

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council-member Koretz, I am writing to express my disappointment about the recent news about the animals at the shelters. According to the article by the Los Angeles Times by Dakota Smith (Staff), dogs have been neglected and abused by the city of Los Angeles Animals Services. I am disgusted and appalled by this. I love dogs. It is inhumane to keep these poor dogs caged for an extended period of time without having someone (e.g. Staff) take them for a walk around the park. They are trapped and that is abuse and neglect on you, Mr. Koretz. You should have known about this for years and you did nothing to help. I called your office twice, and I left a message to your City Hall and Field Office about this urgent issue. I ask that you take action and fund and provide resources for these poor animals. They are dying in cages. It is not right. It is immoral and unethical. I am someone who is actively involved in politics, government, and nonprofits. I care about my community. I am someone who wants to engage in a professional manner but there are times when I have to speak up on issues that concern me. Please... do the right thing!

References (below): Council told of poor conditions at L.A. animal shelters - Los Angeles Times An L.A. City Council committee heard testimony about poor conditions for dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, and other animals at overcrowded city shelters. <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-07-19/la-animal-shelters-hearing 'Horrific': Council members react to animal shelter crisis - Los Angeles Times Two L.A. City Council members called Friday for action at the city's struggling animal shelters following a Times report about overcrowded shelters, dogs that aren't walked for weeks at a time ...>

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-07-16/l-a-city-council-members-called-for-action-city-shelters Inside the overcrowding crisis at L.A. animal shelters - Los Angeles Times Flora barked loudly and shimmied back and forth in her kennel in South Los Angeles as a volunteer approached holding a rope. The 5-year-old German shepherd hadn't been taken out of her kennel ...>

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-07-14/la-city-animal-shelters-dogs-sit-in-kennels-weeks-months-without-walks>