

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance amending Section 53.09 of Article 3, Chapter 5 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to allow temporary home care for a lost or stray dog or cat.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Subsections (d), (e), and (f) are hereby added to Section 53.09 of Article 3 of Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

(d) If the animal is a stray dog that is not wearing a license tag or a stray cat, and the person finding the animal wishes to provide the animal with home care, the person shall comply with the following within the first four hours of finding the animal:

1. Notify the nearest City animal shelter that the animal is in their possession and provide a description of the animal, the location where the animal was found, the location where the animal will be maintained, as well as the person's name, address, and contact information.
2. Note and maintain the animal ID number from the Department to be used in all future communications.
3. Provide two or more photographs (of different poses and at least one head shot) of the animal to the Department suitable for posting on the Department's website.
4. Transport the animal to a veterinarian or to the nearest animal shelter if the animal requires timely medical care.

(e) Within the first 24 hours of finding the animal, the person finding the stray dog or cat shall comply with the following:

1. Transport the animal to one of the City animal shelters for a microchip scan and veterinary care, or bring the animal to a licensed California veterinarian at the finder's own expense for a microchip scan and veterinary care.
2. Provide the Department with a record of the microchip scan and the veterinarian's diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis.
3. Make and distribute posters with the animal's photo in a two-block radius of the location where the animal was found and include the finder's contact information.

4. Complete the Department's form foster care agreement and submit it to the Department in person, by fax, or electronically. The Department's form foster care agreement shall include an agreement by the person to accept all legal and financial liability for the animal.

(f) In addition to the requirements in Subsections (d) and (e) above, the person finding the stray dog or cat shall comply with the following:

1. Agree to maintain the animal at the identified location and notify the Department within 12 hours of any change to the location where the animal is kept.

2. Immediately notify the Department if the animal is lost, stolen, or has attacked, bitten, or injured any person or other animal.


3. If the animal is returned to its lawful owner, immediately notify the Department with the name, address, and contact information of the person to whom the animal was released.

4. After 30 days, bring the dog or cat into the nearest City animal shelter and either surrender the animal to the Department or complete the process to adopt the animal, including having the animal vaccinated and sterilized. If the found animal is a dog, adoption also will require the adopter to license the dog. The Department shall waive the adoption fee for any animal adopted pursuant to this section.

Sec. 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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Ordinance Passed \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_