## City of Culver City ANIMAL SERVICES



## SPAY/NEUTER, MICROCHIP AND RABIES VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

## Does my dog have to be spayed or neutered (altered), microchipped and rabies vaccinated in Culver City?

Dogs in Culver City are **required** to be spayed or neutered (altered) [Los Angeles County Code 10.20.350]. All dogs over the age of 4 months in Culver City are **required** to be implanted with an identifying microchip [Los Angeles County Code 10.20.185]. All dogs over the age of 4 months in Culver City are **required** to be currently rabies vaccinated [Culver City Municipal Code 9.01.380]. Even if your dog never leaves the house, your dog must still have a dog license and must be spayed/neutered (altered), rabies vaccinated and microchipped. At some point and time your dog may accidentally get out, there may be a disaster and you get separated from your dog, or a stray or sick animal can enter your property. Having your dog microchipped and a license tag on your dog helps Culver City Animal Services get your dog back to you. Violations are subject to citations with fines up to \$500.

Dogs that are unable to be spayed, neutered, microchipped and rabies vaccinated without a high likelihood of suffering serious bodily harm or death due to age or infirmity will require written confirmation from a licensed veterinarian to qualify for this exception.

These ordinances have exemptions for these cases:

- Dogs which are unable to be spayed or neutered without a high likelihood of suffering serious bodily harm or death due to age or infirmity (Written confirmation from a licensed veterinarian is required to qualify for this exception.)
- Dogs used by law enforcement agencies for law enforcement purposes
- Service or assistance dogs that assist disabled persons
- Competition dogs (A Competition Dog is a dog which is used to show, to compete or to breed, which is of a breed recognized by and registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC), United Kennel Club (UKC), American Dog Breeders Association (ADBA) or other approved breed registries. The dog or owner must also meet **ONE** of the following requirements:
  - The dog has competed in at least one dog show or sporting competition sanctioned by a national registry or approved by the department within the last 365 days.
  - The dog has earned a conformation, obedience, agility, carting, herding, protection, rally, sporting, working or other title from a purebred dog registry referenced above or other registry or dog sport association approved by the department.
  - The owner or custodian of the dog is a member of a department approved purebred dog breed clubs, which maintains and enforces a code of ethics for dog breeding that includes restrictions from breeding dogs with genetic defects and life threatening health problems that commonly threaten the breed.