

Communication from Public

Name: Marigrace

Date Submitted: 04/03/2024 06:56 AM

Council File No: 22-0943

Comments for Public Posting: Please care about cats and dogs in shelters. Rather than have them euthanized, allow them in shelters with their owners.

Communication from Public

Name: Kerri Stevens

Date Submitted: 04/03/2024 08:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilwoman Nithya Raman, I am writing to you on behalf of the helpless 1MM+ stray cats in LA. These animals are needlessly suffering due to the apathy of our government. They need your help. They are being run over, poisoned, tortured, torn apart alive by coyotes, mercilessly consumed by fleas, and starving to death or dying of thirst daily. These are feeling beings—they love and they mourn loss. They are no different than your pet except that nobody cares about them. Imagine if YOU were crushed to death or left to die a slow, lonely, and agonizing death under a dark building. No living thing deserves that kind of pain. You can ignore this problem and it will get worse, or you can do something about it. It should not fall upon the hands and pockets of the many overwhelmed residents and rescues that have stepped up in your absence. We are asking that you implement the following measures: · Provide more resources to shelters · Make LAAS enforce spay neuter · Ban all cat and dog breeding for 7 years minimum · Contact out-of-state shelters who have space to alleviate crowding and reduce euthanization (let's call it what it is: heartless killing) · Hire more employees to care for, clean up after, and walk shelter animals · Enforce spay/neuter of all pets up for adoption · Incentivize vets to provide free or low-cost neuter/spay and care · Organize door-to-door task team to enforce owner spay/neuter · Penalize failure to spay/neuter with DMV tickets · Ask libraries to donate late book fees to rescues; this is easy money · Open another shelter · Develop campaign to educate public about spay/neuter · Contract out free spay/neuter to orgs like FixNation or CampLA · Require all pets to be microchipped · Establish lengthy prison terms for animal torturers (no brainer: the same people that torture animals, torture people—they are coming for YOUR kid next) Please don't look away. Take the time to look into the pleading, sad eyes of the next animal you see and know you can do better. Go to sleep at night certain they will be so grateful for your help. There are so many wasted resources in the government that would be better spent improving lives and addressing this heartbreaking (and growing) issue. Inaction or insufficient action will cost LAAS and the city of LA more in the long run. I sincerely hope that you give credence & weight to this letter, and REALLY think about the harm that these animals endure. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Kerri Stevens

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Name: Mari Weston

Date Submitted: 04/03/2024 11:03 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The adoption services for cats are a nightmare for people trying to home a cat. Without ranting, adopting a cat has become almost impossible to save a cat's life. My suggestion. Please work with the city to simplify the adoption process, and make it more accessible financially. The less you charge, the more cats will be homed. Isn't that the point? The City, rescuers and shelters should work together to ensure the process is simple and affordable for the person wanting to care for a cat.

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Name: Cheryl Aisoff

Date Submitted: 04/02/2024 01:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Our shelters are overcrowded along with local rescues. They were overcrowded pre covid crisis. Then when everyone was sheltered in place many got their family's a puppy or dog or cat. Many had never had a pet before, so with all the isolation, many dogs didn't have a chance to grow up in a nurturing environment with people aware how to socialize their new family member or how important it was from the get go. Shelters were stretched to their limits prior, note limits just by shelters limitations of how many they felt they could take. Space limitations. Shelters need to be bigger and staffed by more that could socialize dogs, as well as to have space for cats as well. Telling finders to just leave cats or dogs in the street where they were found is not the answer! Putting them to sleep is not the answer. Putting to sleep euphemism for their being killed for no reason but space? All these pets deserve more chances to find their family's. Maybe outreach shelters in varied areas, so those not near a shelter would be better able to find a pet of their dreams? I have 4 rescue pets. 2 cats and 2 dogs. I would not want to be without any of them. My last adoptee came with fear biting issues. He loved kids from the get go but was scared of adults. He feared keys in my hand, if I reached for a brush or comb. Was fearful of harnesses and being leashed at night. If I had returned him he would have been killed outright. Because of history I held leash tight not knowing if he would attack the cats. Kizzy was raised by my alpha female dog, walked up as we walked in gave him a kiss. Now confident and happy, wants to meet everyone but that sometimes takes time. Please, we need different caring people to manage our shelters to give them a chance.

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Name: Sarah L.

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Comments for Public Posting: Healthy, well-behaved dogs are being euthanized in shelters for space every day, in spite of what Animal Control says. The solution is to advocate for spay and neuter. Allocate funds for public education around the animal population crisis and sterilization. Increase the number of vouchers and low-cost spay and neuter locations. Put up billboards. Send animal control officers into schools. Do something about the breeding situation. Do not continue to ignore this problem and hope it will go away. Take it seriously. Pre-pandemic measures will not work for post-pandemic times. More and more of us are volunteering and seeing what's happening at the shelters every single day. We're counting on you, as our elected officials whom we support and whom we voted for, to address this problem publicly.

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Name: Victoria Blackburn

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Comments for Public Posting: Our shelters are in crisis! This is a humane and human problem. Too many people have abandoned their animals due to our economic crisis. These animals are left to fend for themselves amongst wild animals, cars, mentally unstable people, and weather elements. It's not fair that they do not have a safe place to go to get the nutrition and care they need. Cats are not meant to be left out in the cold. They need love, food and a way to be spayed or neutered to end this crisis.

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Name: Debra Roventini
Date Submitted: 04/03/2024 01:26 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilman Krekorian, Please don't look away. I am pleading with you to save the cats. Cats get dumped every spring in our neighborhood. It is cruel, especially if no one takes them in or cares for them, and left outside it is death eventually. You are the head of the council and believe you should be able to do so much to take care of this issue. I want to be assured that the new Director of Shelters is doing her job and not allowing Euthanasia. Such a despicable practice! I cannot understand how the city can be so cruel. LA is supposed to have No-Kill Shelters, but I have heard horrifying stories! This is not acceptable! I have rescued 4 cats from our neighborhood that have either been dumped or just coming from mother cats not spayed, and had them neutered and spayed myself with the help of a great rescue, and brought them inside to keep them safe, and they are pets. Please, please, take note of our pleas. The Council did a great thing when they made the law that tenants could not be evicted because of bringing pets into their apartments during the Pandemic. Now it is time to take the next Needed step and save these animals. Below are our concerns: I am writing to you on behalf of the helpless 1MM+ stray cats in LA. These animals are needlessly suffering due to the apathy of our government. They need your help. They are being run over, poisoned, tortured, torn apart alive by coyotes, mercilessly consumed by fleas, and starving to death or dying of thirst daily. These are feeling beings—they love and they mourn loss. They are no different than your pet except that nobody cares about them. Imagine if YOU were crushed to death or left to die a slow, lonely, and agonizing death under a dark building. No living thing deserves that kind of pain. You can ignore this problem and it will get worse, or you can do something about it. It should not fall upon the hands and pockets of the many overwhelmed residents and rescues that have stepped up in your absence. We are asking that you implement the following measures: · Provide more resources to shelters · Make LAAS enforce spay neuter · Ban all cat and dog breeding for 7 years minimum · Contact out-of-state shelters who have space to alleviate crowding and reduce euthanization (let's call it what it is: heartless killing) · Hire more employees to care for, clean up after, and walk shelter animals · Enforce spay/neuter of all pets up for adoption · Incentivize vets to provide free or low-cost neuter/spay and care ·

Organize door-to-door task team to enforce owner spay/neuter · Penalize failure to spay/neuter with DMV tickets · Ask libraries to donate late book fees to rescues; this is easy money · Open another shelter · Develop campaign to educate public about spay/neuter · Contract out free spay/neuter to orgs like FixNation or CampLA · Require all pets to be microchipped · Establish lengthy prison terms for animal torturers (no brainer: the same people that torture animals, torture people—they are coming for YOUR kid next) Thank you for your time and your concern, and your power to get things accomplished. Sincerely.

Communication from Public

Name: Carolyn

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Comments for Public Posting: Please find a way to save our fur babies. We don't have much of any control over the homeless. But we do have currently, control over the saving of our homeless pets. It's simple, IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.