

Communication from Public

Name: Dr Rhonda Cornum

Date Submitted: 10/03/2023 06:33 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: There is no doubt that it is unfortunate when shelters are overcapacity on unable to take care of homeless animals. However responsible breeders and exhibitors of purebred dogs are not contributing to that problem. Breed clubs and breeders take back puppies or adult dogs if the owners are no longer able (or willing) to take care of them. The shelter situation is due to irresponsible people allowing crossbred, mutt puppies to be produced that no one wants, and no one is willing to take care of. So the answer is not to punish responsible purebred dog breeders. The answer truly is requiring microchips to be issued at the same time as license are purchased. Then when a stray is picked up you can track where it started and punish the irresponsible person as opposed to trying to punish the entire population of responsible dog breeders. All responsible people microchip their animals before they ever leave their mothers. Remember only intact dogs can be shown. you may have 10 intact dogs and yet not produce a single litter for several years. And i, like every other responsible reader knows where every single puppy went and where they are today.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathy L

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Comments for Public Posting: While 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. Free or low cost spay/neuter would do more to help the shelter system.

Communication from Public

Name: P.K. Van

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Comments for Public Posting: This proposal arises from the flawed premise that dogs bred by permitted local breeders are all being sold/placed within the jurisdiction, and from the equally flawed premise that dogs bred by permitted local breeders are causing an increase in the number of dogs in shelters. This is incorrect. Sheltering statistics indicate that the biggest source of shelter dogs is shelter/rescue dogs. Accordingly, the most effective way of reducing local shelter populations is a moratorium on the significant numbers of so-called "rescue" dogs that are brought from outside the jurisdiction -- and from outside the U.S. -- into the L.A. area for the specific purpose of being offered for sale/adoption. "Rescue" dogs sourced from outside the jurisdiction and housed locally have an immediate and direct impact on shelter populations and reduce the number of local homes available for dogs already in shelters. The current proposal is a useless gesture.

Communication from Public

Name: Matthew N Lerner

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a very serious issue that spirals into animal overpopulation, abuse, and death. Please consider this agenda with the weight it deserves

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Hill

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Comments for Public Posting: The municipal code regarding spaying and neutering is not being enforced in Los Angeles, resulting in more dogs that the residents of Los Angeles are forced to pay to care for and often euthanize in our shelters. This is unethical as well as costly. Every time I go to the Sepulveda Basin Dog Park on the border of Lake Balboa and Encino, there is at least one unneutered dog, often several. Both the local police department and animal control have said there is nothing they will do and I have never seen a ranger at either of these parks. Ticketing uncompliant dog owners will not solve all the problems, but it will send a message that the City of Los Angeles is serious about spay and neuter laws. There should also be a moratorium on purchasing breeders' licenses until our LA shelters are not overflowing with dogs; perhaps with an exemption for breeders who can prove their dogs are bred to help those with real disabilities (not made-up, imaginary BS so someone's Doodle can fly first class with them). There need to be more free or low-cost spay and neuter opportunities. In the long run, this will likely save the city money, in that taxpayers will be helping to pay for a one-time event instead of shelter care and/ or euthanasia for multiple dogs from multiple litters over time. It is unfair that the burden of saving animals' lives has fallen to individual citizens who spend so much time, effort, and money volunteering, networking, and fostering these animals. Our city has fallen into an awful pattern of reactivity instead of proactivity. PLEASE GET IT TOGETHER. So many meetings, so little action.