



BOARD OF ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, May 14, 2019
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)

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 April 9, 2019. (Action Item)
- B. Approval of Minutes for the Meeting of April 23, 2019. (Action Item)

4. ORAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

5. COMMISSIONERS' ORAL REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6. BOARD REPORTS

- A. Authorize Contract No. C-123811 – Amendment No. 4 – Between the City of Los Angeles and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for the Continued Operation of the Spay and Neuter Clinic at the South Los Angeles Animal Shelter. (Action Item)
- B. Recommendation to Support Senate Bill No. 64 (Chang) – Dogs and Cats: Microchip Implant Requirements. (Action Item)
- C. Authorize the Use of Animal Welfare Trust Fund for Installation of Fencing on the Training Field at the Chesterfield Square Animal Services Center. (Action Item)
- D. Authorize the Use of Animal Welfare Trust Fund for Installation of Fencing and Two Sally Ports on the Training Field at the East Valley Animal Services Center. (Action Item)

7. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M., May 28, 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 (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 may 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.

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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
CITY OF LOS ANGELES



MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 9, 2019 at 9:00 AM

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

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Larry Gross, President
Olivia E. García, Vice President
Alisa Finsten
Jose Sandoval
Roger Wolfson

Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m. Commissioners present were García, Gross, Sandoval and Wolfson. Also present from Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) was General Manager (GM) Brenda Barnette, Assistant General Manager (AGM) Tammy Watson, AGM McLissa Webber, Board Secretary, LaTonya Dean and Assistant City Attorney (ACA) Dov Lesel.

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

I. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

1. Dangerous Animal Case: DA 184596 WV

Appellant(s): Irma and Juan Altamira
West Valley Animal Services Center: Captain Lorna Esparza
Complaining Witness: Esthalia Perez

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

Commissioner Gross made a motion to overturn the decision of the General Manager in light of the appellants' agreement to comply with terms, conditions and restrictions issued by the Department. The terms and conditions would only be limited to the two dogs D-Bo and Corona.

The motion was withdrawn.

Commissioner Sandoval moved to overturn the decision of the General Manager with conditions that the appellants do not own any other dogs, they comply with the fencing rules and that the City inspects their property. Additionally, the appellants must also adhere to the terms and conditions outlined in the hearing examiner's report.

Commissioner García seconded and the motion failed by a vote of 2-2.

Ayes: Gross and Wolfson
Noes: García and Sandoval
Absent: Finsten

Public Comment:
None.

II. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Phyllis Daugherty wanted to mention that outside dogs are not guard dogs. She further described how guard dogs should be kept.

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 Meeting of March 26, 2019.

Public Comment:
None.

Commissioner Sandoval moved to approve the minutes of March 26, 2019. **Commissioner García** seconded and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Ayes: García, Gross, Sandoval and Wolfson

Noes: None.

Absent: Finsten

4. ORAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

GM Barnette discussed the following:

- Staff took pictures of the lobby areas of the animal centers to show what signage and materials were displayed. **GM Barnette** reported that the Department had created large spay/neuter signs for each animal center. The signage would be displayed in both English and Spanish and list information about the spay/neuter law, benefits to spaying/neutering your cats/dogs and how to obtain information on spaying/neutering.
- The EIR for the cat program process is still ongoing and there were a large number of articles being reviewed by the consultants. This caused the process to take a long time. The consultants have also done some mapping to look at the

sensitive areas in the City to review issues in these areas. Department management participates in a conference call on a weekly basis with other departments and agencies including, Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, the consultant company and the City Attorney's Office. There are also quarterly meetings conducted on the EIR where the President of the Commission and City Council Office representatives attend and try to move things as quickly as possible. There have been a couple of public meetings to take input and if there are additional public meetings the Board will be notified.

- Last week the Department held a bidder's conference for the RFP issued for marketing and fundraising services. It lasted nearly two hours and we had over 40 people in attendance.
- The Department participated in Maddie's Fund "Get 'Em Home Challenge" for animals that had been in the animal centers for the longest time. The Department won the first place impact award and received a \$7,000 grant.
- The March Woofstat statistics showed an 87.65% live save rate for cats, 96.80% live save rate for kittens and a 94.93% life save for dogs. **GM Barnette** warned that it was the beginning of kitten season, so those numbers may change.

Commissioner Gross asked if there was an update on the free spay/neuter program. **GM Barnette** reported that numbers were not available yet, because it was only the 9th of April, but that the Department would be running weekly numbers. **GM Barnette** also spoke about some of the promotion taking place for the event including radio advertisements, newspapers and social media. **Commissioner Gross** noted that the Council Offices were also putting out the word. **Commissioner Sandoval** asked if relative to signage and materials at the centers, the Department was working out a plan to make it look better and suggested uniformity in all animal centers. **GM Barnette** responded that it should be uniform and that items that are not authorized such as posters or materials with our partners that do not have the City/Department logo would be updated or removed.

Public Comment:

Phyllis Daugherty stated it was easy now to have all languages on websites and the Department should have that feature on their website as well. She also stated that it was popular belief that everything was going to be fundraising, but the taxpayer would always be responsible for animal control as it was related to rabies control.

GM Barnette stated that the Animal Welfare Trust Fund had restrictions on its use, as it could not be used for salaries or for administrative costs.

5. COMMISSIONERS' ORAL REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Sandoval: Noted that the general manager had already addressed his two items on signage and the Woofstat report.

Commissioner García: Thanked the general manager for her report on the spay/neuter signage. She suggested that the Spanish translation on the feral cats

and stray dogs be clarified.

Commissioner Wolfson: Requested an update on Jonathon Robinson, a dog owner from a previous administrative hearing case.

Commissioner Gross: Wanted to remind the general manager that it appeared that nothing was on the Department website regarding the dog and cat limits and asked that it be updated.

Public Comment:
None.

6. Board Reports

- A. Authorize the Use of Animal Welfare Trust Funds for Utilization Enhancements of the Chameleon Animal Data Management System.

AGM Webber reported that Chameleon was the Department's animal database and staff was seeking to bring in a consultant that had worked with other shelters in enhancing their Chameleon databases in order to increase efficiencies and to utilize the database to help direct animal flow. She further reported that the enhancements would allow staff to track animals from entry to outcome with statistics and information on the animals and would help the Department gather data on animals' histories and their behavior while staying with the Department which would help staff make informed decisions and pathway plans and gather information to be used in funding programs such as a recent program with Maddie's Fund. **Commissioner García** asked what the Chameleon system looked like and **AGM Webber** stated that it still looked about the same way it did eight years ago, however there were fields that the Department could utilize to help manage the animal data. **GM Barnette** stated the Department had looked at other databases in the past, but did not want to leap until they had been in practice for awhile, and that the best that staff could tell at that point was that Chameleon was the most powerful database for the Department's purposes. **GM Barnette** further stated that the Department had fallen a little short because it had a small IT staff, and they did not always have the time to figure out the most effective and efficient ways to use the system which is why staff was seeking to bring someone in that could teach our staff to get the most out of the system. **Commissioner Sandoval** requested that in the future there be a presentation to the Board to show what Chameleon looked like and asked if the money was going to go to pay the consultant or to do the upgrades or both. **GM Barnette** responded that it would go to both. **Commissioner Sandoval** then asked how much the consultant would get paid. **AGM Webber** answered that it wouldn't all be paid to the consultant. **Commissioner Sandoval** asked if the consultant was a part of the Chameleon family to which **AGM Webber** answered that he was not and was an outside person. **Commissioner Sandoval** asked if this would be a good fit for the Department and how she would rate the system now without the enhancements. **AGM Webber** responded that she believed it would be a good fit and rated the system at about a five.

Public Comment:

Phyllis Daugherty, Animals Issues Movement, stated that the Chameleon system needed to be upgraded for a long time, however choosing one person after spending a week with staff seemed near-sighted. Other companies and other people should have a chance to provide the service.

Diana Mendoza, PETA, stated that the enhancements sounded great and hoped that the enhancements would include tracking of animals which she felt would be helpful.

GM Barnette stated the Department did buy the upgrades for Chameleon and spoke about the cost of getting the help directly from Chameleon. She also spoke about the current tracking process. **Commissioner Gross** asked what the Department's obligations were as far as bids and if it was required for the contract with the consultant. **ACA Lesel** stated that it would be required and the question was what the up to amount was that would go to Chameleon and the up to amount that would go to the consultant. **AGM Webber** stated she did not have her notes which detailed the amounts. **GM Barnette** suggested that the item be tabled until staff could provide more information on the breakdown of the cost as well as information on if the services would be considered sole source. **Commissioner Sandoval** asked if it was possible to have the system in front of the Board so that they could see what it looks like. **GM Barnette** stated that it was mostly likely not possible, but a review of the system was set up for the next meeting at the East Valley Animal Services Center.

The Board tabled the item until the April 23, 2019 Board meeting.

- B. Recommendation to Support Assembly Bill No. 889 (Maienschein) – Animal Research Reporting Requirements.

The board reviewed the board report details and **Commissioner García** asked what the prior laws were related to animal research. **Ms. Dean** spoke about some of the current laws. **GM Barnette** stated that this bill would add a level of transparency.

Public Comment:
None.

Commissioner Wolfson moved to support Assembly Bill 889. **Commissioner García** seconded and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Ayes: García, Gross, Sandoval and Wolfson

Noes: None.

Absent: Finsten

- C. Recommendation to Support Assembly Bill No. 611 (Nazarian) – Prohibition on the Sexual Abuse of Animals.

Emma Taylor, Field Representative for Assembly Member Nazarian reported that AB 611 would expand and clarify current law that prohibits sexual assault of animals and would expand the intent element of the law also thus preventing the selling and renting of animals for sex. Additionally it would require the court to order a psychological assessment to those convicted of sexual animal abuse.

Public Comment:

Phyllis Daugherty stated that the bill was useless because it did not address the specific intent and noted that the bill currently in place was better as it did less damage to animals.

Ms. Taylor noted that existing law did not contain exemptions for common agricultural and breeding purposes, but AB 611 would provide a clear exemption for veterinary practices. **Commissioner Wolfson** responded that she had lost all of his support of the bill. **Commissioner Sandoval** inquired as to why Assembly Member Nazarian was exempting the dairy industry and **Ms. Taylor** responded that she did not have an answer to his question. **Commissioner Wolfson** stated he would like an answer. **Commissioner Gross** asked when the bill was coming up for a vote. **Ms. Taylor** responded that it had passed the public safety committee, but she did not have the exact date that it would go before the next committee. **Commissioner Gross** suggested that she come back to the next board meeting to provide additional information on the exemption.

The Board tabled the item until the April 23, 2019 Board meeting.

- D. Recommendation to Support Senate Bill No. 580 (Wilk) – Animal Abuse: Probation and Treatment Requirements.

AGM Watson reported that the bill would add an amendment to the current laws relative to animal abuse. Further she stated it would add a component to the penalty which requires a psychological exam in hopes of stopping the cycle of animal abuse.

Public Comment:

Phyllis Daugherty stated that laws already require psychological counseling that is mandated by the court and the problem is the expense of it and exactly what is to be accomplished by it.

Commissioner García stated that in reading the bill that the defendant would be responsible for paying for the cost of the evaluation on a sliding scale. **Commissioner Wolfson** stated that we should be looking at our legislation and asking ourselves why we exempt certain industries. **Commissioner Sandoval** did not believe that the bill went far enough. **Commissioner Gross** responded that unfortunately many of the bills did not go far enough, but they were at least steps in the right direction.

Commissioner Gross moved to support Senate Bill No. 580. **Commissioner García** seconded and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Ayes: García, Gross, Sandoval and Wolfson

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Noes: None.

Absent: Finsten

- E. Recommendation to Support Assembly Bill No. 44 (Friedman) – Prohibition on the Sale or Distribution of Fur Products.

Public Comment:
None.

Commissioner Wolfson moved to support Assembly Bill No. 44. **Commissioner García** seconded and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Ayes: García, Gross, Sandoval and Wolfson

Noes: None.

Absent: Finsten

- F. Recommendation to Support Assembly Bill No. 1586 (Kalra) – Prohibition of Pupils from Performing Animal Dissections.

Commissioner Wolfson noted that even though he supported the bill, there was a biological advantage and educational advantage to things like this, when we are killing land mammals each year to eat them, and it didn't feel right.

Public Comment:

Phyllis Daugherty stated that we are going to drive all the medical schools away from California and she spoke about how the dissections of corpses at the Coroner's Office are extremely helpful in learning.

Diana Mendoza, PETA, wanted to point out that the animals are not always dead for dissections. She also spoke about the benefits of using digital dissections and asked the Commission to support the bill.

Commissioner Wolfson moved to support Assembly Bill No. 1586. **Commissioner García** seconded and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Ayes: García, Gross, Sandoval and Wolfson

Noes: None.

Absent: Finsten

- G. Discussion on Department of Animal Services Staffing Levels.

GM Barnette pointed out how light the Department was on Animal Control Officer positions and stated that if there was any advocacy to be done, that it should be done for more officers. **AGM Watson** reported that there was an overall 12.5% vacancy rate, but in the officers position there was a 31% vacancy rate. She further reported that the Department was actively working toward filling those vacancies and updated the Commission on recent hiring.

Public Comment:

Phyllis Daugherty stated that many of the officers left, and went on to other Departments. She stated it was a problem with management.

GM Barnette stated it was true that some of the other Departments offer positions that pay more than the Animal Control Officer positions and some employees leave for salary increases, but a few of them had come back because they like working with the Department.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 11:01 a.m.



BOARD OF ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF LOS ANGELES



MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 23, 2019 at 7:00 PM

EAST VALLEY ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER
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VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA 91405

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Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. Commissioners present were Finsten, García, Gross, Sandoval and Wolfson. Also present from Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) was General Manager (GM) Brenda Barnette, Assistant General Manager (AGM) Tammy Watson, AGM MeLissa Webber, Commission Executive Assistant, LaTonya Dean and Assistant City Attorney (ACA) Dov Lesel.

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

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Phyllis Daugherty spoke about Dr. Feldman leaving and the party that was held in his honor at the Harbor Animal Services Center. She noted it was well attended and that he did a great job while he worked there and that his departure was a great loss to the Department and the City.

Andrew S. Brown read a fictional short-story about how a measles outbreak was handled due to orders by the government. He compared that to the response of the recent outbreaks of the Newcastle disease by the CFDA and stated it was inhumane and senseless and the Department should not have complied with the policy.

Sherry Brewer spoke about the benefits of adding insulation to the pipes over the kennels, giving adopters priority, issues with removing breeds from the kennel cards, and the desire for educational materials to be handed out by ACOs.

Lisa Edmundson shared her disappointment in the Future Farmers of America Chapter through the Los Angeles Unified School District's suggestion to breed rabbits and sell them for fundraising purposes.

June Hagen stated that rabbits should not be given away for free as they could be used for food purposes by those who get them and also noted that they should not be left outdoors in cages in the yard where they may be neglected.

Michelle Kelly announced that they adopted out their 1000th rabbit on April 13th and he was the longest-term rabbit from the West Los Angeles Animal Services Center. She also stated she was pleased that there were new rabbit mobiles.

Madalyn Mitchell spoke about the Farmers of America association and breeding rabbits. She also stated that bunnies were silent victims and appealed to the Board to support bunnies.

Missy Woodward spoke about bunnies and how they are amazing animals. She acknowledged the work that is done at the animal centers and stated something should be done to support the high cost of spaying and neutering for rabbits.

Teri Austin, The Amanda Foundation, wanted to echo the issue of giving out bunnies. She also spoke about the work performed by Dr. Whited at the East Valley Animal Services Center and the recognition she deserved and the need to place spay/neuter signage at eye level near the reception desk.

Cathy Larimer spoke about issues with the new policy change which requires that all dogs coming into the centers be listed in the mixed breed category. She stated it had created unexpected and unintended consequences that will increase deaths and liability.

Julie Heldt wanted to encourage behavioral services on the premises and if possible formalize those services by creating positions. She also stated the Department should continue to work with organizations such as Dogs Playing for Life.

Debra Vigna wanted to bring two dogs that had been in the South Los Angeles Animal Center for a long time to the Board's attention - Lulu (A1607531) and Tobey (A1762516). She asked that the Department look into why the dogs were still there.

Yaneth Palenua spoke about the policy on the naming of the dogs and the issues with terrible names.

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

Commissioner Wolfson spoke about how the Department used this type of program to recognize some of the terrific work performed in the animal welfare community by employees, non-profit organizations and individuals. **Commissioner Gross** thanked Commissioner Wolfson for bringing the topic back up and suggested that the Board discuss some of the challenges with the Commissioners that occurred in the past. **Commissioner Gross** reported that in the past, a number of commissioners felt somewhat pressured to come up with a name and another challenge was the impact of giving the award to one person and how that might affect another person. **Commissioner Gross** wanted to

know if the program could be modified to identify or highlight unique situations and not put a burden on the Commissioners. **Commissioner Wolfson** stated that what he liked about program was that it forced him to pay close attention to the good stuff that was happening and suggested that the Commission seek recommendations from the Department, such as the volunteer coordinator. **Commissioner Finsten** pointed out that it was not unusual to give out these types of awards and that any issues that arise out of who is selected typically works itself out organically. **GM Barnette** stated that asking the volunteer coordinators for recommendations was perfect for the volunteer nominations. **Commissioner Wolfson** suggested asking management for identifying staff to be recognized and **GM Barnette** stated that the Board will most likely be able to identify the community member nominations. **Commissioner Sandoval** asked for confirmation the process was not just volunteers and staff, but also community members and organizations. **GM Barnette** confirmed it included the organizations and noted that the process was in the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). **Commissioner Gross** then provided examples of organizations and people who had received the award in the past.

The Board directed staff to put the new format on paper and distribute. **Commissioner Wolfson** stated he would be happy to be the point person for the Commission. **GM Barnette** suggested that the Board take a look at the SOP and the Board Secretary would reach out to them for their nominations and proceed with the next selections in four to six week.

Public Comment:
None.

4. ORAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

GM Barnette discussed the following:

- GM Barnette went to Sacramento to testify on the anti-declaw legislation. Sadly, it will not be before the State agenda this year, as it will not get processed out of Committee. There are other states that are closer than California, but no one will give up on getting rid of the practice in the State of California.
- GM Barnette did not disagree with Andrew Brown's comments about the Newcastle disease outbreak; but wanted to clarify that when it spread into Nevada it became a federal issue instead of a local issue. The Department tried to do the best it could to prevent the health department from making bigger demands. The vaccines are very complicated, and it is a devastating disease.
- The Department received complaints about not putting names of dogs on the Department's website, but there had been some concern raised that people might not be able to find their lost dog if we give them a name when they come into the animal centers. It is disappointing when dogs have bad names and GM Barnette liked the idea of creating a list of approved names as suggested by a volunteer.
- The Department received less than 30 letters from people who were concerned

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about the breed labels. The Board was a part of a lot of the research to see what the Department should do as far as removing the breed labels. GM Barnette would like to continue with the removal of the labels since the live save rates have improved, as well as the return to owner statistics. GM Barnette also spoke about ways to use the database to search for specific dog breeds.

- The spay/neuter posters have been designed and they will be (or have been) sent for processing. They will be installed at all six animal centers and will be in both Spanish and English.
- The Department has had a lot of demonstrations on KTLA. Some of the officers that are equine specialist did a demonstrations on micro-chipping and talked about the importance of being able to load a horse in a trailer during an emergency. Also Gayle Anderson visited the East Valley Animal Services Center to promote spay/neuter and free vouchers to spay/neuter cats.
- The free/spay neuter program has received a lot of promotion through various outlets. In the first week of the campaign, 309 vouchers were issued and 198 vouchers were issued in the second week. The number of vouchers redeemed was not yet available.
- Two volunteers hosted a group of children and parents as a part of the Boredom Buster program at the Chesterfield Square Animal Services Center. The kids came in and made toys for the dogs, and they also made a donation to the program for the purchase of more supplies.
- GM Barnette spoke about Linda Russo, a volunteer at the East Valley Animal Services Center, who works with cat adoptions and was highlighted in a Mayor's Report.
- Volunteers have dedicated themselves to the success of monthly rabbit mobile pet adoptions and are reporting that it is a great opportunity to educate the community about the Department's rabbits and what great pets they make.
- GM Barnette spoke about Humphrey the Pig who is located at the Harbor Animal Services Center.
- Officers are doing moderately intense patrols at non-dog parks where the Department had received reports from problems that have arose from loose dogs. The Department has been advised that the issuance of ACE citations at the parks have improved the behavior of the people using the parks.
- In addition to the horse event which took place at Anderson Park, Officers went to a Day of the Horse event in Chatsworth and set up some demonstrations.

Commissioner Finsten asked how frequently the Department submits a report to the Mayor's Office and if the Commission could be provided a copy of it. **GM Barnette** responded that it was done on a weekly basis and that it was usually done as a confidential report to the Mayor's Office, but she would inquire as to if she was able to share it.

Public Comment:

Phyllis Daugherty stated she did quite a bit of research on the lack of breed identification and that the idea was brought about by one of the former commissioners. She further stated by removing the breed, people cannot find their animals and it was not going to be a good program.

Michelle Kelly was glad the general manager brought up the rabbit mobiles again because it would save hundreds of lives by doing them. She had some concerns about the spay/neuter vouchers for rabbits because some of the clinics listed had a high mortality rate. Lastly, she thanked the Department for getting the cat spay/neuter program on social media.

Andrew Brown appreciated the idea of having an approved list of names, however believed the outcome of that would be an even more narrow pool of names, when a much broader and creative pool was needed. He instead recommended the creation of a list of guidelines of what types of names were acceptable.

Cathy Larimer stated that mixed breed identification was a problem and that the solution was for dual identification in more than one category. She also believed that the way to save “bully breeds” was to enforce licensing and spay/neutering.

5. COMMISSIONERS’ ORAL REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Wolfson: Passed

Commissioner García: Passed.

Commissioner Finsten: Passed.

Commissioner Gross: Requested a report on the renewal of licenses. He would like the report to include whether or not notices were issued to people near their renewal date, tracking information and how effective the Department is with renewals.

Commissioner Sandoval: Passed.

Public Comment:

None.

6. Board Reports

- A. Recommendation to Support Assembly Bill No. 611 (Nazarian) – Prohibition on the Sexual Abuse of Animals.

Emma Taylor, Field Representative for Assembly Member Nazarian, reported that AB 611 had already passed the Assembly Public Safety and Appropriations Committee and the full vote on the Assembly floor unanimously. She further reported that AB 611 would expand and clarify current law that prohibits the sexual assault of animals to specifically include engaging in sexual conduct with animals with any part of the body or an object. The bill would also

require the court to order the convicted person to refrain from contact with animals. She explained that the exemptions that she was asked about last time at the previous meeting had not been included because standard veterinarian animal husbandry and artificial insemination practices were inherently considered medical in this case in nature. She reported that animal sexual abuse was the strongest predictor of increased risk of child sexual abuse. **Ms. Taylor** stated that this measure protected animals and vulnerable populations and that Assembly Member Nazarian had authored this bill because he is dedicated to protecting animals from sexual abuse. **Commissioner Gross** asked Ms. Taylor to clarify if the existing California Penal Code already had an exemption in it. Ms. Taylor stated that she only had the current Code in front of her pertaining to the proposed bill. **Commissioner Gross** asked if the proposed bill would strengthen the penalties to the current law, to which Ms. Taylor responded that it would. **Commissioner Gross** asked if the issue raised with the exemption was covered under the existing law. **Ms. Taylor** responded that she believed the issue was not covered under the existing law. **Commissioner Gross** asked who supported the bill. **Ms. Taylor** responded that the bill was sponsored by the Humane Society of the United States and read a list of supporters that included Social Compassion and Legislation, the Animal Legal Defense Fund and the California Animal Welfare Association. **Commissioner Gross** asked if this bill did not pass would violations of the law be a misdemeanor. **Ms. Taylor** responded that it would and the intent was to expand the law. **Commissioner Wolfson** spoke about his work with the late Sheila Wellstone back in the 1990s with the Violence Against Women legislation. He stated that he was initially thrilled when he saw AB 611, but was heartbroken that there was an exemption added to the bill for the dairy industry. He spoke about the need to not only protect cats and dogs, but also cows and pigs. He noted that the majority of the people in the room were women and there could be more sensitivity shown than in current society. **Commissioner Wolfson** stated he wanted to know why we would exempt the meat and dairy industry and that he was sure there had to be a political reality and wanted to hear more about it. **Commissioner Gross** responded that he heard what Commissioner Wolfson was saying but pointed out the exemption already existed in the Penal Code and that the bill dealt with other issues. The question is if no protections and increasing the penalties for these acts something we want to promote. **GM Barnette** asked if there was an opportunity to do amendments to the bill when it goes to the Senate. **Ms. Taylor** responded that amendments could be made to the bill. **Commissioner Gross** explained to the public what actions the Board was able to take relative to the bill. **Commissioner Wolfson** asked why the bill specifically exempted the dairy industry. Ms. Taylor then read the types of exemptions proposed in the bill. **Commissioner Wolfson** pointed out that the bill specifically exempted animal husbandry. **Ms. Taylor** responded that there were four things specifically exempted and she would take issue that something specifically says the meat and dairy industry. **Commissioner Gross** asked Ms. Taylor if it was affirmative that the meat and dairy industry was exempted as his understanding was that Ms. Taylor was basically identifying the existing law that exempts this. **Ms. Taylor** responded that she was reading from the bill. **Commissioner Wolfson** stated that Ms. Taylor's understanding was respectively wrong. **Ms. Taylor** then read portions of the proposed bill relative to licensed veterinarian practices. **Commissioner Wolfson** repeated some of Ms. Taylor's comments, spoke about animal husbandry, and stated she was inconsistent and he wanted to understand

why. **Ms. Taylor** responded that she didn't have an answer to his question right then and she could only provide the text that was in the bill and stated he may have some issues with some of the veterinarian practices. **Commissioner Wolfson** responded that he did not have a problem with the veterinarian practices and that he was referring to the forcible rape of animals, specifically cows and pigs which he stated was how the meat and dairy industry survived. He wanted to know why we were accepting it. **Ms. Taylor** responded that his question was philosophical. **Commissioner Wolfson** argued that it was not, but instead political and literal. **Ms. Taylor** stated that the purpose of the bill was to strengthen the laws regarding the sexual abuse of animals. The discussion on the bill continued with discussion on possible amendments, lobbyists, and the exemption. Before hearing public comment, **Commissioner Gross** further stressed what actions the Board could take regarding the bill.

Public Comment:

Phyllis Daugherty stated that the people that engaged in this type of abuse were entirely different than people who molest children. Also, she believed that this bill could not be enforced as it did not define sexual contact, therefore it was worse than the law as it was currently written.

Michelle Kelly wanted to go on record in support of Commissioner Wolfson's comments regarding not exempting the meat and dairy industry.

Jane Vlez-Mitchell stated that it highlighted the hypocrisy of our culture. She also stated that animal agriculture was a rape, abduction and murder operation and believed it would be the demise of our culture and an ecological catastrophe.

Armaiti May would strongly urge re-wording the bill to not exempt the meat and dairy industry. She stated that if an individual person was to perform those same acts, it would be considered criminal and that we have to hold these industries accountable.

Kimberly Delgado King considered herself an animal lover and appreciated the bill. She spoke about how she changed from vegetarian to a vegan due to the abuses in the dairy industry. She requested that farm animals be included in the bill.

Zafir Molina believed that we focused too much on punishment for people who do these crimes, without us looking at ourselves. She felt it was hard to take the new bills seriously, when nothing else changes and encouraged the Board to challenge these bills.

Karen Snook liked the idea that it could be a felony crime but was bothered by the fact there was a double-standard with animals and protections should cover all animals.

Julie Heldt just wanted to say thank you to the presenter and to Commissioner Wolfson for doing the research. She also wanted to say that the comment made about the gender demographic was irrelevant to the issue and that rape was a human and animal issue, not a gender issue.

Commissioner Wolfson stated that he really appreciated the discussion and looked forward to engaging organizations about the bill.

Commissioner Gross made a motion to approve the recommendation to support AB 611 with the proviso that the Board strongly urge the City Council in adopting support for this, to also provide information or urge Assembly Member Nazarian as well as the State Legislature to amend the bill to remove any exemptions. **Commissioner Sandoval** seconded and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Ayes: Finsten, García, Gross, Sandoval and Wolfson

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

B. Dogs Playing for Life Program.

AGM Webber reported that staff was seeking to expand the Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) program to the remaining 5 animal services centers. Further she reported that the playgroups had been happening successfully for six months at the East Valley Animal Services Center and since that time dog euthanasia was down and volunteer hours had increased with the program. Staff wanted to expand DPFL to the remaining five shelters in order to provide enrichment and gain individual information on each of the dogs.

Public Comment:

Rita Earl Blackwell stated she was a networker for adoptable dogs and the DPFL playgroups allowed her to be able to answer questions about how the dogs are with other dogs. She believed the program helped to place the dogs in the best situation and further spoke about the benefits of the program.

Alex Tonner stated that the enrichment that DPFL shows in the shelters is a positive thing, not just for rescues, but for the public as well. He felt the program brought rescues together to get dogs adopted and he recommended the Commission approve it.

Becca Scheuer spoke in support of the program and as a volunteer at the South Los Angeles animal shelter, noted that volunteers could not get all of the dogs out of the kennel so the program was impactful in that regard. She further spoke in support of the program and its benefits.

Cathleen Kisich ran a community class on the program at Angel City Pit Bulls and had seen so many dogs be enriched through the program. It allowed the staff at her organization to give more information to potential adopters.

Sheila Phillips started a modified version of the DPFL program at the West Los Angeles Animal Services Center and shared a story about a dog named Kingston and how the program benefited him and how it eventually led to him being adopted.

Diane DeStefano stated that the program allowed a good assessment for the dogs and is good for dogs that are not social. She also noted that there had been a few fights, but that it was better to have a fight at the shelter instead of in the public and the assessment makes everything safer.

Jenna Shiner supported the program and believed it had impacted hundreds of dogs in a positive away. She further stated that Best Friends had announced that the live save rate was around 94% and she believed that it could not be sustained without evaluating how the dogs are socially in a variety of situations.

Tia Orbin, Animal Control Technician at the East Valley Animal Services Center, spoke about her experience with being the point person for the playgroups. She reported that the dogs do not always show well in the kennel, but in the playgroups they show amazingly.

Monica Monsivais supported the DPFL program and found that there was an increased interest from rescues and increased adoptions and adoption retention. She stated that the dogs get exposure to other dogs, and even if they don't get along they learn how to co-exist.

Debra Vigna spoke in support of the DPFL program and believed that aside from it benefiting the dog, the moral aspect of it transfers to the public as well.

Teri Austin, the Amanda Foundation, hired DPFL four years ago and saw a bigger improvement in staff moral, adoptions and their ability to work with different shelters because of this program. She also stated that there may have been some altercations with working with the animals, but DPFL taught them how to deal with them.

Andrew S. Brown was very much in support of the proposal but since DPFL had changed the paradigm and people were so reliant on the information from the playgroups, suggested the Department take a look at when dogs should be spayed/neutered in relation to them participating in the DPFL program.

Julie Heldt thanked the Department for letting East Valley Animal Services Center pioneer the program and appreciated the volunteers and staff for making the program happen. She suggested that as it is transferred to the other centers, staff reach out to prior participants for lessons learned.

Commissioner Wolfson moved that the Dogs Playing for Life training be expanded to the remaining five Los Angeles Animal Services Centers. **Commissioner García** seconded and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Ayes: Finsten, García, Gross, Sandoval and Wolfson

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

C. Woofstat Report for March 2019.

GM Barnette spoke about the statistics on the March 2019 Woofstat report. She reported that everything looked good, but the Department was diving into kitten season and the statistics would most likely change. **Commissioner Gross** pointed out that the overall numbers were good but some shelters were not doing as well as others when it came to euthanasia. **GM Barnette** noted that some of it had to do with the number of animals coming into the centers. She discussed some of the factors that affect the statistics for each shelter. **GM Barnette** explained that the Department wanted to get more information from Chameleon in order to provide more statistical analysis on the numbers. The Woofstat report showed the big picture, but the information could be fine tuned with more technical expertise. **GM Barnette** pointed out that the Department was up 70% in volunteers, talked about the number of wildlife calls received and the number of ACE Citations, which were down. **AGM Watson** noted that the Department had two part-time canvassers for the City. **Commissioner Gross** asked why the hearings were down a lot. **AGM Watson** stated that UCLA students assisted with the backlog of cases and also the District is investigating and determining which ones should move forward to an Administrative Hearing and which ones could be resolved at the District level, sometimes through a stipulated agreement. **Commissioner Sandoval** asked about the vouchers and what the Department is doing to notify the public that they need to redeem them as soon as possible. **GM Barnette** responded the public had 10 days to redeem the vouchers for the free cat spay and neuter promotion for the month of April, but on the other ones they have 60 days. The expiration date is on the voucher, and the public could get another one, but having them expire keeps the Department from having money encumbered that could be used for other vouchers. **Commissioner Sandoval** pointed out that the breeders licenses went up by 6% and asked if it was a reason for it. **Commissioner Sandoval** also asked if the Department was tracking breeders by zip codes and if there were breeders in Pacoima. **GM Barnette** responded that the Department tracked it in the database, but did not necessarily run reports. The Department does however respond to neighbor complaints or reports and will go out and conduct a wellness check. **Commissioner Sandoval** hoped that it was somehow a red flag and the Department was somehow seeing that. **GM Barnette** responded that the more we do with data the more we will be able to do with data. **Commissioner Sandoval** stated that the point was that they should not be breeding animals in Pacoima because that was where we were doing spay and neuter.

Public Comment:

Teri Austin would very much like to come down with Sue Taylor and do a presentation on enforcement of spay and neuter laws. She also commended Karen Knipscheer for her work and stated that locating breeders was not a priority.

Andrews S. Brown wanted to renew his request to have rabbits added to the Woofstat document. He reported that the East Valley Animal Services Center rabbit adoptions had skyrocketed and encouraged the Department to check in with Christine, a volunteer, to see what things she had done to help with

adoptions.

GM Barnette stated that we could do a special report on rabbits and present it at the next Commission meeting, but would prefer not to add another line to the Woofstat report. It is something that can be done on a regular basis. **Commissioner Sandoval** asked if staff knew how many rabbits had been euthanized. **AGM Webber** responded that she did not have a number, but that rabbits were only euthanized for medical reasons and did not have the same space constraints as other animals.

Cathy Larimer spoke about spay and neuter vouchers and inquired about the statistics listed on page four of the report under the 'Save Rate' section.

Jenna Shiner stated that the average length of stay for the animals would be a beneficial statistic to add to the Woofstat report.

- D. Discussion on Dog Limits in the City of Los Angeles; Reference Council File No. 17-1237-S1.

Commissioner Gross explained that a motion by Council Member Koretz 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.

Public Comment:

Teri Austin supported increasing the limit of dogs, but felt there should be some strict guidelines, where neighbors feel comfortable to address any problems that may arise.

Phyllis Daugherty still opposed the increase because you don't just always have small breed dogs at homes. She then spoke about a recent case where a dog killed another dog and officers were called out.

Cathy Larimer encouraged the Board to increase the limit and felt that it should be at least increased to four animals so that it was in line with County of Los Angeles guidelines.

Julie Heldt stated she was all for finding more homes for the animals that we support, but we should also work to increase the number of pets in zero pets homes.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 9:37 p.m.

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

MEETING DATE: May 14, 2019

PREPARED BY: Catherine Chico

REPORT DATE: May 9, 2019

TITLE: Sr. Management Analyst II

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT NO. C-123811 – AMENDMENT NO. 4 – BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE SPAY AND NEUTER CLINIC AT THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES ANIMAL SHELTER

BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:

APPROVE extension of the contract term to April 14, 2020.

SUMMARY

Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) entered into a 3-year contract with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) on April 14, 2014 for spay/neuter surgeries and related services at the South Los Angeles Animal Shelter Spay/Neuter Clinic to sterilize dogs, cats, and rabbits (as needed) that are adopted from the Care Center as well as to pets owned by residents in the area. The first contract amendment was for the inclusion of rabbit sterilizations to the Free Spay/Neuter Certificate and Discount Spay/Neuter Coupon Program and to increase both the coupon and certificate amounts for dogs as approved by City Council (CF 16-0114). The second contract extension was executed on April 14, 2017 and expired on April 14, 2018. The third contract extension was executed on April 14, 2018 and expired on April 14, 2019. This contract extension will extend the contract to April 14, 2020.

BACKGROUND

LAAS released a Request for Proposals ("RFP") on November 8, 2013, for the operation of the South LA spay/neuter clinic. The ASPCA's proposal met the requirements, and was awarded an agreement with a term of three years with three one-year renewal options for a total period of up to five years.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund because all spay neuter costs are paid through the Animal Sterilization Fund.

Approved:

Brenda Barnette
Brenda Barnette, General Manager

Attachment: Contract Amendment No. 4 – C-123811

BOARD ACTION:

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

**AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO
CONTRACT NUMBER C-123811
BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
AND
AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (ASPCA).
FOR THE OPERATION OF THE SPAY AND NEUTER CLINIC
AT THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES ANIMAL SHELTER**

THIS FOURTH AMENDMENT to Agreement Number C-123811 is made and entered into as of April 14, 2019, by and between the City of Los Angeles ("City"), a municipal corporation, acting through the Department of Animal Services ("Department") and the Department of General Services ("GSD"); and American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) ("Contractor") to extend the contract term.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Contract Number C-123811, which was approved by the City Council on January 29, 2014, and became effective in April, 2014, as a three-year contract, renewable at the City's sole discretion for up to three additional years (C.F. 14-0007), Contractor provides spay/neuter surgeries and related services at the South Los Angeles Animal Shelter Spay/Neuter Clinic to sterilize dogs, cats and rabbits (as needed) that are adopted from the Care Center as well as to pets owned by residents in the area; and

WHEREAS, Department issues discount coupons to City residents or free certificates to qualifying City residents based on income for spay/neuter surgeries of dogs and cats and Contractor agrees to accept coupons and certificates as a form of payment and to be later reimbursed by City; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2016, the Los Angeles City Council approved inclusion of rabbit sterilizations to the Free Spay/Neuter Certificate and Discount Spay/Neuter Coupon Program and increased the discount coupon amount for dogs from \$30 to \$50 and the free certificate amount from \$70 to \$125 (CF 16-0114); and

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2016, the Department began issuing discount coupons in the amount of \$50 and free certificates in the amount of \$125 for dogs and rabbits, while the coupon and certificate amounts for cats remained unchanged at \$30 and \$70, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the 1st Amendment, effective December 9, 2016, amended the Scope of Services to include Rabbits in the Discount Coupon and Free Certificate Programs, added the City's right to audit Contractor performance and revised the definition of "Voucher" and voucher rates; and

WHEREAS, the 2nd Amendment, effective April 14, 2017, extended the Agreement one year from April 14, 2017 to April 13, 2018, and ratified the Contractor's performance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the 3rd Amendment, effective April 14, 2018, extended the Agreement one year from April 14, 2018 to April 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, this 4th Amendment, effective April 14, 2019, extends the Agreement one year from April 14, 2019 to April 13, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, the Agreement is amended as follows:

AMENDMENT

1. Section II. Term shall be amended to extend the term of Agreement to April 13, 2020.

The City exercises its option of renewing the Agreement for one (1) year. The term of the contract shall be extended from its present expiration date of April 13, 2019, to a new expiration date of April 13, 2020. This is the third and final of three renewable options available for this Agreement.

2. Except as herein amended, all other terms and conditions shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives.

**The City of Los Angeles,
Department of Animal Services**

By _____
Brenda Barnette, General Manager

Date: _____

**The City of Los Angeles,
Department of General Services**

By _____
Tony M Royster, General Manager

Date: _____

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney**

By _____
Dov S. Lesel, Assistant City Attorney

Date: _____

**ATTEST:
HOLLY WOLCOTT, City Clerk**

By _____
Deputy City Clerk

Date: _____

CONTRACTOR - ASPCA

By _____
Matt Bershadker, President & CEO

Date: _____

(second signature required of corporations)

By _____
Aimee Christian, Vice President of
Community Medicine

Date: _____

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

MEETING DATE: May 14, 2019

PREPARED BY: Brenda Barnette

REPORT DATE: May 9, 2019

TITLE: General Manager

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT SENATE BILL NO. 64 (CHANG) – DOGS AND CATS: MICROCHIP IMPLANT REQUIREMENTS

BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:

1. **SUPPORT** State Senate Bill No. 64 (Chang) – Dogs and Cats: Microchip Implant Requirements; 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.

BACKGROUND:

In January 2019, Senator Ling Ling Chang introduced Senate Bill (SB 64) which would amend sections of the Food and Agricultural Code related to animals, to expand the current law which requires public animal control agencies or shelters, society for the prevention of cruelty to animal shelters, humane society shelters or rescue groups to microchip all dogs and cats before they are released to owners.

SUMMARY:

SB 64, which is co-authored by Assembly Members Steven Choi, Cristina Garcia and Patrick O'Donnell, would require the following conditions be met with regards to microchipping and releasing dogs and cats to owners seeking to reclaim them, adopting them out, selling them or giving them away:

1. The microchip must contain current information on the owner reclaiming the dog or cat, or new owner receiving the dog or cat, as applicable;

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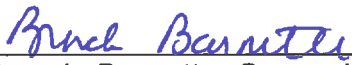
2. If the shelter or rescue group does not have microchipping capability on location, the shelter or rescue group first obtains from the owner reclaiming the animal or new owner receiving the animal, an agreement to present to the shelter or rescue group, within the next 30 days, showing proof that the dog or cat is microchipped, as specified;
3. Exempts the requirement for the dog or cat to be microchipped if a licensed veterinarian certifies in writing that the dog or cat is medically unfit for the microchipping procedure because the dog or cat has a physical condition that would be substantially aggravated by the procedure; and
4. A shelter or rescue group that violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

All animals admitted to the six Los Angeles Animal Services (LAAS) Centers are scanned for a microchip upon intake. Additionally, all cats, dogs and rabbits adopted from LAAS are microchipped and LAAS offers microchipping services to animals that were not adopted from the Centers. These efforts are done in hopes of reuniting lost companion animals to their families. SB 64 further expands the microchip implant requirements for all municipal shelters in California which could reduce the animal shelter population statewide and decrease the number of dogs of cats which may be humanely euthanized due to capacity constraints.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The support of SB 64 does not impact the General Fund.

Approved:


Brenda Barnette, General Manager

Attachment: SB 64

BOARD ACTION:

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

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 20, 2019

SENATE BILL

No. 64

Introduced by Senator Chang

(Coauthor: Senator Wilk)

~~(Coauthor: Coauthors: Assembly Member Members Choi,~~
Cristina Garcia, and O'Donnell)

January 7, 2019

An act to add Sections 31108.3 and 31752.1 to the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to animals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 64, as amended, Chang. Dogs and cats: microchip implants.

Existing law requires that the holding period for a stray dog or cat impounded in a shelter be 6 business days, not including the day of impoundment, with exceptions, as provided. Existing law requires a shelter, during this holding period and before adoption or euthanasia, to scan the dog or cat for a microchip that identifies the owner of that dog or cat and to make reasonable efforts to contact the owner.

This bill would prohibit a public animal control agency or shelter, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals shelter, humane society shelter, or rescue group from releasing a dog or cat to an owner seeking to reclaim it, or adopting out, selling, or giving away a dog or cat to a new owner, unless the dog or cat is microchipped. ~~Because a violation of these provisions would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.~~ *microchipped with current information on the owner or new owner or, if the shelter or rescue group does not have microchipping capability on location, the shelter or rescue group first obtains from the owner or new owner an agreement to present to the shelter or rescue group, within the next 30 days, proof that the dog*

or cat is microchipped, as provided. The bill would include an exception for a dog or cat that is medically unfit for a microchipping procedure, as provided. Under the bill, a shelter or rescue group that violates these provisions would be subject to a civil penalty of \$500.

~~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~~-no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 31108.3 is added to the Food and
2 Agricultural Code, to read:

3 31108.3. ~~A~~(a) *Except as provided in subdivision (b), a public*
4 *animal control agency or shelter, society for the prevention of*
5 *cruelty to animals shelter, humane society shelter, or rescue group*
6 *shall not release a dog to an owner seeking to reclaim it, or adopt*
7 *out, sell, or give away a dog to a new owner, unless the one of the*
8 *following conditions is met:*

9 (1) ~~The dog is microchipped.~~ *microchipped with current*
10 *information on the owner reclaiming the dog or new owner*
11 *receiving the dog, as applicable.*

12 (2) *If the shelter or rescue group does not have microchipping*
13 *capability on location, the shelter or rescue group first obtains*
14 *from the owner reclaiming the dog or new owner receiving the*
15 *dog an agreement to present to the shelter or rescue group, within*
16 *the next 30 days, proof that the dog is microchipped as described*
17 *in paragraph (1).*

18 (b) *Notwithstanding subdivision (a), this section does not require*
19 *a dog to be microchipped if a licensed veterinarian certifies in*
20 *writing that the dog is medically unfit for the microchipping*
21 *procedure because the dog has a physical condition that would*
22 *be substantially aggravated by the procedure.*

23 (c) (1) *A shelter or rescue group that violates this section is*
24 *subject to a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500).*

25 (2) *Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 31401) and Section 9*
26 *do not apply to a violation of this section.*

SEC. 2. Section 31752.1 is added to the Food and Agricultural Code, to read:

31752.1. ~~A~~(a) *Except as provided in subdivision (b), a public animal control agency or shelter, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals shelter, humane society shelter, or rescue group shall not release a cat to an owner seeking to reclaim it, or adopt out, sell, or give away a cat to a new owner, unless the one of the following conditions is met:*

(1) *The cat is ~~microchipped~~. microchipped with current information on the owner reclaiming the cat or new owner receiving the cat, as applicable.*

(2) *If the shelter or rescue group does not have microchipping capability on location, the shelter or rescue group first obtains from the owner reclaiming the cat or new owner receiving the cat an agreement to present to the shelter or rescue group, within the next 30 days, proof that the cat is microchipped as described in paragraph (1).*

(b) *Notwithstanding subdivision (a), this section does not require a cat to be microchipped if a licensed veterinarian certifies in writing that the cat is medically unfit for the microchipping procedure because the cat has a physical condition that would be substantially aggravated by the procedure.*

(c) (1) *A shelter or rescue group that violates this section is subject to a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500).*

(2) *Section 9 does not apply to a violation of this section.*

SEC. 3. ~~No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.~~

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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners

MEETING DATE: May 14, 2019

PREPARED BY: Brenda Barnette

REPORT DATE: April 23, 2019

TITLE: General Manager

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE USE OF ANIMAL WELFARE TRUST FUND FOR THE
INSTALLATION OF FENCING ON THE TRAINING FIELD AT THE CHESTERFIELD
SQUARE ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER**

BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:

APPROVE the use of the Animal Welfare Trust Fund in the amount of \$11,179.70 for the installation of fencing on the training field at the Chesterfield Square Animal Services Center.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Animal Services recently obtained approval to bring Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) to our Chesterfield Square Animal Services Centers to train staff in providing much needed enrichment to dogs housed in our care. In order to be efficient and provide the maximum amount of dogs with much needed enrichment on a daily basis, we will need to divide the training field into two parts which will aid in allowing as many animals as possible a chance for enrichment. There is already an existing fence to allow for people to observe, and there is not adequate space to add a sally port. We are only requesting to add a dividing fence at this time.

Having a dividing fence in the training yard, will allow us to separate dogs with different play styles, easily observe body language, identify and correct negative behaviors to avoid potential situations. The dividing fence will be 40 feet in length, 6 feet high, will have a double sided hinged gate to allow the gate to swing both ways. The current yard size is 48 feet by 42 feet. The fence will match the existing fencing and be less than 3 inches wide.

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SQUARE ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER

SUMMARY:

The separation of the training yard will allow us to better manage play groups, by allowing us to have two groups running simultaneously, of dogs with different play styles. It also allows for the people running the groups to observe the dogs in smaller groups to understand their behavior. The division allows us to have two smaller groups, but also allows for larger groups when staffing allows, and the dividing gate is open.

Due to the way that the play groups are managed, we do not foresee any issues with barrier frustration between the two play yards and have not had any issues with this when the temporary fencing was in place at the East Valley Animal Services Center. Currently there are several dog parks maintained by the Department of Recreation and Parks which has a similar separate area for large and small dogs in this same manner and it is a typical set up. Our yards would be separated in the same fashion the City is already utilizing at public dog parks.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. The cost of the installation will be expended from the Animal Welfare Trust Fund (Fund 859).

Approved:

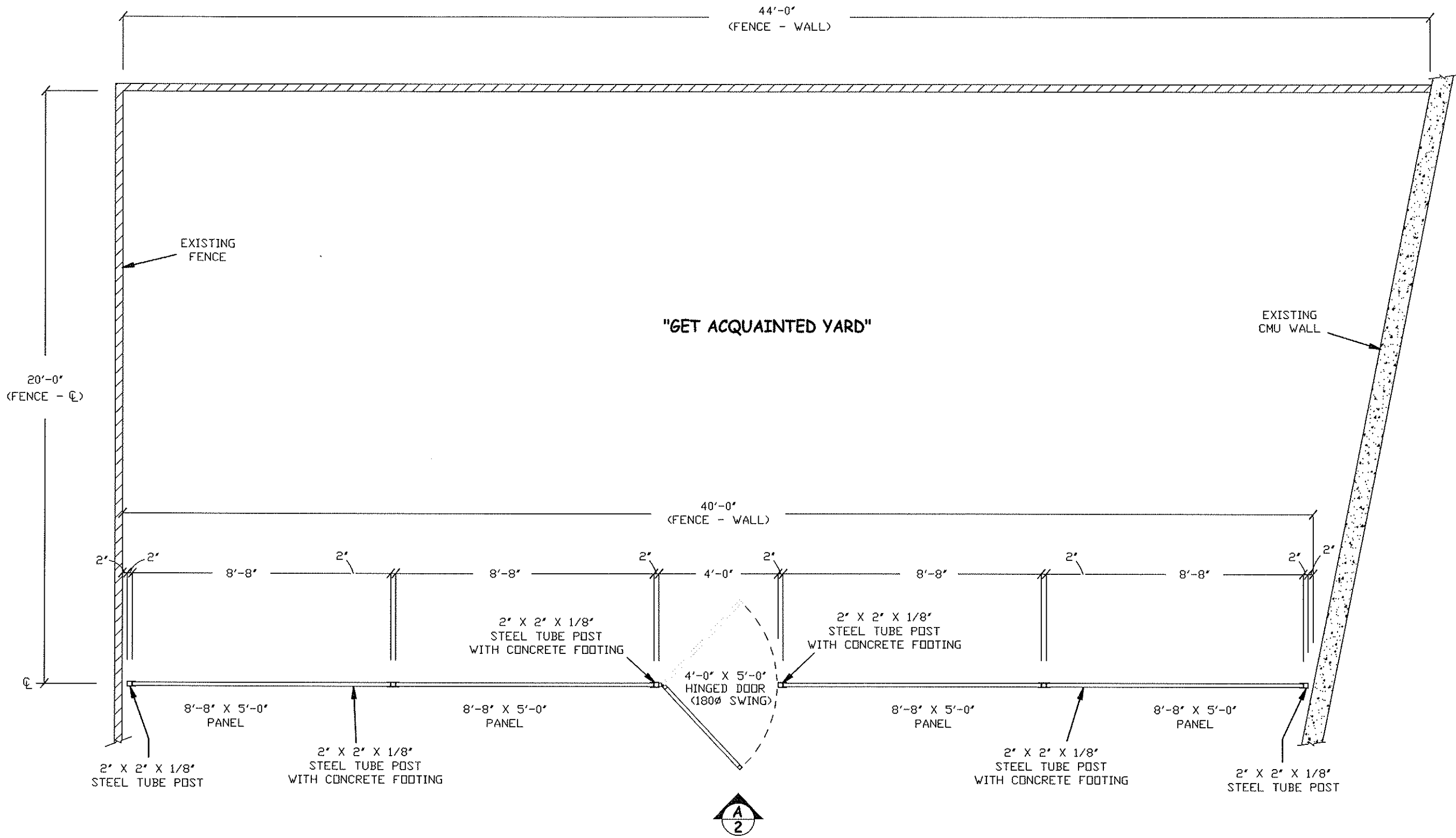
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Brenda Barnette, General Manager

Attachments: Proposed Drawings for Exercise Yard Modifications

BOARD ACTION:

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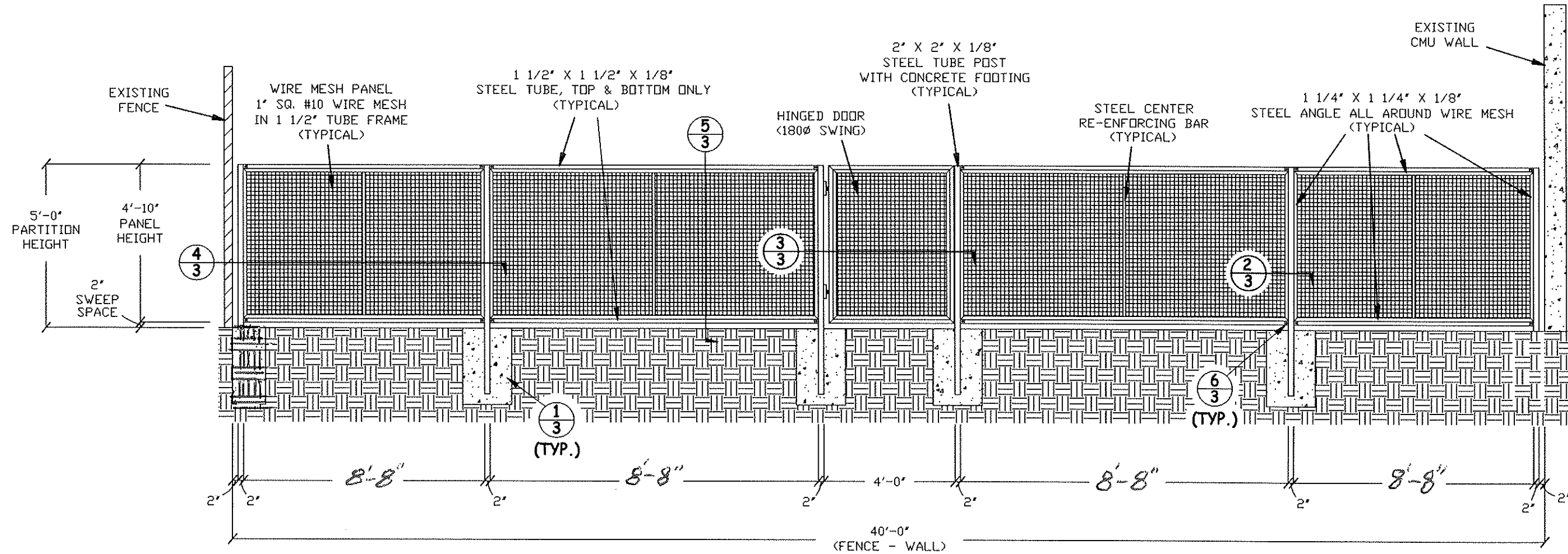
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**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE USE OF ANIMAL WELFARE TRUST FUND FOR THE
INSTALLATION OF FENCING AND TWO SALLY PORTS ON THE TRAINING FIELD
AT EAST VALLEY ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER**

BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:

APPROVE the use of the Animal Welfare Trust Fund in the amount of \$24,434.46 for the installation of fencing and two sally ports on the training field at the East Valley Animal Services Center.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Animal Services recently obtained approval to bring Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL) to our East Valley and Chesterfield Square Animal Services Centers to train staff in providing much needed enrichment to dogs housed in our care. In order to be efficient and provide the maximum amount of dogs with much needed enrichment on a daily basis, we will need to divide the training field into two parts which will aid in allowing as many animals as possible a chance for enrichment, and add a separate space for staff and volunteers to observe outside of the yard. In addition, we will add two sally ports (a secured controlled entryway) to introduce dogs and assess their interaction before entering the yard.

Having a dividing fence in the training yard, will allow us to separate dogs with different play styles, easily observe body language, identify and correct negative behaviors to avoid potential situations. The dividing fence will be 60 feet in length, 6 feet high, will have a gate with a double sided hinge to allow the gate to swing both ways. The current yard is 80 feet by 66 feet, and the dividing gate will go right down the middle of the yard. The fence will match the existing fencing and be less than 3 inches wide.

To allow for staff, volunteers, New Hope partners, and potential adopters to observe play groups, there will be a fence added along the west side of the yard, running perpendicular to the grass.

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This fence will be 74 feet long, 6 feet high, and will also provide space for a sally port to be added at the north/west entrance of the yard. All fencing will match the existing fencing.

The two sally ports will be installed at the north/west entrance and the north/east end of the yard. Both sally ports will be just over 21 square feet, with two gates, both 4 by 6 feet.

SUMMARY:

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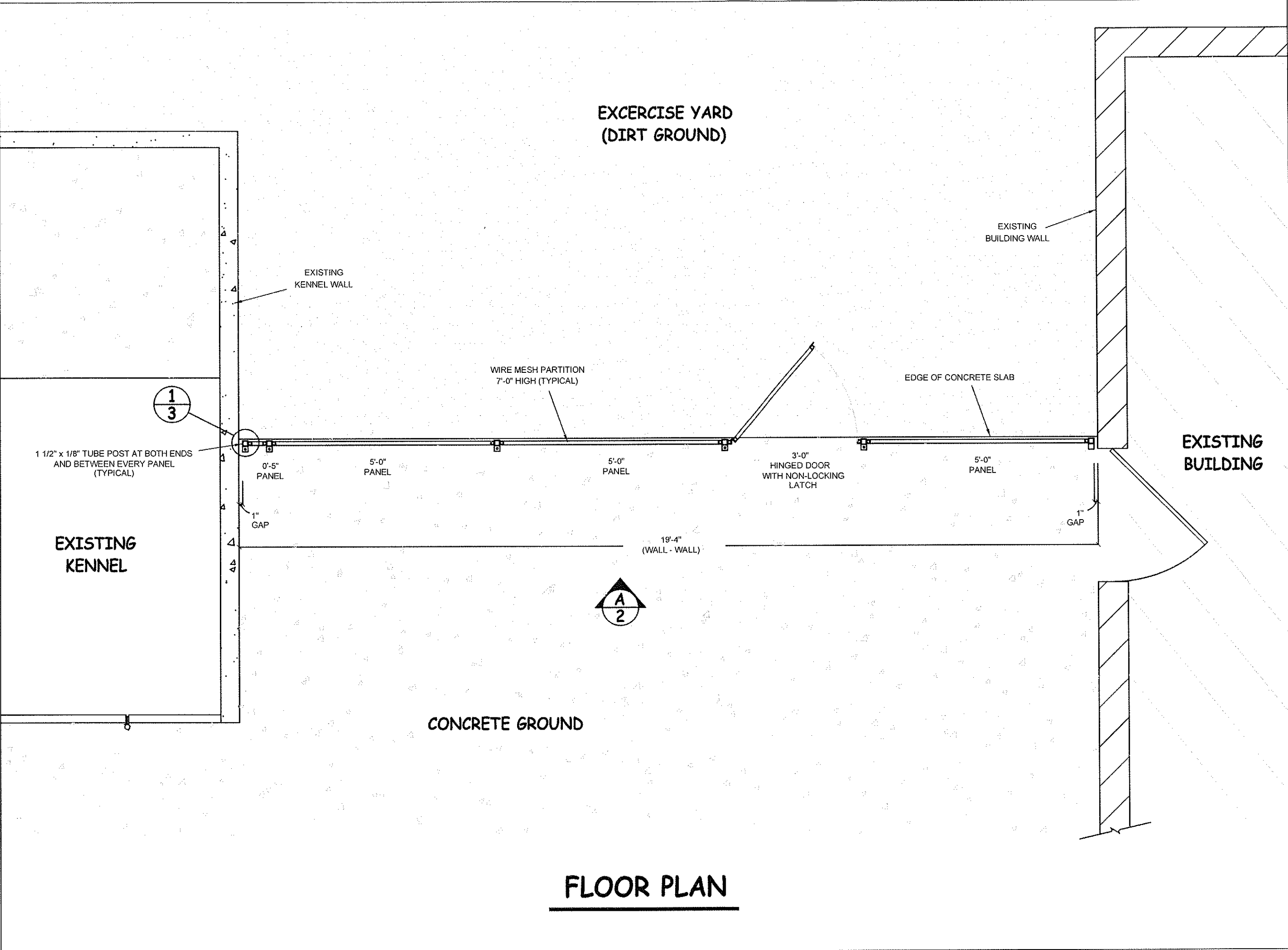
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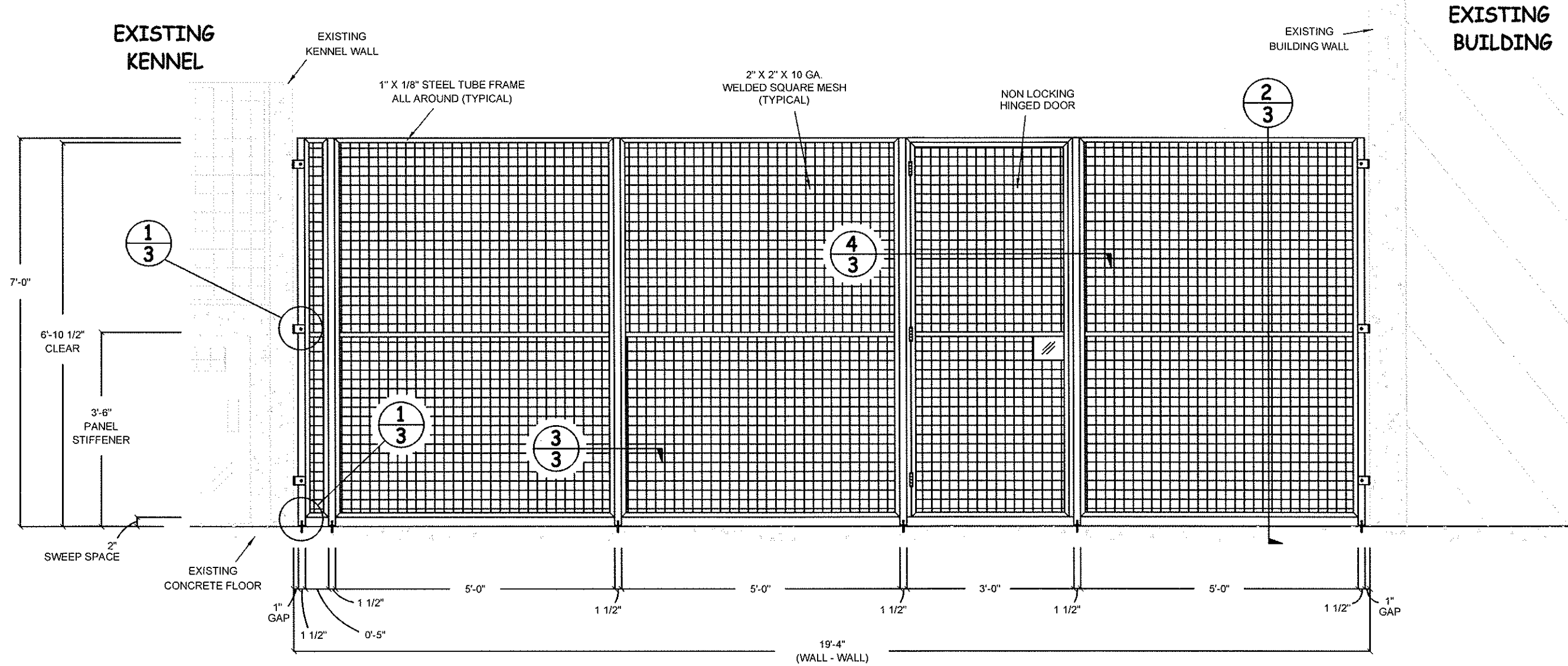
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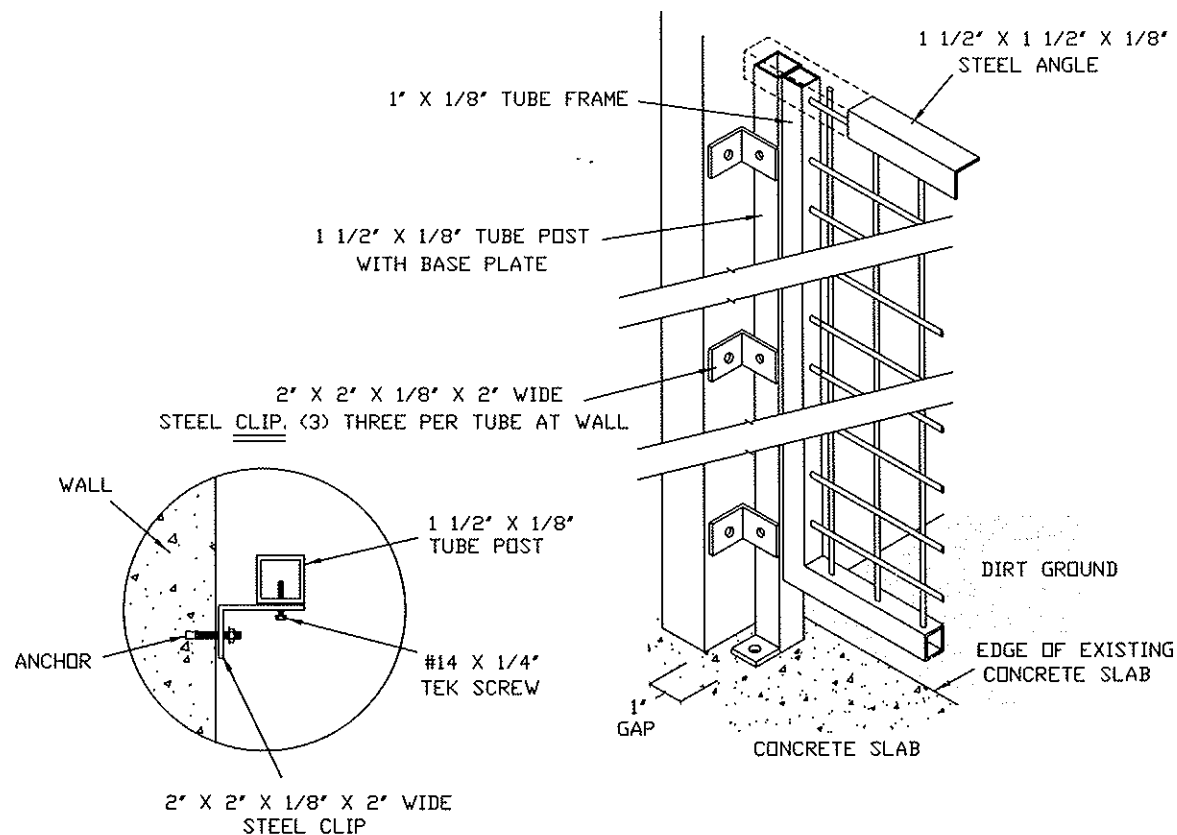
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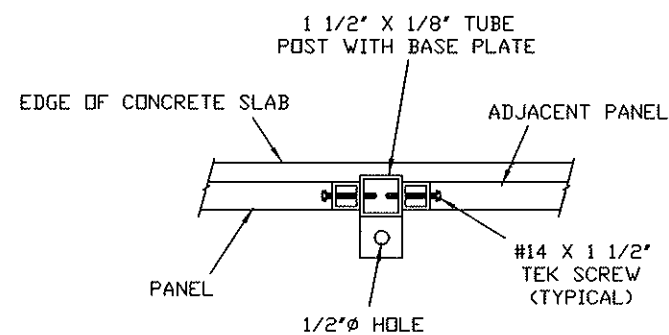


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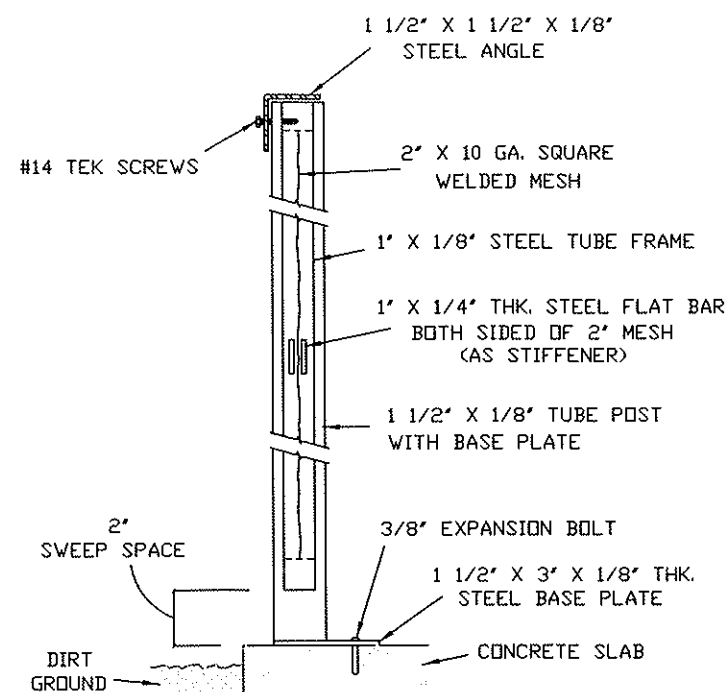
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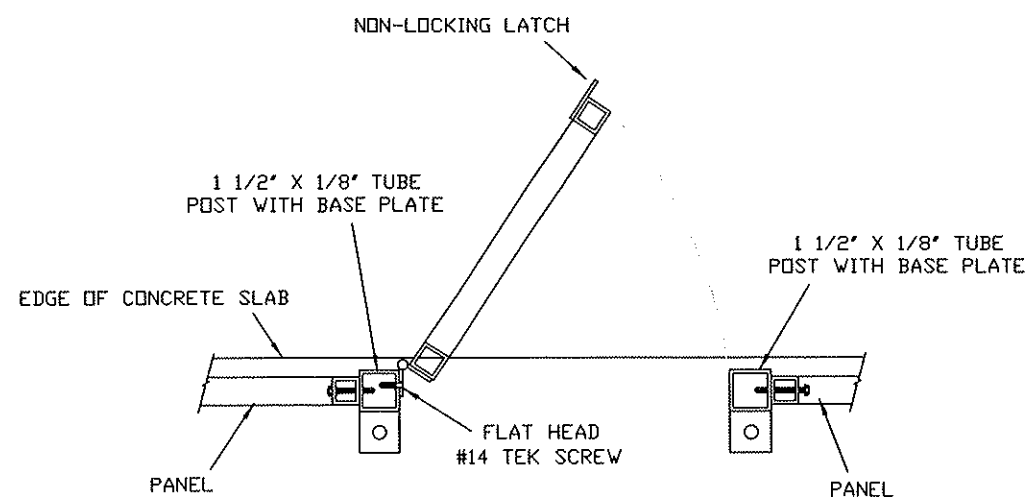
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3
3 TYPICAL PANEL TO TUBE CONNECTION



2
3 TYPICAL PANEL SECTION



4
3 HINGED DOOR SECTION

SPECIFICATIONS:

MESH:

10 GAUGE STEEL WIRE WELDED INTO 2' SQUARE MESH, WELDED TO FRAMES.

VERTICAL FRAMES:

1' X 1/8" STEEL TUBE ALL AROUND.

HORIZONTAL FRAMES:

1' X 1/8" STEEL TUBE ALL AROUND.

CENTER REINFORCING TUBE:

(2) 1' X 1/4" FLAT BAR

HINGED DOOR FRAMES:

1' X 1/8" STEEL TUBE ALL AROUND WITH 1 1/2" PAIR BUTT HINGES BOLTED TO DOOR AND TRANSOM TUBE.

TOP CAP:

1 1/2' X 1 1/2' X 1/8" ANGLE.

LOCK:

NON-LOCKING LATCH.

FINISH:

HOT DIP GALVANIZED.

SWEEP SPACE:

2" UNDER ALL PARTITIONS AND DOORS.

MISC.

ALL BOLTS, HARDWARE, AND ACCESSORIES FOR COMPLETE INSTALLATION TO BE INCLUDED.

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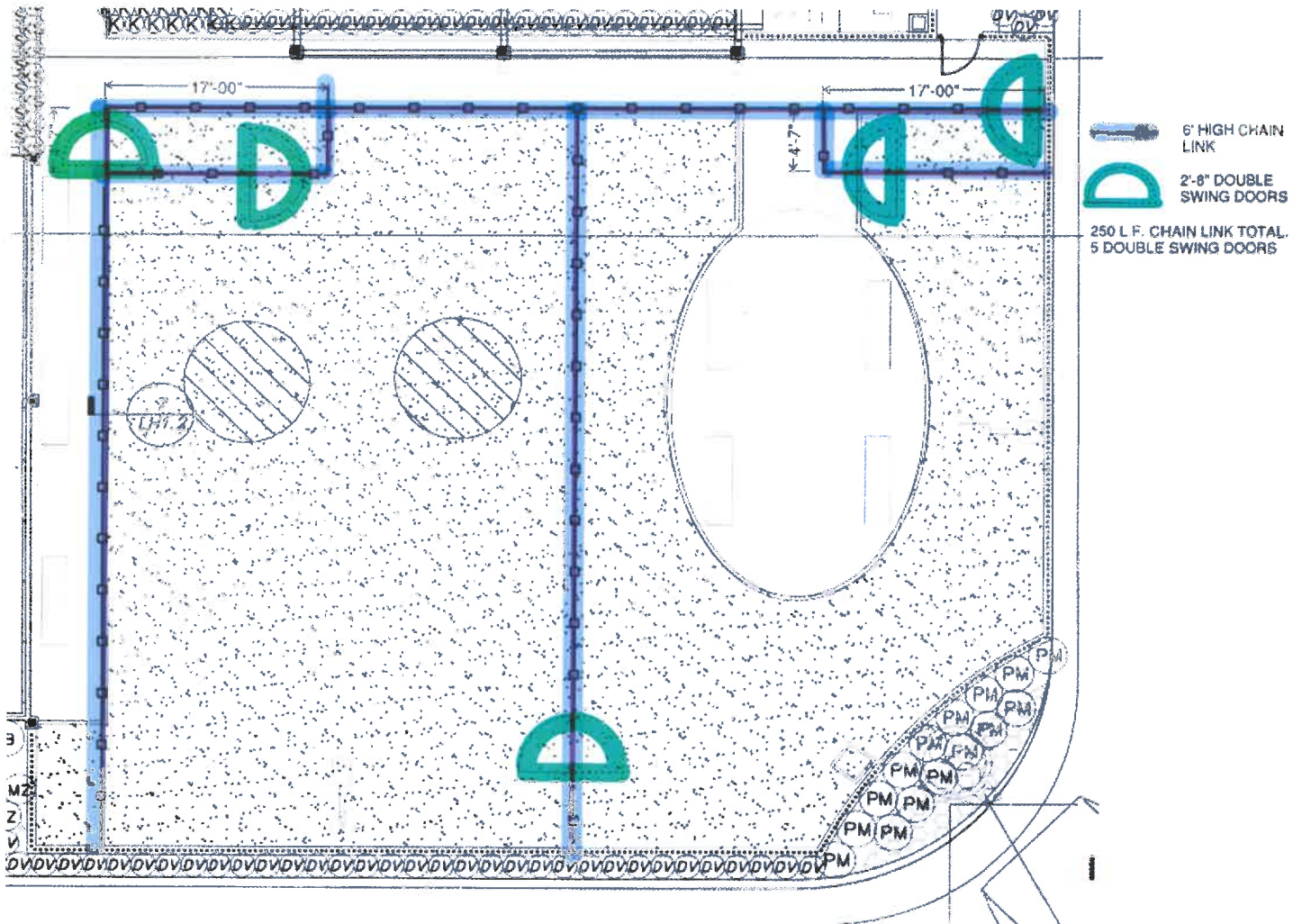
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SCOPE: INSTALL CHAIN LINK FENCING AND DOUBLE SWING DOORS TO CREATE TWO PLAY YARDS WITHIN THE TRAINING FIELD ALONG WITH SALLY PORTS.

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