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Animal License Enforcement Efforts in the City of Whittier

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Officers from the Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) will be in the City of Whittier beginning August 21, 2017 checking for current rabies vaccinations, ensuring residents are in compliance with licensing requirements. California State law requires that all dogs over the age of four months be vaccinated against rabies and be licensed. Securing a dog license is an important part of identification and can assist animal control agencies if your pet becomes lost.

City of Whittier pet owners are advised to be in compliance with licensing requirements. The licensing fees for City residents are as follows:

- Unaltered dog- \$60
- Altered dog-\$30
- Altered dog belonging to a senior citizen (60+)- \$7.50
- Unaltered cat- \$10 (voluntary)
- Altered cat- \$5 (voluntary)
- Penalty fee- Equal to the license fee

Residents not in compliance will be subject to license fees and delinquency charges, including a \$40 field enforcement fee, to offset the cost of the Department's field services. In order to avoid penalties, be sure to license your dog. You can secure a new dog license by printing the application online at http://animalcare.lacounty.gov, or visiting your local County animal care center. If your license is not delinquent, you can also renew it through the Internet.

DACC offers low cost vaccination. Please visit our website http://animalcare.lacounty.gov or stop by your local County animal care center for more information about these services.

One reason the City of Whittier is such an attractive and desirable community is because our municipal government supports the principles of responsible pet ownership, which includes enforcement of the leash law to prevent animals from running at large. Your cooperation with the officers from the Department of Animal Care and Control will assist us in maintaining the quality of life we enjoy.

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