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## Fwd: SHELTERING AT HOME POLICY CHANGE

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Here's another one.

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re: SHELTERING AT HOME POLICY CHANGE.

Hello

I am writing to support the SHELTERING AT HOME policy change.

I am a resident of Los Angeles, specifically Laurel Canyon - and we have been working as a community to help re-unite neighbors with their lost dogs and cats in as little time as possible.

However, there are often mitigating circumstances where we KNOW it's a community dog, there's just a missing communication link and we work hard to find that missing link and avoid the trauma to the dog and owner of taking the dog to a city shelter.

This helps avoid the tragic overcrowding that I know the City Shelters experience. it helps the found dog stay healthy and perhaps most importantly -

the time allowance on a stray hold I feel is too short to allow a distraught and perhaps not overly experienced "lost dog" owner, find their dog.

We as neighbors in ever growing communities need to be able to help one another - this fosters good will, and just a downright old fashioned neighborly spirit, especially when it comes to ones beloved animals.

I work in the Safe Paws program in Laurel Canyon and have fostered and networked lost dogs successfully. Time is of the essence up there to capture a loose animal due to the wildlife - that's the hard part - the easy part if keeping the animal safe and sound until it's owner is located. We have created a deep networking system and are encouraging the community to voluntarily create a database of their animals in case they are lost, stolen or there is an emergency - we know our neighbors and most importantly, their pets.

We are not capturing and keeping people's pets, we are not capturing feral dogs - we are helping a neighbor whose dog

escaped due to a gate being left open get reunited as quickly as possible with their owner.

I never expect any financial compensation for this service - reuniting a loving owner with their pet feels so good, it's payment enough.

I would however expect the support and ability to inform the shelter that I have found an animal and provide a photo so that should the owner call the local shelter the shelter system is aware of who can be contacted for the safe return of the animal.

All round the SHELTERING AT HOME is a win win. If you can and want to shelter at home it will be an option - and the Shelter system will always be there for those that cannot participate. I think it helps so many elements important to our communities - keeping our animals safe, fostering neighborly behavior and reuniting lost pets and owners quickly and efficiently.

Thank you so much for your consideration for this policy change

I look forward to hearing the results

Catherine

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