

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Section 53.09 of Article 3, Chapter 5 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to allow temporary home care for a lost or stray dog or cat.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Subsections (d), (e) and (f) are hereby added to Section 53.09 of Article 3 of Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

(d) If the animal is a stray dog that is not wearing a license tag or a stray cat, and the person finding the animal wishes to provide the animal with home care, the person shall comply with the following within the first four (4) hours of finding the animal:

1. Notify the nearest City animal shelter that the animal is in their possession, a description of the animal and where the animal was found, and the location of the animal along with their name, address, and contact information as required above.
2. Receive an animal ID number from the Department to be used in all communications.
3. Provide two or more photographs (of different poses) of the animal to the Department suitable for posting on the Department's website.
4. Bring the animal to a veterinarian or to the nearest animal shelter if the animal requires immediate medical care.

(e) Within the first twenty four (24) hours of finding the animal, the person finding the stray dog or cat shall comply with the following:

1. Bring the animal to one of the City animal shelters for a microchip scan and veterinary care or bring the animal to a licensed California veterinarian at their own expense for a microchip scan and veterinary care.
2. Provide the Department with a record of the microchip scan and the veterinarian's diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis.
3. Make and distribute posters with the animal's photo in a two-block radius of the location where the animal was found and the finder's contact information.

(f) In addition to the requirements in Subsections (d) and (e) above, the person finding the stray dog or cat shall comply with the following:

1. Agree to keep the animal at the identified location for a period not to exceed 32 days, and notify the Department within 12 hours of any change to the location where the animal is kept.
2. Immediately notify the Department if the animal is lost or stolen.
3. If the animal is returned to its lawful owner, immediately notify the Department with the name, address and contact information of the person to whom the animal was released.
4. After 30 days but prior to 32 days, bring the animal to the closest City animal shelter and either surrender the animal to the Department or adopt the animal and have the animal vaccinated, sterilized, and, if a dog, licensed.

Sec. 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____