PERSONNEL & ANIMAL WELFARE

There was a recent social media post showing an incident at the Chesterfield Square Animal Shelter where two large dogs were moved from individual large dog kennels to a soaked shared kennel in unsanitary conditions. It is already difficult to adopt out dogs from the shelter, and this difficulty is worsened by inadequate shelter conditions. When dogs are soaked and kept in these conditions, people struggle to see them as potential pets. One of the shelter's volunteers eventually remedied the situation, but this was not an isolated incident.

Numerous social media reports regarding unsuitable conditions at City shelters have surfaced in recent weeks, and as the cold rainy season continues, it is imperative that the City's animal shelters can provide every animal with a clean, warm, and dry environment with a bed to rest on. All of the City's animal shelters have dedicated volunteers who devote their time and energy to helping the animals, but an account of the conditions at each of the City's animal shelters is necessary in order to ensure humane treatment of animals housed at City animal shelters.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Animal Services be directed to report in 30 days on the conditions of all of the City's animal shelters, with an emphasis on the Chesterfield Square Animal Shelter in South Los Angeles, during this year's rainy season.

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