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Report to the Board of Animal Services Commissioners
Edward A. Boks, General Manager

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: October 27, 2008

PREPARED BY: Miki Shaler

REPORT DATE: October 23, 2008

TITLE: Management Ass't

SUBJECT: Requests for Recognition for Dog and Cat Registries and Associations,
Third Round October 2008

BOARD ACTION RECOMMENDED:

That the Board review and approve the application for The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.

SUMMARY:

On February 12, 2008, the City Council of Los Angeles approved a new law that requires all cats and dogs in the City to be spayed or neutered after the age of four months, with some specific exemptions allowed. One of the exemptions to the ordinance is "a breed approved by and registered with a registry or association approved by the Animal Services Commission, (which) does or will actively show or compete."

At the Board of Animal Services Commission meeting on August 25, 2008, the Board reviewed applications submitted during the first round (June-August 2008) application process and voted to recognize three registries. The Board approved an additional five registries and associations during the second round (September 2008).

One additional application has been received. The evaluation of the application is provided below:

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ORGANIZATION NAME	The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc
Type of Registry	Pedigreed Cat
Includes background information	Y
Includes explanation of certificate process	Y
Established 3 + years	Y
Maintains and Enforces a code of ethics for breeding that includes:	
Knowledge of the breed standard, the basic principles of genetics, and the pedigrees of prospective stud and matron;	Y
Restricting the breeding of animals that are not physically or temperamentally sound or have defects and life-threatening health problems that commonly threaten the breed;	Not Specified, but does have breed standards.
Requiring that animals are thoroughly examined by a veterinarian before breeding to determine that they are healthy, mature, and suitable for this purpose;	Y
Denying, suspending, or revoking membership of any breeder in violation of its code of ethics or who is proven to have been convicted of a crime against an animal.	Y
Does not allow, endorse, or engage in any activity that is determined to be intentionally harmful or detrimental to the health and/or safety of animals or humans	Y
Participates in, sponsors, or organizes bona fide competitions or shows that make awards based on merit	Y
Explains the process and criteria used in issuing a certification	Y
RECOMMENDATION	APPROVE

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The Department recommends that the Commission approve the application submitted by the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. Without recognition by the Board, registries and associations will not be able to provide valid certification to be used by their members, leaving dog and cat owners without the tools to obtain valid exemptions. While the associations and registries may provide their members in good standing with a certificate, it will still remain the responsibility of the dog or cat owner who is applying for the exemption to provide proof that their animals has competed, or is training to compete, in a club sanctioned show.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Dog and cat owners, who provide an original letter or certificate from an approved dog or cat registry or association, can receive an exemption from the Spay/Neuter Ordinance, (LAMC) Section 53.15.2. Exempted dog owners will be required to purchase a \$100 unaltered dog license (the altered dog license is \$15). The potential increase in revenue to the Department is directly correlated to the number of dog owners who request exemption from the Spay/Neuter Ordinance citing this exemption.

Approved:

Edward A. Boks, General Manager

BOARD ACTION:

_____ Passed

Disapproved _____

_____ Passed with noted modifications

Continued _____

_____ Tabled

New Date _____