

**ORDINANCE NO. 8992**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 62.680 OF  
THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES  
RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego ordains as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors finds and determines that the current Department of Animal Control Ordinance does not specify all citizens and/or organizations that participate in animal adoptions at reduced rates. The amendments made by this ordinance are intended to clarify which citizens and/or organizations for which the Director of the Department of Animal Control may waive or adjust adoption fees.

Section 2. Section 62.680 of the San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 62.680. HOLDING PERIOD, DISPOSTIONS AND ALTERING.

(a) No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Any dog or cat not claimed by its owner and which has not been altered shall not be sold or given away, other than for approved medical research, unless the cost of altering such animal has been deposited with the Department to be refunded upon presentation of proof of altering by a licensed veterinarian.

Private citizens, Humane Society representatives and support organization representatives may place an adoption hold on dogs or cats. Citizen holds will take precedence over other holds. The Department will notify the Humane Society and support organizations when the citizen hold period has expired. Dogs and cats not adopted by the Humane Society or support organization within twenty-four (24) hours after notification of the expiration of the citizen hold may be destroyed.

(d) The Director may waive the altering deposit requirement for a State chartered Humane Society when that Society adopts animals under the following conditions:

- (1) The Humane Society or support organization will care for and maintain custody of such dogs or cats for adoption by the public in a licensed kennel or a private home until such animals are adopted or destroyed.
- (2) The Humane Society or support organization shall, at its own expense (subject to potential reimbursement from the adopting person), alter all

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such dogs or cats, or require the adopting person to alter the animal within the period specified in (e) and make a necessary deposit to be refunded directly to the depositor upon presentation of proof of altering by any licensed veterinarian.

- (3) The Humane Society or support organization shall not knowingly allow dogs to be adopted by a private party or business for guard dog purposes. This provision does not include adoption for the purpose of law enforcement service.
  - (4) The Director may waive or adjust adoption fees for Humane Societies or support organizations.
- (e) No change.
- (f) No change.
- (g) The Department may create by policy a SENIOR CITIZEN/DISABLED PERSONS PET ADOPTION PROGRAM for San Diego County residents who are sixty (60) years or older or recipients of either Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability payments and who are qualified to adopt a dog or cat. The Director may waive or adjust adoption fees established by the Board of Supervisors in conjunction with such a program, provided that the animals involved shall be vaccinated for rabies and shall be altered as required by law.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days after its passage, and before the expiration of fifteen days after its passage, a summary hereof shall be published once with the names of the members of this Board voting for and against it in the San Diego Commerce, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of San Diego.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1999.