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MOTION PUBLIC SAFETY

It is a priority of the City of Los Angeles to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of animals. The City also values volunteers who contribute to the professional delivery of quality customer service and the humane treatment of animals.

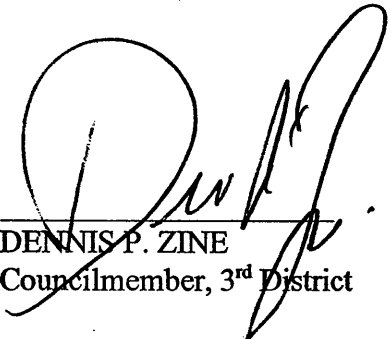
The Department of Animal Services (ASD) houses thousands of lost and abandoned animals in its Animal Care Centers, enforces animal-related laws and implements policies to prevent cruelty to animals. The City of Los Angeles is a national leader in the humane treatment of animals and is committed to ending euthanasia as a method for controlling pet overpopulation.

Since 2000, ASD has reduced the euthanasia rate by 20 percent using licensing incentives, promoting adoption programs and strengthening alliances with the animal rescue community. In addition, ASD has reduced the number of impounds by a similar percentage through aggressive voluntary spay/neuter programs. The City should continue its efforts toward reducing the euthanasia rate and providing a safe and humane environment for animals at Animal Care Centers.

The City welcomes caring and responsible volunteers who are committed to making a difference in the lives of abandoned and homeless animals. Volunteers should be encouraged to offer their participation in assisting City staff at the Animal Care Centers.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Animal Services Department to report back on the current rate of euthanasia and its continuing efforts for further reductions; and its programs to encourage the participation of volunteers who wish to devote their time to the care and management of animals.

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