

**Rumor 7:** “No Kill” to GM Ed Boks means limiting the time residents can bring in neonatal kittens and pregnant moms.

**Fact:** There is no limit on the time LA Animal Services accepts neonate kittens and pregnant moms. LA Animal Services recently announced a policy to limit the time that pet owners can relinquish their pets. I repeat, there is no limit on the time residents can turn in neonates and pregnant moms. In fact, LA Animal Services has and will continue to accept neonates and moms 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The purpose of limiting the time owners can relinquish their pets is to increase the likelihood that Animal Care Centers will have enough room for the hundreds of neonates and pregnant moms we are receiving every week.

When owner relinquishments are turned in on Tuesday thru Friday, per the new policy, their chances of being re-homed in the upcoming weekend’s adoption events greatly improve the animals chances of survival and limits the time they have to languish in a shelter. Adopting these animals out in the shortest amount of time again increases our holding capacity for other animals not so fortunate.

Animal Services continues to try to expand our Bottle Baby Program so that more neonates can be nurtured to an adoptable age. Unfortunately, the department still has to kill far too many of these kittens and we include those numbers in our monthly statistical updates available at the website.

If, as some in the humane community fear it will, the limited hours for owner relinquishment demonstrably exacerbates the incidence of pet abandonments, we are prepared to revisit the policy.