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MOTION

On July 6, 2010, the Governor signed AB 2689 (Smyth) Rabies Vaccinations allowing local jurisdictions to specify the means by which a dog owner can provide proof of rabies vaccination. The City sponsored the bill on the recommendation of the Department of Animal Services that the City take a support position.

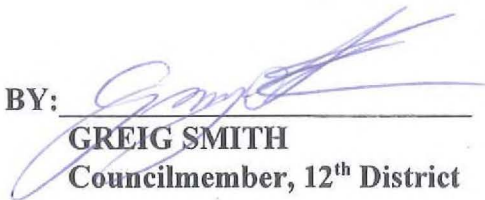
Previously, dog owners were required to provide written proof of vaccination with a veterinarian's original signature. This antiquated process results in administrative and enforcement problems, and deters compliance. AB 2689 is expected to benefit the City, as follows:

- Improve public health as a result of more vaccinated dogs;
- Reduce the Department of Animal Services administrative duties, as owners would be more likely to submit their own information while utilizing the City's website; and
- Provide for an anticipated increase (up to 10%) in dog licensing revenue as a result of a streamlined notification process.


The Department estimates that there are over 300,000 dogs in Los Angeles, of which an estimated 30% are licensed. In order for the City to best benefit from the passage of AB 2689, the Department of Animal Services should report on its plan to implement the measure.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Animal Services be instructed to report on a plan to implement the provisions of AB 2689 to improve rabies reporting requirements and to increase the number of dog licenses, including options for the participation of veterinarians in the rabies registration process.

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