



## Animal Protection Ordinance— Fact Sheet

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- Only city in California without process to ensure animals are protected

### Kennel/Cattery License

- Residential Kennel license for those who own more than 4 dogs
- Residential Cattery license for those who own more than 10 cats
- ANY** resident may apply for Residential Kennel/Cattery License
- 20-year grandfather clause—any resident whose pets are properly licensed before adoption of Ordinance does not need to apply for Residential Kennel/Cattery License for period of 20 years

### Spay/Neuter Protection

- Ordinance applicable only when pet owner fails to comply with other animal protection rules (e.g., dog/cat at large, current rabies vaccination, leash law)
- Dogs/cats over 4 months of age must be spayed/neutered
- Infirm dog/cats exempt
- Dogs/cats owned by recognized breeders exempt
- If dog/cat picked up, animal **WILL NOT** be altered without owner's consent
- Mirrors County ordinance adopted February 2009

### Microchip Protection

- Facilitates reunification of dogs/cats with owners
- Dogs/cats over 4 months of age must be microchipped
- Non-surgical procedure; microchip smaller than grain of rice
- Infirm dog/cats and/or dog/cats over 10 years of age exempt
- Dogs/cats kenneled in Riverside but reside elsewhere exempt

### Financial Assistance/License Amnesty

- ✓ Low cost spay/neuter services available from City/County shelter & Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center (formerly Riverside Humane Society)
- ✓ Spay/neuter mobile will host clinics in Riverside with stops at senior centers
- ✓ Dog license amnesty program in July/August 2010
  - No late fees
  - Free 1-year license for vaccinated, altered & microchipped dogs
- ✓ City actively seeking grant funding for low cost spay/neuter & microchipping services