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In 2005, the City established the Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACTF) to further the goals of promoting, and protecting the health, safety and welfare of animals and people in Los Angeles. The ACTF was composed of two Los Angeles Police Department detectives and six animal control officers who work in partnership with the City Attorney's Office in the prosecution of animal cruelty cases.

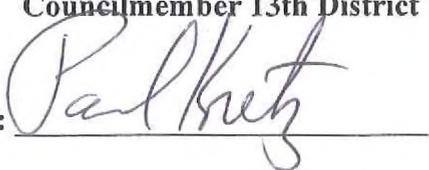
The Police Commission's first year review report of the program, released and forwarded to Council in 2007, included enforcement statistics such as the number of calls-for-service, investigations undertaken, a breakdown of the types of cases investigated and highlights of significant cases. However, since that report, an update of the ACTF has not been provided to Council which details its operations or challenges encountered while enforcing the City's animal cruelty laws.

The ACTF defines animal cruelty as the malicious and intentional maiming, mutilating, torturing, neglecting, wounding or killing of an animal. Animal Services Department advises that animal cruelty is one the most destructive ills of society which reflects a severe lack of moral responsibility and social conscience, and is associated with other criminal behavior such as gang activity, drugs, and domestic and child abuse. In recognition of these observations, the ACTF should report to Council, in a timely manner, the status of the program and challenges encountered in carrying out its mission to the benefit of all City residents.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department, in cooperation with the Animal Services Department, Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACTF) and the City Attorney's Office, be directed to prepare a status report that updates the structure and operational activities of the ACTF and includes the specific number of investigations, arrests and prosecutions, and a priority listing of areas of the City where their services are needed most and the resources required to address those needs.

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