



BOARD OF ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
**Tuesday, April 23, 2019**  
**7:00 P.M.**

EAST VALLEY ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER  
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**FACILITY TOUR OF EAST VALLEY ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER**

Commission Tour of East Valley Animal Services Center (starts at 6:15 p.m.). Public is welcome. There is also an option to review the Chameleon Animal Information Management System. The Commission meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

**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)

**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. Discussion on the Los Angeles Animal Service Expression of Esteem Nominees and Certificates of Appreciation (LAASEE). (Information Item)

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

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

**6. BOARD REPORTS**

- A. **Tabled at the April 9, 2019 Board Meeting**  
Recommendation to Support Assembly Bill No. 611 (Nazarian) – Prohibition on the Sexual Abuse of Animals. (Action Item)
- B. Dogs Playing for Life Program (Action Item)
- C. Woofstat Report for March 2019. (Information Item)
- D. Discussion on Dog Limits in the City of Los Angeles; Reference Council File No. 17-1237-S1. (Information Item)

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M., May 14, 2019, 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 (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-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.

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

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

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

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

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

**VOTING AND DISPOSITION OF ITEMS** – Most items require a majority vote of the entire membership of the Board (3 members). When debate on an item is completed, the Board President will instruct the Secretary to "call the roll". Every member present must vote for or against each item; abstentions are not permitted unless there is a Conflict of

Interest for which the Board member is obliged to abstain from voting. The Secretary will announce the votes on each item. Any member of the Board may move to "reconsider" any vote on any item on the agenda, except to adjourn, suspend the Rules, or where an intervening event has deprived the Board of jurisdiction, providing that said member originally voted on the prevailing side of the item. The motion to "reconsider" shall only be in order once during the meeting, and once during the next regular meeting. The member requesting reconsideration shall identify for all members present the Agenda number and subject matter previously voted upon. A motion to reconsider is not debatable and shall require an affirmative vote of three members of the Board.

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



CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
**DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SERVICES**  
**POLICIES and PROCEDURES**



**PROCEDURE RELATIVE TO LOS ANGELES ANIMAL SERVICE EXPRESSION OF  
ESTEEM NOMINEES AND CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION**

Date Issued: **March 10, 2015**

Division Code: **ADMIN 21**

**I. PURPOSE**

To recognize individuals or groups who are dedicated to the protection of all animals (companion, farm or wild) in Los Angeles, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners approved the *Los Angeles Animal Service Expression of Esteem* (LAASEE) on December 9, 2015.

The commendations shall be awarded on a quarterly basis and may be bestowed to LAAS employees or group projects, volunteers, outside organizations and individuals or elected officials.

In addition, Board-approved *Certificates of Appreciation* (CAPs) will be awarded to all shelter volunteers who have worked 100 hours by March 15, 2015. After that, the Volunteer Liaisons and related staff will review volunteer hours and areas of significant service to create meaningful annual awards. This could include but no be limited to number of fosters cared for, hours of service, years of service and others.

A "Commendations Commissioner" shall be appointed and work with LAAS to plan the presentation of commendations, to encourage nominations and to help invite press about upcoming commendation ceremonies.

**II. PROCESS / RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 1) At the beginning of each calendar-year quarter, each member of the Board shall be invited to submit to the Board Secretary one name of any individual or group that has exemplified extraordinary service and dedication to the wellbeing of animals in Los Angeles. These names shall be kept in confidence by the Board Secretary.
- 2) Not more than five (5) names will be considered each calendar-year quarter. One quarter will be dedicated to volunteer recognition, one to staff recognition and the other two quarters will be dedicated to community members.
  - a) This process will be in addition to staff commendations recommended and bestowed by supervisors to recognize excellence.
  - b) In the event that two or more Commissioners submit the same name for

consideration, the Board Secretary will promptly inform those Commissioners of this and work with them to ensure that five different nominees are considered for that quarter.

- 3) Each submission will include a 100-word (maximum) statement describing why the person should be considered for nomination.
- 4) Staff and Volunteer names will be vetted by the General Manager, Commendations Commissioner, and a representative from the City Personnel Department. Nominees should have exemplary Personnel records showing progress and should be for work and dedication above the normal work performed, i.e. for exemplary service. Community members and groups will be vetted by the General Manager and the Commendations Commissioner.
- 5) The Board of Animal Services Commissioners empowers the "Commendations Commissioner" and LAAS to make decisions for whom shall get Commendations from those nominated. This allows the nominations to be done in a professional manner without publicly declaring that a nominee was rejected should that occur.
- 6) The Commendations Commissioner shall notify the Board President that honorees have been selected so the item can be put on the agenda for the quarterly awards presentation.
- 7) At the beginning of an upcoming meeting, preferably one that is held in the community (except when the awardees include staff), LAASEE award(s) and CAPs certificates will be prepared by the Department and presented by the Board.
  - a) Prior to this meeting, the Board Secretary will notify the selected LAASEE and CAPs honorees that the Commission wishes to recognize them and give them the meeting date, time and location.

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

**MEETING DATE:** April 9, 2019 and April 23, 2019      **PREPARED BY:** Brenda Barnette

**REPORT DATE:** April 1, 2019      **TITLE:** General Manager

**SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 611 (NAZARIAN) –  
PROHIBITION ON THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF ANIMALS**

**BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

1. **SUPPORT** State Assembly Bill No. 611 (Nazarian) – Sexual Abuse of Animal; and
2. **AUTHORIZE** staff to transmit this recommendation to the Mayor and City Council for consideration of adoption in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor.

**BACKGROUND:**

In February 2019, Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian introduced Assembly Bill (AB 611) which would amend sections of the Business and Professions Code and amend and repeal sections of the Penal Code related to the sexual abuse of animals.

**SUMMARY:**

Although there are current laws in place prohibiting the sexual abuse of certain animals, AB 611 broadens the State's reach to protect all animals from this type of abuse. It also provides other provisions to help protect the welfare of animals that may be victims of sexual abuse, including:

- Authorization to seize and impound animals that are victims of sexual abuse;
- Expansion of reporting requirements for veterinarians who have a reasonable cause to believe an animal has been a victim of sexual abuse; and

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- The addition of animal sexual abuse to the list of offenses which would result in the prohibition of those convicted of the crime, from owning, possessing or maintaining an animal for a specified period of time.

Under AB 611, an animal shelter administered by a public animal control agency, a humane society, or any society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, and an animal rescue or animal adoption organization may ask a person who is attempting to adopt an animal from that entity whether the person is prohibited from owning, possessing, maintaining, having custody of, or residing with an animal.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The support of AB 611 does not impact the General Fund.

Approved:



Brenda Barnette, General Manager

Attachment: AB 611

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**BOARD ACTION:**

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**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 611**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Nazarian**

February 14, 2019

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An act to amend Section 4830.7 of the Business and Professions Code, and to amend Section 597.9 of, and to repeal and add Section 286.5 of, the Penal Code, relating to sexual abuse of animals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 611, as introduced, Nazarian. Sexual abuse of animals.

Existing law makes it a misdemeanor to sexually assault certain animals for the purpose of gratifying the sexual desires of a person.

This bill would repeal that provision and would instead prohibit sexual contact, as defined, with any animal. The bill would make a violation of these provisions punishable as a misdemeanor. The bill would also authorize the seizure of an animal used in the violation of this offense.

Existing law makes it a misdemeanor for persons convicted of certain animal abuse crimes to own, possess, maintain, care for, reside with, or have custody of an animal for a specified period after conviction.

This bill would add animal sexual abuse to the list of offenses which result in that prohibition.

Existing law requires a veterinarian that has reasonable cause to believe an animal under their care has been a victim of animal abuse or cruelty to promptly report the abuse or cruelty to the appropriate law enforcement authorities of the county, city, or city and county in which it occurred. Existing law makes a violation of these provisions a misdemeanor.

This bill would expand that reporting requirement to include when the veterinarian has reasonable cause to believe an animal has been a

victim of sexual abuse or kept without proper care and attention, as specified.

By creating new crimes, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 4830.7 of the Business and Professions  
2 Code is amended to read:

3 4830.7. Whenever any licensee under this chapter has  
4 reasonable cause to believe an animal under its care has been a  
5 victim of animal abuse or cruelty, as prescribed in ~~Section~~ Sections  
6 597 and 597.1 of the Penal Code, *or of sexual abuse, as prescribed*  
7 *in Section 286.5 of the Penal Code*, it shall be the duty of the  
8 licensee to promptly report it to the appropriate law enforcement  
9 authorities of the county, city, or city and county in which it  
10 occurred. No licensee shall incur any civil liability as a result of  
11 making any report pursuant to this section or as a result of making  
12 any report of a violation of *Section 286.5*, subdivisions (a), (b),  
13 and (c) of ~~Section 597~~ 597, *or Section 597.1*, of the Penal Code.

14 SEC. 2. Section 286.5 of the Penal Code is repealed.

15 ~~286.5. Any person who sexually assaults any animal protected~~  
16 ~~by Section 597f for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual~~  
17 ~~desire of the person is guilty of a misdemeanor.~~

18 SEC. 3. Section 286.5 is added to the Penal Code, to read:

19 286.5. (a) Every person who has sexual contact with an animal  
20 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

21 (b) This section does not apply to any lawful and accepted  
22 practice related to veterinary medicine performed by a licensed  
23 veterinarian or a certified veterinary technician under the guidance  
24 of a licensed veterinarian, any artificial insemination of animals  
25 for reproductive purposes, any accepted animal husbandry practices  
26 such as raising, breeding, or assisting with the birthing process of

1 animals or any other practice that provides care for an animal, or  
2 to any generally accepted practices related to the judging of breed  
3 conformation.

4 (c) As used in this section, the following terms have the  
5 following meanings:

6 (1) “Animal” means any nonhuman creature, whether alive or  
7 dead.

8 (2) “Sexual contact” means any act, committed for the purpose  
9 of sexual arousal or gratification, abuse, or financial gain, between  
10 a person and an animal involving contact between the sex organs  
11 or anus of one and the mouth, sex organs, or anus of the other, or,  
12 without a bona fide veterinary or animal husbandry purpose, the  
13 insertion, however slight, of any part of the body of a person or  
14 any object into the vaginal or anal opening of an animal, or the  
15 insertion of any part of the body of an animal into the vaginal or  
16 anal opening of a person.

17 (d) Notwithstanding any other law, if a defendant is granted  
18 probation for a conviction under this section, the court shall order  
19 the defendant to pay for, and successfully complete, counseling,  
20 as determined by the court, designed to evaluate and treat behavior  
21 or conduct disorders. If the court finds that the defendant is  
22 financially unable to pay for that counseling, the court may develop  
23 a sliding fee schedule based upon the defendant’s ability to pay.  
24 An indigent defendant may negotiate a deferred payment schedule,  
25 but shall pay a nominal fee if the defendant has the ability to pay  
26 the nominal fee. County mental health departments or Medi-Cal  
27 shall be responsible for the costs of counseling required by this  
28 section only for those persons who meet the medical necessity  
29 criteria for mental health managed care pursuant to Section  
30 1830.205 of Title 9 of the California Code of Regulations or the  
31 targeted population criteria specified in Section 5600.3 of the  
32 Welfare and Institutions Code. The counseling specified in this  
33 subdivision shall be in addition to any other terms and conditions  
34 of probation, including any term of imprisonment and any fine.  
35 This provision specifies a mandatory additional term of probation  
36 and is not to be utilized as an alternative in lieu of imprisonment  
37 in a county jail when that sentence is otherwise appropriate. If the  
38 court does not order custody as a condition of probation for a  
39 conviction under this section, the court shall specify on the court  
40 record the reason or reasons for not ordering custody.

1 (e) (1) Any authorized officer investigating a violation of this  
2 section may seize an animal that has been used in the commission  
3 of an offense to protect the health or safety of the animal or the  
4 health or safety of others, and to obtain evidence of the offense.

5 (2) Any animal seized pursuant to this subdivision shall be  
6 promptly taken to a shelter facility or veterinary clinic to be  
7 examined by a veterinarian for evidence of sexual contact.

8 (3) Upon the conviction of a person charged with a violation of  
9 this section, all animals lawfully seized and impounded with respect  
10 to the violation shall be adjudged by the court to be forfeited and  
11 shall thereupon be transferred to the impounding officer or  
12 appropriate public entity for proper adoption or other disposition.  
13 A person convicted of a violation of this section shall be personally  
14 liable to the seizing agency for all costs of impoundment from the  
15 time of seizure to the time of proper disposition. Upon conviction,  
16 the court shall order the convicted person to make payment to the  
17 appropriate public entity for the costs incurred in the housing, care,  
18 feeding, and treatment of the seized or impounded animals. Each  
19 person convicted in connection with a particular animal may be  
20 held jointly and severally liable for restitution for that particular  
21 animal. The payment shall be in addition to any other fine or  
22 sentence ordered by the court.

23 (4) Except as otherwise specified in this section, if an animal  
24 is seized pursuant to paragraph (1), the disposition, care, or the  
25 responsibility for the financial cost of animals seized shall be in  
26 accordance with the provisions of Section 597.1.

27 SEC. 4. Section 597.9 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

28 597.9. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (c) or (d), a person  
29 who has been convicted of a misdemeanor violation of *Section*  
30 286.5, subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 597, or Section 597a, 597b,  
31 597h, 597j, 597s, or 597.1, and who, within five years after the  
32 conviction, owns, possesses, maintains, has custody of, resides  
33 with, or cares for any animal is guilty of a public offense,  
34 punishable by a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

35 (b) Except as provided in subdivision (c) or (d), a person who  
36 has been convicted of a felony violation of subdivision (a) or (b)  
37 of Section 597, or Section 597b or 597.5, and who, within 10 years  
38 after the conviction, owns, possesses, maintains, has custody of,  
39 resides with, or cares for any animal is guilty of a public offense,  
40 punishable by a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

(c) (1) In cases of owners of livestock, as defined in Section 14205 of the Food and Agricultural Code, a court may, in the interest of justice, exempt a defendant from the injunction required under subdivision (a) or (b), as it would apply to livestock, if the defendant files a petition with the court to establish, and does establish by a preponderance of the evidence, that the imposition of the provisions of this section would result in substantial or undue economic hardship to the defendant's livelihood and that the defendant has the ability to properly care for all livestock in ~~his~~ ~~or her~~ *their* possession.

(2) Upon receipt of a petition from the defendant, the court shall set a hearing to be conducted within 30 days after the filing of the petition. The petitioner shall serve a copy of the petition upon the prosecuting attorney 10 calendar days prior to the requested hearing. The court shall grant the petition for exemption from subdivision (a) or (b) unless the prosecuting attorney shows by a preponderance of the evidence that either or both of the criteria for exemption under this subdivision are untrue.

(d) (1) A defendant may petition the court to reduce the duration of the mandatory ownership prohibition. Upon receipt of a petition from the defendant, the court shall set a hearing to be conducted within 30 days after the filing of the petition. The petitioner shall serve a copy of the petition upon the prosecuting attorney 10 calendar days prior to the requested hearing. At the hearing, the petitioner shall have the burden of establishing by a preponderance of the evidence all of the following:

(A) ~~He or she~~ *The petitioner* does not present a danger to animals.

(B) ~~He or she~~ *The petitioner* has the ability to properly care for all animals in ~~his or her~~ *their* possession.

(C) ~~He or she~~ *The petitioner* has successfully completed all classes or counseling ordered by the court.

(2) If the petitioner has met ~~his or her~~ *their* burden, the court may reduce the mandatory ownership prohibition and may order that the defendant comply with reasonable and unannounced inspections by animal control agencies or law enforcement.

(e) An animal shelter administered by a public animal control agency, a humane society, or any society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, and an animal rescue or animal adoption organization may ask ~~an individual~~ *a person* who is attempting to

1 adopt an animal from that entity whether ~~he or she~~ *the person* is  
2 prohibited from owning, possessing, maintaining, having custody  
3 of, or residing with an animal pursuant to this section.

4 SEC. 5. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
5 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
6 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
7 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
8 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
9 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
10 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
11 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
12 Constitution.

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

**MEETING DATE:** April 23, 2019

**PREPARED BY:** MeLissa Webber

**REPORT DATE:** April 17, 2019

**TITLE:** Assistant General Manager

**SUBJECT: DOGS PLAYING FOR LIFE PROGRAM**

**BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

**APPROVE** Dogs Playing for Life training to expand to remaining five Los Angeles Animal Services Centers.

**BACKGROUND:**

Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) is an enrichment program for shelter dogs featuring playgroups. We have been successfully conducting playgroups, every day, since the inception of the pilot program at the East Valley Animal Services Center on October 29, 2018; with approximately 230 playgroups, impacting 625 dogs. There have been 10 dog incidents resulting in minor injuries and two human bites. February Woofstat reports that at East Valley, the dog save rate is up slightly (1%), and euthanasia is down (21%). Volunteer hours are up over 1000 hours! With these statistics we believe that it has been a successful pilot and we are ready to move forward to the remaining animal services centers.

We have volunteers and staff members who are dedicated to this program and continue to run playgroups at least five (5) days a week, which is helping us to continue to create a humane LA. The dogs are getting much needed enrichment and have better kennel presentation.

**SUMMARY:**

It is our goal to host DPFL training at the remaining five animal services centers, beginning next with the Chesterfield Square/South Los Angeles Animal Services Center. Both volunteers and staff are eager to provide the much needed enrichment to the over 300 dogs residing at that shelter, and get to know more about their personalities and behavior so that we can create a pathway plan for each of them, moving them into adoptive and foster homes, and to our New Hope partners.

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The DPFL team is set to begin classroom presentations at Chesterfield Square on April 24, 2019, with playgroups beginning on April 25, 2019. Staff, volunteers, and partner groups from all locations will once again be invited and encouraged to participate in the program.

The Dogs Playing for Life program will continue to be funded by the ASPCA and Petco Foundation with not cost to the AWTF or the General Fund.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

Approved:

  
Brenda Barnette, General Manager

**BOARD ACTION:**

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



**C. Woofstat Report for March 2019. (Information Item)**

(Report not included in packet. To be distributed at a later date.)

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