

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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In August 2005, the Board of Supervisors supported passage of Senate Bill 861, which allows counties and cities to regulate specific dog breeds through breeding restrictions and mandatory spay/neuter programs.

To address this growing public safety threat, the Department of Animal Care and Control has increased enforcement, strengthened the penalties for irresponsible dog owners and is conducting sweeps to remove vicious dogs from the streets. Attacks continue and Pit Bulls and Rottweiler breeds are disproportionately involved. On January 23rd, an Antelope Valley 11-month old girl was brutally attacked and seriously injured by a pit bull.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct County Counsel in conjunction with the Director of Department of Animal Care and Control and Chief Administrative Officer to prepare an ordinance by February 15, 2006 for board approval. It would regulate specific breeds of dogs through a spay/neuter program and address other breeding restrictions with stiff penalties imposed for non compliance.

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