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Commission Meeting Recap: Changes to New Hope Program

The following is a brief summary of how the Commission voted at Monday's meeting of the Board of Animal Services Commission:

**REPORTING**

**Department Proposal:** Change quarterly reporting to MONTHLY. Reports will be sent electronically for New Hope Partners to complete. The reports will include all animals released to the New Hope Partner listed by impound number. The New Hope Partner (NHP) will report as to the status/disposition of each animal AND PROVIDE NAMES/ADDRESSES OF ALL DOG ADOPTERS RESIDING IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES as well as zip codes of dog adopters residing outside of the City of Los Angeles.

**Committee Proposal:** Leave quarterly reporting as is and DO NOT require EITHER dog adopter names/addresses OR zip codes (see the attached for extensive analysis).

**RESULT:** The Commission voted in MONTHLY REPORTING and groups WILL be required to provide the names/addresses of dog adopters who reside in the City of Los Angeles. There is a small chance the Commission will revisit this issue. There was some support for the New Hope Committee's proposal for a 6-month pilot program/study to determine the level of licensing compliance from dog adopters who live in the City of Los Angeles. Stay tuned...

**FEES:** Department Proposal: Beginning July 1, spay/neuter will no longer be subsidized. New Hope discounts will be as follows:

**NEW HOPE ALERT LIST:** All fees waived, NHP pays spay/neuter and applicable license fees ONLY

**NON NEW HOPE ALERT LIST:** All fees waived, NHP pays spay/neuter, microchip and applicable license fees ONLY

HOWEVER, non New Hope Alert List animals will be FULL PRICE, even to NHPs, until one day after the review date. For clarification, the "review date" is defined as the first day upon which the Department may legally kill an animal. This means that for owner-surrendered animals, even though they are "available" upon impound, NHP's will

not be able to pull them at a discount until five days following the impound date (i.e., day of impound + 4 days hold period + 1 extra day wait period). Please note that the Department may green-list or red-list an animal at any time.

**Committee Proposal:** The Committee is resigned to the reality that spay/neuter will no longer be subsidized, and the "review day plus one" concept is acceptable for stray animals. For owner-surrendered animals, however, the committee proposes a wait period of one day following availability (i.e., day of impound + one day) for New Hope discounts to apply (please see attached for analysis).

**RESULT:** A compromise was reached regarding OTI animals. New Hope Partners will be able to adopt OTI animals at a discount following a wait period of 2 days following the animal's available date (i.e., the date of impound + two days).

### **MICROCHIP REGISTRATION**

**Department Proposal:** Require that adopters be listed as either the primary or secondary contact on all microchips.

**Committee Proposal:** Microchip registration is none of the Department's business. It is between the NHP and the applicable adopter. In addition, the requirement is unenforceable. The Committee recommends leaving microchip registration up to the NHP.

**RESULT:** The Commission voted to leave the requirement that both the NHP and the adopter have to be listed on the microchip. As this is completely unenforceable, it is not worth fighting. Groups should continue to register microchips according to their policy.

### **NORTHEAST VALLEY ANIMAL CARE CENTER**

As many of you know, the Northeast Valley Animal Care Center will not be opening up to the public as previously planned. The Department intends for this shelter to be minimally staffed and house keep-alone dogs, evidence animals and unweaned animals. The Committee is concerned that this facility will become the "forgotten" shelter, where animals will languish without being seen by the public, ultimately to be killed. The Committee has requested that this shelter be subject to the same accessibility standards as the other shelters (i.e., 24-hour access for NHPs, increased hours of access for adoption transactions and a full-time New Hope Coordinator). Please join the Committee in voicing concern about this shelter and the Department's current plans.

**RESULT:** There was no vote on this issue. Essentially, the Department asserted that it is doing everything it can to increase the staff and increase the accessibility of this shelter, whether or not it ever opens to the public.

IF ANY OF THESE CHANGES WILL CAUSE YOUR GROUP TO LEAVE THE NEW HOPE PROGRAM, WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU. PLEASE EMAIL [RESCUEALLIANCE@EARTHLINK.NET](mailto:RESCUEALLIANCE@EARTHLINK.NET). THANK YOU.

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