

**Information for Animal Welfare Committee Meeting
September 11, 2017**

Item 3: Assembly Bill AB 1199, the Pet Canine Encounters Protection Act.

This bill will require mandatory in-service canine encounter training to California peace officers on how to quickly and safely respond to unexpected situations when encountering a dog. The training will teach police officers how to protect themselves without having to kill or severely injure the dog in certain threatening situations.

As stated by the sponsoring organization, Social Compassion in Legislation, it is estimated that every ninety-eight minutes a dog is shot by law enforcement in the United States. This is a devastating situation for both the family and for the police officer involved. See <https://www.socialcompassioninlegislation.org/police-canine> for more information about AB 1199 and some very disturbing pictures of a police shooting of a dog.

AB 1199 was held in the Appropriations committee in May, based on concern regarding costs. Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian is the bill's author. Texas, Colorado, and Ohio have passed similar legislation.

Item 4: Use of all kennels at the West Valley Animal Shelter, including the Training Kennels, Puppy Kennels, and kennels in the Grooming Room, before any healthy adoptable animals are killed for lack of space at any of the City Shelters. Recently, the West Valley Animal Shelter has stopped using the 8 "Training Kennels" next to the exercise yard and the 8 "Puppy Kennels" in the center of the dog kennel complex. These kennels were used successfully during the 4th of July period in 2016, so that no healthy adoptable dogs were killed at West Valley. Now those kennels are all vacant, along with the 7 kennels in the Grooming Room. Those kennels should all be used before any healthy adoptable dogs are killed at any of the City Shelters for lack of space. Dogs should be transferred to West Valley from other Shelters, rather than being killed, if these kennels are vacant.

Please see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHXF1cmX4KU>

Item 5: Implementation of No-Kill of healthy adoptable dogs, cats, and rabbits at the City Animal Shelters by December 31, 2017. The Mayor and City Council have set a goal of achieving No-Kill of healthy adoptable dogs and cats at the City Animal Shelters by December 31, 2017. The stated goal of the

City is to save the lives of all of the healthy and adoptable dogs and healthy cats in the possession of the Department of Animal Services and help them find good "forever homes." On a statistical basis, this is generally considered as saving 90 percent or more of the cats and dogs coming through the sheltering system; the remaining 10% are, on a statistical basis, animals who are too sick or aggressive to be saved. The proposed resolution is to reach and maintain that goal by December 31, 2017, with no further extensions of time.

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