

Ordinance Amendments

County Ordinance 32.0220(f) is being amended to require the licensing of all Pit Bull and Pit Bull type dogs over four months of age, housed, harbored, or otherwise kept in a licensed dog kennel. This will help track all Pit Bull type dogs to ensure compliance with the Mandatory Spay/Neuter ordinance.

County Ordinance 32.0124(a)(1) is being amended to make the criminal and administrative citation penalties consistent, and to remove the potential for confusion when penalties are applied in regards to licensing dogs.

Spay/Neuter Assistance

- A \$50 dollar voucher will be available to those who qualify.
- The vouchers are available through POPCO, for people living in the unincorporated
- areas of San Bernardino County. Please call **1-888-767-2550** to check if you qualify.



State Law

(California Health and Safety Code Section 122330-122331), prohibits any breed from being deemed potentially dangerous or vicious, it does allow local agencies to enact breed-specific programs for spaying/neutering to control overpopulation.

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE REQUIRING SPAYING/NEUTERING OF PIT BULL AND PIT BULL TYPE DOGS & ACC COUNTY CODE AMENDMENTS



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Dear Community Partners,

In an effort to improve public safety and reduce the number of stray Pit Bull type dogs in the County, San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control is proposing a new ordinance. At this time two other ordinances are being amended.

- All owners of Pit Bull and Pit Bull type dogs over the age of four months will be required to have their dogs spayed / neutered (sterilized).
- Amend County Code 32.0220(f) to require the licensing of all Pit Bull and Pit Bull type dogs.
- Amend County Code 32.0124 (a)(1) to ensure criminal and administrative citation penalties are consistent.

What is a Pit Bull?

- “Pit Bull” is not an official breed.
- “Pit Bull” is a term used to describe several breeds of dogs:
 - Pure breeds: Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Pit Bull Terrier or American Staffordshire Terrier.
 - Mixed breeds: All dogs with significant mixes of Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Pit Bull Terrier or American Staffordshire Terrier.



Canine Spay / Neuter Requirements

Spay / Neuter means that a licensed veterinarian performs an operation on a dog to prevent a litter. Females are spayed and males are neutered. An unaltered dog means an animal which has not been spayed or neutered.

Benefits

- Reduce the number of unwanted pets in the community by enforcing spaying / neutering.
- Hold accountable irresponsible pet owners.
- Decrease undesirable behaviors such as roaming.

Exemptions

- A purebred dog, recognized by and registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC), United Kennel Club (UKC), or other national registry,
- Dogs used by law enforcement agencies for law enforcement purposes,
- A qualified service or assistance dog as defined in Food and Agriculture Section 30850,
- Dogs which are unable to be spayed or neutered without high likelihood of suffering serious bodily harm or death,
- A dog used for breeding at a licensed breeding kennel as defined in Section 32.0301.

