

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance adding a new Section 53.73 to Article 3, Chapter 5 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to prohibit the sale of commercially bred dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores, retail businesses or other commercial establishments in the City of Los Angeles.

WHEREAS, the sale of commercially bred dogs, cats and rabbits contributes to the proliferation of homeless or unwanted animals that end up in public animal shelters; and

WHEREAS, prohibiting the sale of commercially bred dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores, retail businesses or other commercial establishments may lower the City's shelter animal euthanasia rate and lead to a greater adoption rate of shelter animals.

NOW THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. A new Section 53.73 is added to Article 3 of Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

SEC. 53.73. SALE OF COMMERCIALY BRED DOGS, CATS AND RABBITS IN PET STORES – PROHIBITION.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell any live dog, cat or rabbit in any pet store, retail business or other commercial establishment located in the City of Los Angeles, unless the dog, cat or rabbit was obtained from an animal shelter or a humane society located in the City of Los Angeles, or a non-profit rescue and humane organization registered with the Department of Animal Services. For purposes of this Section, a rescue and humane organization is defined as a California non-profit corporation that is exempt from taxation under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (3), participates in early age spay/neuter of animals, complies with State and local laws regarding the humane treatment of animals, and whose mission and practice is, in whole or in significant part, the rescue and placement of dogs, cats or rabbits.

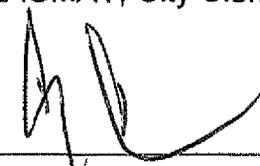
A violation of this Section may be prosecuted as a misdemeanor. A violation of this Section also may be enforced by means of an administrative citation and penalty in the amount of \$250 for the first violation, \$500 for the second violation and \$1,000 for the third violation.

The ordinance will become operative six months after its effective date, and expire on June 30, 2016, unless extended by ordinance.

Sec. 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was introduced at the meeting of the Council of the City of Los Angeles OCT 24 2012, and was passed at its meeting of OCT 31 2012.

JUNE LAGMAY, City Clerk

By  Deputy

Approved NOV 09 2012

 Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

CARMEN A. TRUTANICH, City Attorney

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Assistant City Attorney

Date 9/10/12

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