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New Requirements for Dog Owners
Dogs Must be Spayed or Neutered and Microchipped

The City of San Fernando recently adopted County of Los Angeles regulations that require dog owners to spay or neuter their dogs, and to have them implanted with an identifying microchip. The regulations take effect April 2008 and will be enforced through the City’s annual pet license renewal process.

“All dogs over the age of four months are required to be spayed or neutered to reduce the number of dogs euthanized at the County’s animal shelters,” said Animal Control Officer Jesse Larios. “The regulations also require microchip identification implants on dogs to help speed their return to owners.”

Last year, over 19,000 dogs were humanely euthanized at County animal shelters because the agency could not find their owners or was unable to place them in new homes.

Exemptions to the mandatory spaying and neutering requirement are possible for “competition dogs” from a recognized breed that are owned for display at shows or for breeding purposes. Owners of such dogs must be associated with a kennel club, breeders association or other valid registry recognized by the County of Los Angeles. Other dogs may be exempt for valid medical reasons.

For more information, please visit www.sfcity.org or contact the City’s Community Development Department at (818) 898-1227.

THE CITY IS OFFERING THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES TO HELP RESIDENTS COMPLY

FREE DOG MICROCHIPPING AND LOW COST VACCINATIONS

When: November 3, 2007
 Time: 9-11 a.m.
 Where: San Fernando City Hall
 117 Macneil Street
 San Fernando

MORE INFORMATION: (818) 898-1227

SPAY AND NEUTER VOUCHERS

The City is currently offering a \$20 voucher to offset the cost of spaying or neutering a dog. Owners of pit bulls or pit bull mixes may be eligible for free spaying or neutering.

MORE INFORMATION: (818) 755-6045

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