

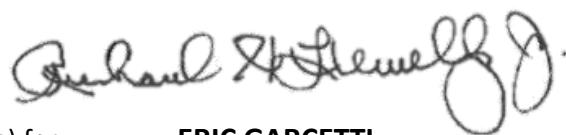
## TRANSMITTAL

To: **THE COUNCIL**

Date: **11/22/21**

From: **THE MAYOR**

**TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Llewellyn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "L" at the end.

(Rich Llewellyn) for

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October 6, 2021

The Honorable Eric Garcetti  
Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attention: Ms. Heleen Ramirez, Office of the Mayor

**RE: INSTRUCTION TO THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PET STORES AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS TO POST LAWS APPLICABLE TO PET OWNERS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Recommendation for Council Action, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

- **INSTRUCT** the City Attorney to draft an ordinance requiring the posting of certain laws applicable to pet owners at all pet stores, veterinary facilities, dog parks, and rescue organizations in the City of Los Angeles.

At its meeting on September 28, 2021, the Board of Animal Services Commissioners discussed the importance of providing the public with information about laws applicable to pet owners in the City of Los Angeles, and the implementation of a new ordinance mandating the posting of this information at pet stores and other related establishments.

After its discussion, the Board approved a recommendation that the City Council request the City Attorney to draft an ordinance that requires all pet shops, veterinary facilities, public and private dog parks, and rescue organizations in the City of Los Angeles to post a list of certain laws applicable to pet owners. The posting should include but not be limited to: laws related to animal licensing, mandatory spaying and neutering of pets, leashing, tethering, removal of defecation, leaving animals in cars, household pet limits, the feeding of wild animals, and the sale of animals.

To obtain the assistance required to draft this recommended ordinance, the Department of Animal Services respectfully recommends that the City Council instruct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance requiring the posting of certain laws applicable to pet owners at all pet stores, veterinary facilities, dog parks, and rescue organizations in the City of Los Angeles.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Curtis Watts, Assistant General Manager via e-mail at [curtis.watts@lacity.org](mailto:curtis.watts@lacity.org).

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SUBJECT: Transmittal to Mayor and Council  
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OF LOS ANGELES

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Respectfully submitted,



Dana H. Brown  
General Manager

Attachment: Draft Flyer – City of Los Angeles Important Animal Laws

cc: Steve Houchin, Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney

# City of Los Angeles Important Animal Laws



**Protect Your Pet. Be Responsible. Avoid Fines.**

## Spay and Neuter

Cats and dogs are required to be spayed or neutered after the age of four months, with some exemptions allowed. Free and discount spay and neuter vouchers are available online or at your nearest City Shelter for L.A. City residents (LAMC 53.15.2).

## Licensing

Dogs are required to be licensed after the age of four months. To obtain a license, dog owners must show proof of spay/neuter and rabies vaccination. The cost for a license is \$20 per year/per dog. You can obtain a license online at [anionlinelicense.lacity.org](http://anionlinelicense.lacity.org) or go to your nearest City Shelter (LAMC 53.28).

## Leash Law

If you take or allow your dog off your property or place of residence, you must have him or her on a leash (LAMC 53.06).

## Picking up after your dog

Dog owners are required to clean up after their dogs when taking them out in public. Don't forget the poop bags when you leave your house for a walk (LAMC 53.49).

## Tethering Law

It is illegal to tie up a dog to any stationary object for more than three hours in a 24 hour period or deny them proper water or shelter for long periods of time (LAMC 53.70).

## Number of pets allowed

Up to three dogs and three cats are permitted per household (LAMC 53.00 and 53.50).

## Leaving pets in cars

Pets should not be left unattended in vehicles under conditions such as heat, cold, and lack of ventilation or water that endanger the health of the animal or may be expected to cause suffering or death (CA Penal Code 597.7).

## No Feeding Wildlife

It is illegal to feed non-domesticated mammalian predators such as coyotes, foxes, possums, raccoons and skunks (LAMC 53.06.5).

## Selling Animals

Sales of dogs and cats require special permits from LA Animal Services and outdoor sidewalk sales are generally prohibited. Additionally, selling animals usually also requires obtaining a business license from the City of Los Angeles (LAMC 53.42).