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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to adoption of shelter animals

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 17-802 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision k to read as follows:

k. “Adoptable animal” means any companion animal subject to adoption as defined in subdivision a of this section.

§ 2. Chapter 8 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-816 to read as follows:

§ 17-816 Promotion of adoptable animals. Any full-service animal shelter operated by New York city shall post photographs of, and relevant information about, each adoptable animal in its possession, including but not limited to age and sex, within three days of receiving such animal, provided that such animal is not affected by a medical or behavioral condition that makes it unsafe or unsuitable for photographing. The department shall encourage any other animal shelter that holds a permit under section 161.09 of the New York City health code to make its best efforts to promote the placement of adoptable animals.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 30 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner may take such actions as are necessary to implement this local law, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.