



MEETING AGENDA
BOARD OF ANIMAL SERVICES COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
Monday September 25, 2006
10:00 a.m.
LOS ANGELES CITY HALL
200 N. Spring St.
Room 1060
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Commissioners:
Tariq Khero, President
Kathleen Riordan, Vice-President
Marie Atake
Glenn Brown
Deborah A. Knaan

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REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING WILL COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE APPEAL HEARING SCHEDULED FOR 10:00 A.M.

COMMISSION MEETING

- 1. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**
 - A. To Be Determined
- 2. OLD BUSINESS INCLUDING MATTERS FOR BOARD ACTION**
 - A. Discussion: Transfer of Animals Between Shelters (Ed Boks)
- 3. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Commission Recommendations For New Agenda Items
 1. Recommendation to Department of Recreation and Parks regarding Dog Parks (Marie Atake)
- 4. COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Approval of the Minutes for August 28 and September 11, 2006
 - B. Meetings/Events Attended
- 5. GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDS FOR BOARD ACTION**
 - A. Board Report: Approval of Grant From Petsmart Charities (Jeff Brill)

6. REGULAR AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEM

A. None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - (Comments from the public on items of public interest within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction.)

8. Closed Session: The Board of Animal Services Commissioners will enter into a closed session pursuant to Section 54957(b)(1) of the California Government Code to meet with Los Angeles Police Department's Detective Jeff Dunn and Assistant City Attorney Hugo Rossiter representing their department's Threat Management Units, regarding threats to employee's, public services and/or facilities.

9. ADJOURNMENT

AGENDAS - The Board of Animal Services Commissioners (Board) meets regularly every second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Monday 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. 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, 5th Floor, 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, 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. The Board may consider an item not listed on the Board Agenda only if it is determined by a two-thirds (2/3) vote that the need for action arose after the posting of an Agenda. 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.

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.

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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. 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. Total speaker time on any agenda item will be limited to ten (10) minutes

per item and fifteen (15) minutes for Public Comment, unless extended as above.

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.

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Currently, the City of Los Angeles is estimated to have thousands of stray animals loose on the streets. In Fiscal Year 2005-06, the last complete fiscal year, the Department impounded 55,760 animals. Statistics have shown that a stray animal left to breed would be responsible for the birth of additional animals over time. A female cat and her offspring can produce 420,000 in seven years. One female dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 in six years. There is no accurate estimate on the number of stray dogs and cats loose on the City's streets. It is safe to estimate that the number is in the 10's of thousands. These stray animals create public health and safety problems in a metropolitan area by spreading disease and posing a danger to residents by exposing them to attacks and maulings.

Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 53.15.2 encourages all dog owners to spay and neuter their dogs. To encourage the spay and neuter of dogs, the Los Angeles City Council, in March 2000 enacted the Pet Overpopulation Ordinance, increasing the licensing fee for unaltered dogs from \$30 to \$100, while enabling persons with altered dogs to obtain a \$10 license.

A \$20,000 grant will enable the Department to substantially increase the number of surgeries available to owners of large aggressive dogs. It is proposed that the grant funding be used to augment the Department's Discount Spay and Neuter Coupon Program. By allocating \$20,000 to sterilize large breed dogs, a substantial impact will be made. It is estimated that an additional 250 dogs will be altered utilizing this grant.

The program will be implemented by printing a specific number of coupons indicating the participation of the Petsmart Charities. The coupons, with a stated value of \$80 will be distributed through the City's South Los Angeles Animal Service Center. Coupons will be distributed monthly for three months and monitored to ensure the coupons are used for the purpose for which they are intended. Each person receiving a coupon will have 30 days in which to obtain the spay and neuter procedure. Coupons not redeemed will be re-issued until the \$20,000 is depleted.

The coupons will be available to residents of the City residing in the Zip Codes served by the South Los Angeles Animal Service Center.

The program will be marketed through the Department's normal public relations campaign. Fliers, electronic outlets, such as radio and print media, will be used to inform the residents of the availability of the coupons. The cost of the media campaign will be borne through the Department's public relations budget.

The Department currently has a Sr. Clerk Typist serving as the Pet Sterilization Program Coordinator. The program coordinator will be responsible for ensuring the coupons are distributed to City residents and are used in accordance with the Department's guidelines and that the Petsmart Charities receives full credit for assisting the Department in reducing the

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number of stray animals within the City. Monthly reports will be compiled and submitted to the Petsmart Charities indicating the number of coupons issued, number of coupons redeemed and value of coupons used.. In addition, a final report will be completed within 120 days of the end of the program and submitted to the Petsmart Charities. This will allow coupon recipients 90 days to redeem the coupon and an additional 30 days for the Department to prepare the final report. The final report will cover all aspects of the program and detail the use of each coupon issued, area of the City utilized, and overall benefit to the participating organizations, including the Petsmart Charities and the City of Los Angeles.

FISCAL IMPACT:

It is estimated that the Department will spend \$250 to print the required spay and neuter coupons. Program management will be provided as a normal Department function. Future savings will be realized through a reduction in the number of calls for Department services related to stray and unwanted large breed aggressive dogs.

Approved:

Edward A. Boks, General Manager

BOARD ACTION:

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