	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY
600	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY
700	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY
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Daily Activities	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY
Today's Scent	SCENT	SCENT	SCENT	SCENT	SCENT	SCENT	SCENT

ENRICH MY SHELTER STAY - WEEKLY ACTIVITY BOARD

KENNEL ZONE	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
100	LET'S GET VISUAL (1A)	FLIRT (1C)	FREE PLAY (1C)	BRUSH DOWN (2B)	BRUSH DOWN (2B)	4 ON THE FLOOR (1A)	STORYTIME
200	4 ON THE FLOOR (1A)	LET'S GET VISUAL (1A)	FLIRT (1C)	FREE PLAY (1C)	SMEAR (2A)	STORYTIME (1A)	FLIRT (1C)
300	FLIRT (1C)	4 ON THE FLOOR (1A)	LET'S GET VISUAL (1A)	SMEAR (2A)	STORYTIME (1A)	BRUSH DOWN (2B)	FREE PLAY (1C)
400	FREE PLAY (1C)	BRUSH DOWN (2B)	4 ON THE FLOOR (1A)	LET'S GET VISUAL (1A)	FREE PLAY (1C)	SMEAR (2A)	STORYTIME (1A)
500	SMEAR (2A)	FREE PLAY (1C)	STORYTIME (1A)	STORYTIME (1A)	LET'S GET VISUAL (1A)	FLIRT (1C)	BRUSH DOWN (2B)
600	BRUSH DOWN (2B)	STORYTIME (1A)	SMEAR (2A)	4 ON THE FLOOR (1A)	FLIRT (1C)	LET'S GET VISUAL (1A)	SMEAR (2A)
700	STORYTIME (1A)	SMEAR (2A)	BRUSH DOWN (2B)	FLIRT (1C)	4 ON THE FLOOR (1A)	FREE PLAY (1C)	LET'S GET VISUAL (1A)
*VAR							
Daily Activities	GIMMIE A BREAK	THAT SMELL	STORYTIME	CLICK FOR QUIET	BUBBLY	BEDDING	SMEAR IT UP
Today's Scent	LEMON	VANILLA	PEPPERMINT	ROSE	CHAMOMILE	LAVENDER	BASIL

WEEKLY ACTIVITY BOARD USING ODD AND EVEN DAYS/KENNEL NUMBERS

ENRICH MY SHELTER STAY - WEEKLY ACTIVITY BOARD

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Today's Scent	SCENT	SCENT	SCENT	SCENT	SCENT	SCENT
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ENRICH MY SHELTER STAY - WEEKLY ACTIVITY BOARD						
DATE/KENNEL	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ODD	LET'S GET VISUAL	BUBBLY	FREE PLAY	SMEAR	BRUSH DOWN	4 ON THE FLOOR
EVEN	4 ON THE FLOOR	LET'S GET VISUAL	FLIRT	FREE PLAY	SMEAR	STORYTIME
ODD	FLIRT	4 ON THE FLOOR	LET'S GET VISUAL	SMEAR	STORYTIME	BRUSH DOWN
EVEN	FREE PLAY	FLIRT	4 ON THE FLOOR	LET'S GET VISUAL	BRUSH DOWN	SMEAR
ODD	SMEAR	FREE PLAY	STORYTIME	STORYTIME	LET'S GET VISUAL	FLIRT
EVEN	BRUSH DOWN	STORYTIME	FREE PLAY	4 ON THE FLOOR	FLIRT	LET'S GET VISUAL
ODD	STORYTIME	SMEAR	BRUSH DOWN	FLIRT	4 ON THE FLOOR	FREE PLAY
*VAR						LET'S GET VISUAL
Daily Activities	GIMMIE A BREAK	THAT SMELL	STORYTIME	CLICK FOR QUIET	BUBBLY	SMEAR IT UP
Today's Scent	LEMON	VANILLA	PEPPERMINT	ROSE	CHAMOMILE	LAVENDER
						BASIL

WEEKEND ACTIVITY BOARD

ENRICH MY SHELTER STAY - WEEKEND ACTIVITY BOARD		
KENNEL ZONE	SUNDAY	SATURDAY
100	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY
200	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY
300	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY
400	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY
500	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY
600	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY
700	ACTIVITY	ACTIVITY
*VAR		
Daily Activities	GIMME A BREAK, THAT SMELL, STORYTIME, CLICK FOR QUIET, BUBBLY, BEDDING, SMEAR IT UP, PUPSCILES, BRUSH DOWN	
Today's Scent	SCENT	SCENT

ENRICH MY SHELTER STAY - WEEKEND ACTIVITY BOARD		
KENNEL ZONE	SUNDAY	SATURDAY
100	FREE PLAY (1C)	KONG PARTY (2B)
200	FREE PLAY (1C)	KONG PARTY (2B)
300	FREE PLAY (1C)	KONG PARTY (2B)
400	KONG PARTY (2B)	FREE PLAY (1C)
500	KONG PARTY (2B)	FREE PLAY (1C)
600	KONG PARTY (2B)	FREE PLAY (1C)
700	KONG PARTY (2B)	FREE PLAY (1C)
*VAR		
Daily Activities	GIMME A BREAK, THAT SMELL, STORYTIME, CLICK FOR QUIET, BUBBLY, BEDDING, SMEAR IT UP, PUPSCILES, BRUSH DOWN	
Today's Scent	VANILLA	ROSE

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

MEETING DATE: August 14, 2018

PREPARED BY: Brenda F Barnette

REPORT DATE: August 9, 2018

TITLE: General Manager

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 12, FARM ANIMAL CONFINEMENT INITIATIVE (2018)

BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED: APPROVE

Direct the Department to advise the City Council that the Board of Animal Services Commissioners supports the passage of Proposition 12 and to ask the City Lobbyists to **Support California Proposition 12, Farm Animal Confinement Initiative (2018)**.

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[https://ballotpedia.org/California Proposition 12, Farm Animal Confinement Initiative \(2018\)](https://ballotpedia.org/California Proposition 12, Farm Animal Confinement Initiative (2018))

BACKGROUND:

In 2008, the The Humane Society of the United States developed a ballot initiative, titled Proposition 2, to ban the confinement of pregnant pigs, calves raised for veal, and egg-laying hens in a manner that did not allow them to turn around freely, lie down, stand up, and fully extend their limbs. Proposition 2 did not provide specific square feet when defining prohibited confinement. Rather, the size restrictions were based on animal behavior. Opponents, such as the Association of California Egg Farmers, claimed this was too vague. Voters approved Proposition 2, and the law went into effect in 2015.

Proposition 12 of 2018, unlike Proposition 2, would ban the sale of meat and eggs from calves raised for veal, breeding pigs, and egg-laying hens confined in areas below a *specific number of square feet*. The size restrictions based on animal behavior would be repealed and replaced. Beginning in 2020, the proposal would ban:

- whole veal meat from a calf (young domestic cow) that was confined in an area with less than 43 square feet of usable floor space per calf;
- whole pork meat from a breeding pig or the immediate offspring of a breeding pig that was confined in an area with less than 24 square feet of usable floor space per pig; and
- shell eggs and liquid eggs from an egg-laying hen (chicken, turkey, duck, goose, or guinea fowl) that was confined in an area with less than 1 square foot of usable floor space per hen.

Beginning in 2021, producers would be required to confine egg-laying hens in cage-free housing systems based on the United Egg Producers' 2017 cage-free guidelines.

California Proposition 12, the Farm Animal Confinement Initiative, is on the ballot in California on November 6, 2018.

A **YES** vote supports banning the sale of meat and eggs from calves raised for veal, breeding pigs, and egg-laying hens confined in areas below a *specific number of square feet*.

A **NO** vote opposes banning the sale of meat and eggs from calves raised for veal, breeding pigs, and egg-laying hens confined in areas below a *specific number of square feet*.

The ballot initiative would make the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the California Department of Public Health responsible for the measure's implementation. Violations of the initiative would be considered misdemeanors, with fines up to \$1,000. Proposition 2 (2008) did not authorize a state department to enforce the ballot initiative. Therefore, local law enforcement agencies were made *de facto* responsible for enforcing Proposition 2's size restrictions.

Prevent Cruelty California, a ballot measure committee, is leading the campaign in support of the ballot initiative. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) launched the campaign committee. As of July 7, 2018, the campaign committee had raised \$3.14 million. The largest contributor to the committee was the Humane Society, which provided \$2.05 million in cash and in-kind services.

The Association of California Egg Farmers and National Pork Producers Council came out in opposition to the ballot initiative, arguing that the required changes would increase food prices and create meat and egg shortages. The Humane Farming Association (HFA), People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), and Friends of Animals—animal rights organizations—also came out against the initiative, contending that the HSUS was colluding with the United Egg Producers and that the measure would keep hens in "horrific multi-level "cage-free" factory systems." HFA launched the committee Californians Against Cruelty, Cages, and Fraud to oppose the initiative. As of July 7, 2018, the committee had raised \$550,000.

Bans sale of meat from animals confined in spaces below specific sizes.

SUMMARY:

The Humane Society of the United States, ASPCA, and nearly 500 California veterinarians endorse Prop 12.

Voting YES prevents baby veal calves, mother pigs, and egg-laying hens from being crammed inside tiny cages for their entire lives. It will eliminate inhumane and unsafe products from these abused animals from the California marketplace. Voting YES reduces the risk of people being sickened by food poisoning and factory farm pollution, and helps family farmers.

PREVENT CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. It's cruel to confine a baby calf in a tiny cage. Taken away from his mother shortly after birth, he's confined in that abusive way until he's sent to slaughter—at just four months old.

A mother pig shouldn't be locked in a tiny, metal cage where she can barely move. She's trapped, forced to live in this small amount of space for *nearly four years*.

It's wrong to cram a hen tightly in an overcrowded, wire cage for her entire life. She's forced to eat, sleep, defecate, waste, and lay eggs in the same small space every single day.

PROTECT OUR FAMILIES FROM FOOD POISONING AND FACTORY FARM POLLUTION. In the past decade, there have been recalls of nearly a billion eggs from caged chickens because they carried deadly *Salmonella*. Scientific studies repeatedly find that packing animals in tiny, filthy cages increases the risk of food poisoning. Even *Poultry World*, a leading egg industry publication admitted, "*Salmonella thrives in caged housing.*"

That's why the Center for Food Safety and National Consumers League both endorse YES on Prop 12.

The American Public Health Association called for a moratorium on new animal confinement operations because they pollute the air and ground water, and diminish the quality of life for nearby homeowners.

HELP FAMILY FARMERS AND GROW THE CALIFORNIA ECONOMY. Mega-factory farms that cage animals cut corners and drive family farmers out of business. By voting YES on Prop 12 we can create sensible standards that keep family farmers in business—and allow them to grow. Since cage-free farms employ more workers, this measure would create *more jobs* for hardworking farming families.

That's why *California family farmers* and the *United Farm Workers* endorse Prop 12.

A COMMON-SENSE REFORM

- Prop 12 strengthens a decade-old animal cruelty law and provides ample phase-in time for producers to shift to cage-free practices.
- Over 200 major food companies like *Walmart*, *Taco Bell*, *McDonald's*, *Burger King*, *Safeway*, and *Dollar Tree* have committed to using cage-free products.
- A dozen states have passed laws addressing the cruel caging of farm animals.
- The YES vote is endorsed by *Catholic*, *Presbyterian*, *Episcopal*, *Methodist*, *Jewish*, *Evangelical*, and *Unitarian* faith leaders, and *local animal shelters across California*.

We wouldn't force our dog or cat to live in a filthy, tiny cage for her whole life; we shouldn't allow any animal to endure such suffering either. All animals, including farm animals, deserve protection from cruelty and abuse.

SUPPORTERS

Officials

- Sen. Henry Stern (D-27)
- Former officials
- Sen. Dean Florez (D-16)

Municipalities

- Encinitas City Council

Organizations

- The Humane Society of the United States
- The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- San Diego Humane Society
- Marin Humane Society
- Yolo County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- The Humane League
- Mercy For Animals
- Compassion in World Farming
- Animal Equality
- Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Animal Protection and Rescue League
- Compassion Over Killing
- FixNation
- Heaven on Earth Society for Animals
- In Defense of Animals
- Bark Avenue Foundation
- Compassion Champs
- Santa Paula Animal Rescue Inc.
- The Gentle Barn
- Animal Welfare Institute
- Harvest Home Animal Sanctuary
- The Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association
- Center for Food Safety
- Farm Forward
- National Consumers League
- Organic Consumers Association
- Center for Biological Diversity
- Roots of Change
- Jewish Initiative for Animals
- Evangelicals for Social Action
- CreatureKind
- Shamayim V'aretz Institute

ARGUMENTS

- **Wayne Pacelle**, former president of the Humane Society, said, "Californians know that locking farm animals in tight cages for the duration of their lives is cruel and compromises food safety. All animals deserve humane treatment, especially those raised for food."

OPPONENTS

- Association of California Egg Farmers
- Friends of Animals
- Humane Farming Association (HFA)
- National Pork Producers Council
- People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)¹


ARGUMENTS

- The **Association of California Egg Farmers** issued the following statement: "With this new initiative now calling for full compliance by the end of 2021, HSUS is reneging on the original agreement and this expedited timeline may result in supply disruptions, price spikes and a shortage of eggs for sale."
- **Jim Monroe**, spokesperson of the National Pork Producers Council, said, "Livestock production practices should be left to those who are most informed about animal care — farmers — and not animal rights activists. Additionally, changes in housing systems, which come with significant costs that increase food prices, should be driven by consumer purchasing decisions, not the agenda of any activist group."
- The **Humane Farming Association** stated, "The Humane Society of the United States is once again deceiving voters, flip-flopping on the issue of cages, and perpetuating the suffering of millions of egg-laying hens throughout California. The inescapable reality is that, had Prop 2 actually accomplished what HSUS promised, California would be cage free at this very moment. Rather than correcting its historic failure, HSUS is now misusing our state's ballot measure process with a whole new set of false promises. This betrayal of voters and farm animals must be soundly defeated."

FISCAL IMPACT:

Potential decrease in state and local tax revenues from farm businesses, likely not to exceed the low millions of dollars annually. Potential state costs ranging up to ten million dollars annually to enforce the measure.

Approved:


Brenda Barnette, General Manager

BOARD ACTION:

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

MEETING DATE: August 14, 2018

PREPARED BY: Brenda Barnette

REPORT DATE: August 10, 2018

TITLE: General Manager

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO LAMC SECTION 53.50 – GOVERNING RULES FOR GRANTING PERMITS FOR PET SHOPS

BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:

APPROVE: Staff recommendation for the Department to Submit the Proposed Modification to LAMC Section 53.50 – Governing Rules for Granting Permits for Pet Shops.

BACKGROUND:

In June 2017, a motion to was made by Councilmember Blumenfield and seconded by Councilmember Buscaino (Council file 11-0754-S2):

SUMMARY: A proposed ordinance (Appendix A) amending Sections 12.03, 12.14, 12.17 and 12.24 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to facilitate pet adoption by increasing the number of adult dogs permitted to be kept overnight in pet shops in certain commercial zones (C2, C4, C5 and CM) with development and operation standards; and to provide a relief mechanism for shops to vary from the standards or to locate in the remaining commercial zones (CR, C1 and C1.5).

The purpose of the ordinance was to have retail pet shops in locations that would allow more shelter animals to be adopted, and to decrease the competition created by bringing in animals from other places. This is made worse by the trend that some adoption organizations practice of getting animals from abroad, or out of state and the puppy mills that have set themselves up as nonprofit rescues while we are still euthanizing adoptable dogs for space in our own municipal shelters.

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However, the Planning Department did not consider the source of the pets to be part of their scope of work. Therefore they did not address the source of the pets sold in pet stores.

SUMMARY:

The Department requests that the Board approve this report recommending that pets being sold in pet shops be animals from Los Angeles City or Los Angeles County municipal animal shelters. Once approved and transmitted to the Mayor and City Council, Council will direct the City Attorney's Office to draft an amendment to the existing pet shop section in the Animal Services LAMC section similar to the sample below:

(e) **Rules and Regulations.** The General Manager is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt such rules and regulations reasonably necessary to carry out the purpose of this Article and to ensure the maintenance of approved and humane conditions at any place for which a permit is granted hereunder. Before granting a permit for a pet shop, the General Manager shall consider the pet shop's location, size, operations and other significant features including but not limited to the number and type of animals present and that the dogs, cats or rabbits have been or will be obtained from a municipal shelter belonging to the City or to the County of Los Angeles. The General Manager shall impose reasonable restrictions as part of the pet shop permit to ensure that the pet shop will not unreasonably subject adjacent businesses or the surrounding neighborhood to unwarranted noise and odor, and will protect the public health, welfare and safety. A copy of such rules and regulations shall be furnished to each applicant upon the filing of a permit application. **(Amended by Ord. No. 182,816, Eff. 1/19/14.)**

The modification deletes the reference to humane societies and rescue groups as possible sources of animals that can be sold in pet shops and limits pet shops to selling animals that are obtained from shelters belonging to the City or to the County of Los Angeles. This is important for enforcement and to prevent pet shops from getting animals from abroad or out of state from puppy mills that have set themselves up as nonprofit rescues while we are still euthanizing adoptable dogs for space in our own municipal shelters.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

Approved:



Brenda Barnette, General Manager

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BOARD ACTION:

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City of Los Angeles Department of Animal Services



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Animal Cruelty Crimes

Los Angeles, August 9, 2018 - Los Angeles Animal Services is dedicated to the humane treatment and care of all animals within the City of Los Angeles. Each day, Animal Control Officers respond to alleged humane complaints of animal cruelty and abuse. Humane cases can range from leaving any animal (including, but not limited to: fowl/chickens, rabbits, cats, dogs, etc.) without food, water and/or shelter to more violent crimes which result in the injury or death of an animal.

Animal Control Officers are trained to investigate each matter on a case by case basis. Officers are trained to execute warrants and to file charges for prosecution. Most matter which involve some type of blood sport or result in the death of an animal are referred to the Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACTF) for investigation and prosecution. ACTF is a special team that operates out of the Los Angeles Police Department. The task force is composed of Animal Controls Officers and Los Angeles Police Detectives who work in cooperation with both the City Attorney's and District Attorney's Offices. The task force is very successful in prosecuting animal cruelty matters and finding outcomes, which require persons charged with animal cruelty to face serious jail time, large fines and parole or probation.

Below is an excerpt of the California Penal Code regarding Crimes Against Animals:

597. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (c) of this section or Section 599c, every person who maliciously and intentionally maims, mutilates, tortures, or wounds a living animal, or maliciously and intentionally kills an animal, is guilty of a crime punishable pursuant to subdivision (d). (b) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (a) or (c), every person who overdrives, overloads, drives when overloaded, overworks, tortures, torments, deprives of necessary sustenance, drink, or shelter, cruelly beats, mutilates, or cruelly kills any animal, or causes or procures any animal to be so overdriven, overloaded, driven when overloaded, overworked, tortured, tormented, deprived of necessary sustenance, drink, shelter, or to be cruelly beaten, mutilated, or cruelly killed; and whoever, having the charge or custody of any animal, either as owner or otherwise, subjects any animal to needless suffering, or inflicts unnecessary cruelty upon the animal, or in any manner abuses any animal, or fails to provide the animal with proper food, drink, or shelter or protection from the weather, or who drives, rides, or otherwise uses the animal when unfit for labor, is, for each offense, guilty of a crime punishable pursuant to subdivision (d). (c) Every person who maliciously and intentionally maims, mutilates, or tortures any mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, or fish, as described in subdivision (e), is guilty of a crime punishable pursuant to subdivision (d). (d) A violation of subdivision (a), (b), or (c) is punishable as a felony by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170, or by a fine of not more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or by both that fine and imprisonment, or alternatively, as a misdemeanor by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or by both that fine and imprisonment.

Animal cruelty can be reported 24/7 to the City of Los Angeles Animal Cruelty Task Force at (213) 486-0450 or Los Angeles Animal Services at (888) 452-7381.

Los Angeles Department of Animal Services is one of the largest municipal shelter systems in the United States with six shelters serving approximately 60,000 animals annually and responding to 20,000 emergency calls involving an animal or person in danger. LA Animal Services promotes and protects the health, safety and welfare of animals and people.

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PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the various definitions of kennels.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Koretz - Blumenfield):

1. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance amending the definition of kennel in Section 12.03 of the Los Angeles Planning and Zoning Code (LAPZC) to specify its application only to kennels maintained for business purposes, with the exception of pet shops (which are separately defined in Section 12.03), and that the definition also be used to resolve any differences in language that exist with the dog and cat kennel definitions in Section 53.00 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC), including adding cats if doing so is deemed appropriate and/or useful.
2. INSTRUCT the Department of Animal Services and the Board of Animal Services Commissioners to immediately undertake a public process to make recommendations for the initiation of an Ordinance adding specific per household dog and cat limits to Section 53.00 of the LAMC, amending the dog and cat kennel definitions in Section 53.00 of the LAMC to resolve any differences in language with the proposed revision of the kennel definition in Section 12.03 of the LAPZC, and to ensure that the definition of pet shops in Section 53.00 matches that in Section 12.03, with the intention of having these amendments be considered by the City Council in conjunction with any proposed amendment of the kennel definition in Section 12.03 undertaken as a function of Motion (Koretz - Blumenfield), dated December 13, 2017, and attached to the Council file.

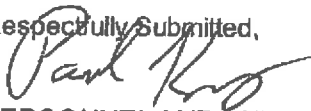
Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

At a regular meeting held on January 17, 2018, the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee considered Motion (Koretz - Blumenfield) regarding the definition of kennel. General Manager of the DAS and a representative of the City Attorney's Office clarified to the Committee regarding the term kennel in the various codes. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to approve the Motion and request the City Attorney to prepare the Ordinance. This matter is now submitted to the Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
KORETZ	YES
PRICE	YES
ENGLANDER	ABSENT