

PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE report relative to requiring the posting of certain laws applicable to pet owners at all pet stores, veterinary facilities, dog parks, and rescue organizations in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendation for Council action:

REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance requiring the posting of certain laws applicable to pet owners at all pet stores, veterinary facilities, dog parks, and rescue organizations in the City of Los Angeles.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Department of Animal Services (DAS). Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:
Westside Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On February 2, 2022, your Committee considered an October 6, 2021 DAS report relative to requiring the posting of certain laws applicable to pet owners at all pet stores, veterinary facilities, dog parks, and rescue organizations in the City of Los Angeles. According to the DAS, on September 28, 2021, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners (Board) discussed the importance of providing the public with information about laws applicable to pet owners in the City of Los Angeles, and the implementation of a new ordinance mandating the posting of this information at pet stores and other related establishments. After its discussion, the Board approved a recommendation that the City Council request the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance that requires all pet shops, veterinary facilities, public and private dog parks, and rescue organizations in the City of Los Angeles to post a list of certain laws applicable to pet owners. The posting should include but not be limited to: laws related to animal licensing, mandatory spaying and neutering of pets, leashing, tethering, removal of defecation, leaving animals in cars, household pet limits, the feeding of wild animals, and the sale of animals. To obtain the assistance required to draft this recommended ordinance, the DAS is recommending that Council request the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance requiring the posting of certain laws applicable to pet owners at all pet stores, veterinary facilities, dog parks, and rescue organizations in the City of Los Angeles. After consideration, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendation contained in the DAS report, as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Personnel, Audits, and Animal Welfare Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
KORETZ:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
BONIN:	ABSENT

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