



BOARD OF ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Monday March 24, 2008
10:00 A.M.
LOS ANGELES CITY HALL
200 N. Spring St.
Room 1060
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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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.

COMMISSION MEETING

1. PRESENTATION OF DEPARTMENT COMMENDATIONS

A. Ms. Jennifer King, CEO and founder of “Blankets for Buddies”, whose compassion and dedication has helped to improve the lives of thousand of animals.

Ms. Lori Kuhn and Jeff and Nancy Scheppers, also receiving commendations for their key efforts in “Blankets for Buddies.”

2. ORAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

3. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2008
- B. Approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes for February 11, 2008
- C. Approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes for February 25, 2008
- D. Oral Report by the Commission on Meetings and Events attended.

4. GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FOR BOARD ACTION

- A. Animal Services Strategic Planning Process Commission Representatives.

That the Board appoints one or two Commissioners to participate on a short-term basis in meetings to formulate and finalize a five-year strategic plan for the Department.

- B. Partnership with Western University of Health Science, College of Veterinary Medicine.

That the Board approves conveyance of deceased animals to Western University of Health Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, for veterinary education purposes, not to exceed 200 deceased animals per calendar year.

- C. Schedule of Fees and Charges for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 for Adoption, Redemption, Relinquishment, Animal Care, and Permits.

That the Board approve a Schedule of Fees and Charges relating to adoption, redemption, relinquishment, animal care, and permits to be applied for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, effective July 1, 2008, unless otherwise amended, along with a schedule of days to allow promotional discounts, all subject to approval by the Mayor and City Council.

- D. Endorsement of California Assembly Bill (AB) 1958

That the Board request the Chief Legislative Analyst's office to formulate a position for consideration by the Mayor and the City Council to formally endorse California Assembly Bill 1958 sponsored by Local 2006, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Council 36, which will make the home addresses of veterinarians employed by a public animal control agency shelter, as listed in Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) records, confidential, and advocate that the Bill's protections be extended to include all Department employees.

- E. Certified Humane Raised and Handled

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That the Board endorse the work of the Humane Farm Animal Care organization in their on-going consumer certification program for food products.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

6. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - (Comments from the public on items of public interest within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction and on items not on the Agenda.)

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Requests from Commissioners for future Agenda Items.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Next Commission Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 A.M., April 14, 2008, at Los Angeles City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

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APPEAL AGENDA
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ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL HEARING 10:00 A.M.

1. Appeal of the General Manager's Decision in Barking Dog Case – **BD 07551 WL**

Appellant: Andra Vaccaro
Complaining Witness: Jack Kriegsman
District Manager, West Los Angeles Shelter, Jesse Castillo, Captain
Hearing Coordinator, Department of Animal Services, Ross Pool, Management Analyst

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2. Appeal of the General Manager's Decision in Barking Dog Case – **BD 07372 WV**

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Complaining Witness: Roger Leak
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