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Patricia Turner
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RE: September 6, 2016 Complaint Letter Re Animal Care Services
Our File No.: A16-02383

Dear Ms. Turner & Ms. Smith:

We are in receipt of your letter dated September 6, 2016, which contains specific complaints about the euthanasia practices and policies of the City of Long Beach's Animal Care Services.

Based upon the information contained in your letter, our office reviewed whether Animal Care Services ("ACS") had violated either the Hayden Act or California Food & Agriculture Code §31108(b) in having Thor, a four-(4) year old male Belgian Malinois, euthanized after being picked up by Animal Care Services as a stray on or about June 2, 2016. We have determined that ACS did not violate either the Hayden Act or California Food & Agriculture Code §31108(b), respectively. Moreover, we did not find any indication that any documents were falsified or that any false statements were made by either Mr. Stevens, the Director of ACS, or any other ACS employee.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES PARKIN, City Attorney

By:


ARTURO D. SANCHEZ
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Ecc: Charles Parkin, Long Beach City Attorney
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