



SUPPORTING ANIMAL WELFARE

As City Attorney, I will fight for the humane treatment of animals across Los Angeles—holding abusers accountable, supporting ethical care, and creating a kinder, safer city for all.

I am committed to ensuring the humane treatment of all animals within the city of Los Angeles. From Skid Row to local rescues, to veterinary services, we will tackle abuse, neglect, and fraud. This plan outlines a multi-agency task force and ongoing advisory efforts to protect our animals and the integrity of those who care for them.



1. Establishing A Citywide Task Force

The City Attorney's Office will lead a task force, coordinated with the District Attorney's Office, County Counsel, Los Angeles Animal Services, Los Angeles County Animal Control, the Los Angeles Police Department, and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.

The task force will meet monthly, sharing data, case leads, and coordinating investigations into animal cruelty, illegal puppy sales, neglectful rescue operations, and fraudulent veterinary practices.

We will create a clear referral system via a public portal for residents to report concerns directly to the task force.

2. Focus Areas and Prioritization

Skid Row Animal Protection: We will proactively patrol areas where animal neglect or abuse is reported, working alongside homeless outreach teams to assist both people and their animals.

Rescue Accountability: We will investigate complaints about illegitimate rescues and ensure compliance with nonprofit regulations.

Veterinary Practices: We will investigate reports of fraud, price gouging, or unethical practices within veterinary clinics.

3. Enforcement and Legal Action

We will develop guidelines for prosecuting animal neglect, cruelty, and fraud, ensuring swift and consistent legal action.

We will also explore civil remedies where appropriate—such as injunctions against fraudulent rescues or unfair business practices.

4. Advisory Board On Animal Welfare

We will establish an Animal Welfare Advisory Board, comprised of experts, advocates, and community representatives.

This board will meet at least quarterly with the City Attorney to provide updates on emerging issues, trends, and needed policy adjustments.

Members may include SPCA representatives, rescue operators, legal experts in animal law, and community animal welfare advocates.

5. Transparency And Community Engagement

We will establish an online portal for residents to track the task force's progress and file reports.

Deputy City Attorneys will conduct community educational forums about responsible pet ownership, animal welfare laws, and how to identify and report abuse.

6. Long-Term Goals

Our office will pursue legislation or municipal code changes, if needed, to strengthen protections for animals and ensure stricter penalties for repeat offenders.

We will track data on prosecutions and outcomes to ensure continuous improvement.

7. Immediate Action Steps

In the first 60 days, I will hold a launch meeting of the task force to outline investigative priorities and responsibilities.

We will simultaneously begin recruitment for the Animal Welfare Advisory Board.

Within 90 days, we will launch the public reporting portal and hold our first community education forum on animal welfare and rights.

8. Resources And Support

We will allocate dedicated City Attorney staff to support the task force and ensure legal resources are available for investigations and prosecutions, working collaboratively with our county partners.

We will work with all stakeholders to seek grants or additional funding to support humane outreach and improvement.

9. Accountability And Reporting

We will issue annual public reports detailing task force progress, successful prosecutions, and areas for improvement.

The Advisory Board's quarterly meetings will be summarized and shared publicly, ensuring transparency and trust.



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