



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

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Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Director of Animal Care and Control

At its meeting held January 31, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“In August 2005, the Board of Supervisors supported passage of Senate Bill 861, which allows counties and cities to regulate specific dog breeds through breeding restrictions and mandatory spay/neuter programs.

“To address this growing public safety threat, the Department of Animal Care and Control has increased enforcement, strengthened the penalties for irresponsible dog owners and is conducting sweeps to remove vicious dogs from the streets. Attacks continue and Pit Bulls and Rottweiler breeds are disproportionately involved. On January 23, 2006, an Antelope Valley 11-month old girl was brutally attacked and seriously injured by a Pit Bull.

“I therefore recommend that the Board of Supervisors direct County Counsel, in conjunction with the Director of Animal Care and Control and the Chief Administrative Officer, to prepare an ordinance by February 15, 2006 for Board approval. It would regulate specific breeds of dogs through a spay/neuter program and address other breeding restrictions with stiff penalties imposed for noncompliance.”

Marcia Mayeda, Director of Animal Care and Control and Raymond G. Fortner, Jr., County Counsel answered questions posed by the Board. Elizabeth Hampton, Donna Termeer, Jennifer Freilich, Kym Delisi and other interested persons addressed the Board.

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After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board directed County Counsel, in conjunction with the Director of Animal Care and Control and the Chief Administrative Officer, to prepare an ordinance by February 15, 2006 for Board approval, which would regulate specific breeds of dogs through a spay/neuter program and address other breeding restrictions with stiff penalties imposed for noncompliance.

In addition, the Board directed the Director of Animal Care and Control to examine the feasibility of establishing a volunteer Resident Deputy Program for the Department of Animal Care and Control, comparable to existing programs in the Fire, Probation, and Sheriff Departments.

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