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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to animal shelters

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 17-803 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 59 for the year 2011, is amended to read as follows:

§ 17-803 Animal shelters.

a. A full-service shelter shall be maintained and operated in each [of three boroughs] borough of the city of New York. At least one of the full-service shelters shall be open to the public for the purpose of receiving animals twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

b. [Facilities to receive lost, stray or homeless dogs and cats from the public shall be maintained seven days per week, twelve hours per day in those boroughs of the city in which there is not a full-service shelter.

c.] Field services having the capacity to pick up and bring to a shelter lost, stray, homeless or injured dogs and cats from all five boroughs shall be maintained and operated seven days per week, twelve hours per day. Where public health and safety is threatened, they shall have the capacity to pick up such animals twenty-four hours per day.

§ 2. This local law takes effect on July 1, 2024; provided, however, that the department of health and mental hygiene shall submit to the mayor and the speaker on July 1, 2020 and biennially thereafter, until such date such shelters are open and operating, a report detailing the progress toward the opening of full-service shelters in the boroughs of Queens and the Bronx.

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