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To All Interested Parties:

The Los Angeles Department of Animal Services recently invited all dog and cat registries and associations to apply for recognition by the Board of Animal Services Commissioners to provide certification that may exempt certain dogs and cats from the spay and neuter requirements of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) 53.15.2. Los Angeles' Spay/Neuter Law will begin enforcement on October 1, 2008, requiring all dogs and cats over the age of four months to be spayed or neutered, unless the owner can prove that they meet one of the approved exemptions, including membership in an approved dog or cat registry or association.

The first round of applications was reviewed at the Board of Animal Services Commission meeting on August 26, 2008. This letter serves as a reminder to all organizations that, without recognition from the Board, registries and associations will not be able to provide valid certification to their members, leaving dog and cat owners without the tools to obtain exemptions. Los Angeles dog and cat owners who are found in violation of the ordinance may face fines up to \$500 or a misdemeanor.

It is easy to submit an application and/or to find out more information about this opportunity to benefit your organization's members. Please visit www.laanimalservices.com to review the Request for Recognition for Dog and Cat Registries and Associations. Go to "Requests for Proposals" under "News and Links" and download the FAQ Sheet and Application. You also may contact Miki Shaler of the Department at 213/ 482-9530 or by email at Miki.Shaler@lacity.org for more information.

Any registry that meets the minimum qualifications, based upon the submitted application and required supporting documentation, will be presented to the Board with a recommendation for recognition or refusal. Recognized registries and associations will remain in good standing for three years, at which time they may reapply for recognition. Registries and associations not recognized following a review of their application will be allowed to re-apply at their discretion.

Please refer to the FAQ Sheet for additional instructions and information. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

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