

# Los Angeles County Ordinances Relating to

## ANIMAL DISEASE REPORTING

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**10.64.010 Infectious diseases—Report and quarantine procedures.**

- A. When the director of public health has determined that an infectious disease exists among animals in any other county or area of the state of California and the importation of animals from such county or area might spread such disease among the animals within the county of Los Angeles, the director of public health shall notify the board of supervisors thereof, designating and describing the county or area wherein such disease has been found and shall, with their approval, establish quarantine restrictions against such county or area as the circumstances warrant.
  
- B. The director of public health may refuse to permit shipments of animals originating in such areas to enter the county of Los Angeles unless accompanied by a certificate signed by a state or federal veterinarian which shall satisfactorily prove that there is no possibility that the animals for which such certificate is issued are infected with or exposed to any infectious disease. Any animals entering the county of Los Angeles from any county or area so described and designated without such certificate may be quarantined by the director of public health and confiscated or disposed of in such manner as to eliminate any danger of the animals within the county of Los Angeles being exposed to infection from such disease.

*(Ord. 2006-0040 § 58, 2006: Ord. 8962 § 1 (part), 1965; Ord. 8397 § 1 (part), 1963: Ord. 1415 Art. 3 § 41, 1926.)*

**10.64.020 Duty to report infectious diseases and assist enforcement.**

It is hereby made the duty of any person suspecting or having knowledge of the presence of any infectious diseases in animals to report same to the director of public health. It shall be the duty of any person owning or having control of animals to assist the director of public health to enforce the provisions of this Division 2, to obey all orders of the director of public health made for the control and eradication of infectious diseases, the sanitation of premises, destruction of animals, and disposal of carcasses, manure, offal, refuse, condemned meat and meat products.

*(Ord. 2006-0040 § 59, 2006: Ord. 8962 § 1 (part), 1965; Ord. 8397 § 1 (part), 1963: Ord. 1415 Art. 3 § 42, 1926.)*

**10.64.030 Right of entry for inspection—Quarantine and other protective measures authorized when.**

- A. Upon information received by the director of public health of any infectious disease affecting animals within the county of Los Angeles, he shall proceed to thoroughly investigate the same.



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- B. The director of public health is hereby empowered to enter any premises where animals are kept, or on which he has reason to believe that animals are kept, in order to carry into effect the provisions of Division 2 of [Title 10](#), and it shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with the official action of the director of public health.
  
- C. The director of public health may quarantine, for a reasonable period of observation and until such tests as may be required to ascertain the presence or absence of any infectious disease are completed, any animals which are suspected of being infected with or exposed to an infectious disease, or the premises upon which such animals are kept, or both.
  
- D. Upon discovering of any infectious disease affecting animals in the county of Los Angeles, the director of public health shall have the power and it shall be his duty to establish such quarantine, sanitary, testing, immunizing and police regulations as may be necessary to control or eradicate such disease and prevent the spread thereof to other animals.
  
- E. The director of public health may quarantine any animals which may have been exposed to infection from such diseased animals or which may have been located upon the land or premises where such diseased animals have been kept, and thereafter it shall be unlawful for any person to break such quarantine or to move or allow to be moved any such animals from within the premises thus quarantined, or across the quarantine line so established, without first obtaining from the director of public health a permit to do so. If the director of public health deems it proper to issue such a permit after inspection, he may cause such animals, premises and vehicles of transportation, and any infected material, equipment or effects, to be properly cleaned and disinfected.
  
- F. The owner of any quarantined animal shall be responsible for bearing all costs incurred by the county as a result of said quarantine.

*(Ord. 2006-0040 § 60, 2006: Ord. 97-0055 § 10, 1997: Ord. 8962 § 1 (part), 1965; Ord. 8397 § 1 (part), 1963: Ord. 1415 Art. 3 § 43, 1926.)*



**10.64.040 Interference with notices prohibited.**

It shall be unlawful for any person during the existence of a quarantine established under [Section 10.48.030](#) to remove, tear, deface, mutilate, obscure or otherwise destroy, or in any other manner whatsoever interfere with any placard, notice or proclamation declaring such quarantine, placed on or about the premises on which any of said animals so quarantined are located.

*(Ord. 8397 § 1 (part), 1963: Ord. 1415 Art. 3 § 44, 1926.)*

**10.64.050 Watercourses—Protection from quarantined animals and infectious materials.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any animals quarantined under [Section 10.64.030](#) to have access to any irrigation ditch, stream or other channel in which water is running or may run at any time through such quarantined premises, or to allow such animals to come in contact with other animals which may have access to any irrigation ditch, stream or other channel so mentioned, or to permit the depositing in such irrigation ditch, stream or channel of any manure, offal, excrement or material which might carry infection, or to allow the drainage from any premises so quarantined to come in contact with such irrigation ditch, stream or other channel aforementioned.

*(Ord. 2006-0040 § 61, 2006: Ord. 8397 § 1 (part), 1963: Ord. 1415 Art. 3 § 45, 1926.)*

**10.64.060 Glanders disease—Destruction requirements.**

It shall be the duty of the director of public health, whenever the fact shall have been determined by him that any animals are affected with the disease known as glanders, to kill such diseased animals, and have the premises thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, and to order the owner of such animals to cremate, bury or deliver such animals to a rendering works approved by the director of public health. If the owner of such animals fails, neglects or refuses to bury, cremate or deliver same to an approved rendering works within a period of 24 hours from the issuance of such order, the director of public health shall cause the same to be buried, cremated or delivered to an approved rendering works, at the expense of the county, and the expense of such burial, cremation or delivery to an approved rendering works shall be charged against such owner, to be recovered by action in the name of the county of Los Angeles.

*(Ord. 2006-0040 § 62, 2006: Ord. 8962 § 1 (part), 1965: Ord. 8397 § 1 (part), 1963: Ord. 1415 Art. 3 § 46, 1926.)*



**10.64.070 Foot-and-mouth disease—Right of entry for examination—Holding period authorized.**

When the director of public health has reason to believe that there is a possibility that foot-and-mouth disease exists on any premises in the county of Los Angeles, he shall have the power to enter said premises and to place and keep thereon such animals as may be necessary to determine the presence of foot-and-mouth disease in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture, and to keep them there under his supervision and control for a period not to exceed 50 days.

*(Ord. 2006-0040 § 63, 2006: Ord. 8962 § 1 (part), 1965: Ord. 8397 § 1 (part), 1963: Ord. 1415 Art. 3 § 47, 1926.)*

