



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held January 27, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Service animals provide a vital resource for individuals with a disability. Typically, not only do service animals improve the quality of life, the animals become part of the family. In Los Angeles County, service dogs are required to be licensed by the Department of Animal Care and Control. However, service dogs are not exempt from the ordinance which limits a person to three dogs. This could present a problem for an individual who owns three dogs plus has the need for a service dog.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent), the Directors of Animal Care and Control and Planning and County Counsel were directed to:

1. Review State and Federal statutes to determine if there are any Federal or State laws that govern the issue for local governments, of service dogs being exempt from the ordinance which limits a person to three dogs;
2. Review ordinances from other cities and counties to determine how other local jurisdictions deal with this issue; and
3. Report back to the Board within 30 days with findings.

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