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Licensing Your Best Friend **Dog Licensing and other Animal Control Issues**

The El Segundo Police Department strives to improve the quality of life for our citizens. We are asking for the assistance and cooperation of dog owners throughout our community.

Animal Control Officers will be contacting resident dog owners via telephone, door knocks, and random contacts to ensure that all dogs in the city are properly licensed. The value of updating dog licenses comes in several forms. First, when dogs are roaming freely in the city, the current tag, which should be attached to its collar, allows the department to identify the dog and contact the rightful owner. This process allows for a quick and safe return of the dog to its home. Secondly, annual registrations ensure that these dogs have current vaccinations, including the possession of a valid rabies certificate to prevent serious complications for anyone who may suffer a dog bite. Police personnel are available 24 hours per day, seven days a week to accept licensing applications at the station. Citizens are encouraged to come in at their convenience and complete the application process. As stated above, the department is looking for voluntary compliance in keeping dog licenses updated on an annual basis. Failure to comply with this law may lead to a citation.

The department is also reminding residents to keep their dogs on leashes whenever they leave their property. The law requires that all dogs, whenever in public, with the exception of inside the city dog park, must be restrained by a leash no longer than six feet in length. Any violation of this section will subject the handler to a citation.

Lastly, all dog owners should be mindful of their neighbors. Please clean up all messes created by dogs in public and ensure that any unnecessary barking is eliminated so that all citizens can enjoy the high quality of life in this city.

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