

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to online licensing for dogs and cats.

Recommendation for Council action:

NOTE and FILE the January 27, 2017 Department of Animal Services (DAS) report relative to online licensing for dogs and cats.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 1, 2017, your Committee considered a January 27, 2017 DAS report in response to an Adopted Budget Recommendation adopted on May 19, 2016 pursuant to the adoption of the Mayor's 2016-17 Budget relative to online licensing of dogs and cats (the report was received subsequent to the release of the Committee agenda and as such was presented in Committee). According to the DAS, dogs and horses (any equine) are required to be licensed in the City of Los Angeles. Cats are not required to be licensed. License tags identify guardians of lost animals. Each license tag has a unique number assigned to your animal alone. People who find an animal with a tag need only call our telephone number printed on the tag for quick guardian identification and reunion with the lost animal.

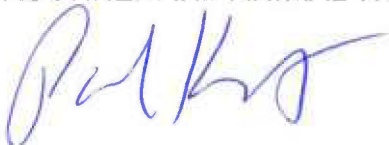
All dogs over four months of age and kept within the City of Los Angeles must be licensed pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 53.28) and must be spayed or neutered pursuant to LAMC 53.15.2(b). A dog license is valid only when the required rabies vaccination certificate, issued by a licensed veterinarian, is provided to the DAS and only as long as the rabies vaccination is effective (LAMC 53.51).

Effective February 1, 2009, the City also started licensing dogs for residents of the City of Beverly Hills. LAMC Section 53.15.1 of the Municipal code provides for an equine license fee of \$14.00 per year for each horse, pony, burro, mule, donkey or other equine 12 months or older. Dog and equine licenses can be obtained online, in person at one of our six City Shelters or at our Administrative Office in Figueroa Plaza. The DAS information technology staff and the Licensing Team have been working to make online licensing easier and more effective. The following chart shows that they are succeeding.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to note and file the January 27, 2017 DAS report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PERSONNEL AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KORETZ:	YES
RYU:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	ABSENT

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