

Communication from Public

Name: Carole Raschella

Date Submitted: 10/03/2023 12:25 PM

Council File No: 23-1008

Comments for Public Posting: I am a responsible owner. My dogs are licensed and well cared for. In over 50 years, I have never bred them, accidentally or otherwise, nor have they ever been impounded for any reason. They are not, and never will be, the cause of overcrowding in shelters. I have been showing and competing with my dogs for the past 25 years. Neutering them would disqualify them from competition. Of more importance to me, however, is that according to recent studies, sterilization by castration is detrimental to their health. Requiring me to have my beloved dogs surgically altered is unfair, unreasonable and unnecessary. There are many ways to resolve the shelter overcrowding problem. Your proposal is not one of them. Please don't punish innocent dogs and their conscientious, law-abiding owners for the negligent behavior of others.

Communication from Public

Name: Tiffany Huebner

Date Submitted: 10/03/2023 10:30 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I sympathize with the unfortunate conditions of the shelter system, however suspending the rights of responsible, law-abiding breeders and owners of intact dogs will not help shelter overcrowding.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/03/2023 11:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This restriction is limiting the WRONG people. AKC members and exhibitors are, by nature, responsible breeders who breed only health animals. This is NOT going to solve your problem.

Communication from Public

Name: Elisha Stynchula

Date Submitted: 10/03/2023 10:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Responsible breeding needs to be preserved and a complete ban on breeding will have little impact on shelter issues. While I do sympathize with homeless animals I also support responsibility since people. Backyard breeders are not registering their dogs for any license and selling tons of puppies on places like Craigslist. Responsible breeders maybe have a litter every other year and agree to take back any dog from their kennels.

Communication from Public

Name: Ara Lynn

Date Submitted: 10/03/2023 09:19 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Just an FYI, shelter overcrowding is exacerbated right now by the aftermath of the Covid pet rush. During the height of the pandemic, an enormous amount of people were acquiring pets. Now they don't need new pets--the puppy market has collapsed worldwide, and of course the shelters nationwide an overabundance of pet population as well. So this is a temporary problem not best solved by legislation. Also, FYI, puppies produced by responsible breeders almost never enter the shelter system. Responsible breeders always take back what they have bred, so they can re-home them with the most appropriate new owners. Responsible breeders ensure their puppies are microchipped so that they are notified if a dog slips through the cracks and arrives at a shelter, so they can get them out of the shelter system immediately. Please don't punish dedicated breeders for a problem that is not of their making. My friend comments that whenever someone gets a shelter dog, they are very interested in learning what breed(s) it is. They even pay money for DNA testing to try to find this out. Without breeders, there will be no breeds. No more dog shows to watch on television. Think about it.

Communication from Public

Name: Barbara Westergard

Date Submitted: 10/03/2023 08:48 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Law abiding and responsible breeders are not the cause of shelter issues. The problem lies with those who ignore the welfare of animals and they will not be stopped because they do not follow laws.

Communication from Public

Name: Debbie Ann Phillips

Date Submitted: 10/03/2023 08:56 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is not a smart move. Unscrupulous breeders will continue to breed and then you've lost any respect from the dog community. Quality breeders are the demographic entity you will impact. Only the dedicated breeders follow the rules. How much money will the City of Los Angeles lose by suspending this program?

Communication from Public

Name: Karen VerDuft

Date Submitted: 10/03/2023 04:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: although I sympathize with the unfortunate conditions of the shelter system, AND PERSONALLY AS WELL AS MONETARILY HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING THEM MY WHOLE LIFE == 81 YRS. suspending the rights of responsible, law-abiding breeders and owners of intact dogs will not help shelter overcrowding. ALL MORE FRIGGIN LAWS LIKE THIS WILL ONLY HELP THE WORST 2 OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT WANT TO TAKE THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOBBY BREEDER/TRAINER/EXHIBITOR AWAY FROM US!! AND THOSE 2 GOD DAMNED OUTFITS ARE NONE OTHER THAN: HSUS HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES == WHICH IS ANYTHING BUT HUMANE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! AND PETA PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS == WHICH IS ANYTHING BUT ETHICAL!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 10/03/2023 07:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I sympathize with the unfortunate conditions of the shelter system, suspending the rights of responsible, law-abiding breeders and owners of intact dogs will not help shelter overcrowding.

Communication from Public

Name: Hollie Lohff

Date Submitted: 10/03/2023 08:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Responsible breeders do not contribute to overcrowding of animal shelters. They take back unwanted animals (which is a rare occurrence) and house them safely until a new home is found. Overcrowding of animal shelters is due to hobby breeders or pet owners that feel their dog or cat wants to have babies. It is caused by pet owners that allow their intact unregistered animal to roam the streets and breed. I have intact animals for show purposes and compete in AKC and UKC events and ensure my animals are secured from escape and licensed if they do. We (competition pet owners and responsible breeders) are not the problem.

Communication from Public

Name: Lynn Brown

Date Submitted: 10/03/2023 08:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I completely sympathize with the unfortunate conditions of the shelter system,s all over the U.S. I have been heavily involved in animal, mostly canine rescue for over 50 years, and have rescued vetted, spayed, neutered and placed thousands of animals in fantastic, well matched homes. BUT... suspending the rights of responsible, law-abiding breeders although you sympathize with the unfortunate conditions of the shelter system, suspending the rights of responsible, law-abiding breeders will not help shelter overcrowding. The key to the problem is education of the public. DO spay and neuter all pet animals. DO either get your pet from a LEGITIMATE RESCUE or SHELTER (there are a ton of scammers out there who only do this to make money.) New homes MUST be carefully checked out so the animals don't just end up back in another shelter!!!! Many of the animals in the shelters are "repeat offenders". They spend their lives being floated from one bad home, back to the shelter, back to another bad home, etc, etc., etc. We need free obedience classes, free spay neutering, free vaccines, help for the elderly or ill whose animals are their entire life, but they need help taking care of them. I've spent a lot of time at L.A. County and City shelters. The staff are underpaid, undertrained, overworked, and totally unappreciated as it is apparently felt by city leaders that they're not a necessity. This needs to change. Since Covid, things have just gotten worse and wore. I couldn't be at this meeting, but I hope my words are taken into consideration. People in general, need to be more responsible. An animal is a big responsibility and not a disposable object to be passed along when you get tired of it. I've been told that it would be easier to adopt a child than get a dog from me. A vast majority of the time though, animals I've placed, because I'm so careful to match the right animal to the right home, never return to me (even though that's one of my requirements). They live long, happy lives and their new families become part of my family of friends. There's so much that can be done to fix this problem, but banning conscientious breeders who care about there dogs and do things the right way, is not going to even make a dent. Those are not the dogs who end up in the shelters because a "real breeder" requires their dogs be returned to them if at any time in their lives they can't keep that dog. Walk down the aisles of the local city shelters some time if you feel like getting a reality

check. Everyone voting on this should have to do that BEFORE voting. The majority of dogs you will see there will be Pit Bulls, Chihuahuas, German Shepherds, Rottweilers, Poodles, small toy breeds, and a lot of big mixes. Most of the purebreds are obviously very poorly bred. Every other house on the block is "breeding" pits and chihuahuas, and the people doing that are doing it ONLY to make money off the backs of the animals. THOSE non law abiding people are the ones who need to have animals removed from their custody, they are most of the supply. They sell dogs to anyone with a credit care, and never check the home out. I wanted to volunteer at a local L.A. City shelter. They told me that "because of Covid" it wasn't as easy to volunteer as it used to be, and they also had a huge shortage of volunteers. THIS needs to be fixed too. I am a professional dog trainer/behaviorist. I've worked with a majority of dog breeds. I'm a photographer and a writer. I know I could be useful, but, I was essentially told to come back another time, they were too busy taking care of the animals. My heart breaks for those employees. Most of them love the animals, but they are really burned out and over worked. Their budgets have been cut, every time I've gone to a shelter in the past couple of years, they are turning away dozens of animals because they don't have the room or the workers to take care of them. Tell that new mayor that the homeless humans are not the ONLY ones who need help. Anyway, sorry for rambling on, but I feel very strongly about this. Enforce the laws that are already in place (which currently is NOT being done). Allow true experts and professionals to help educate the public. Spend some of those big bucks I pay in taxes on this issue. Free education, spaying, neutering, vet care help, even pet food for the elderly and poor. That's what it's going to take to fix this problem, not "bans" of law abiding, caring people.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Craig

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to provide comment related to the Neighborhood and Community Enrichment Committee planned to be held on Wednesday, October 4th at 8:30am. It is imperative that the City address the animal overpopulation crisis and provide funding for spay and neuter services. The funding should consider current market rates for veterinary services. Additionally, the City must prioritize citing people who breed dogs without a license. And lastly, it is essential that a moratorium be placed on breeder's licenses until the crisis can be addressed.