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January 26, 1983

Robert E. Armstrong, D.V.M., M.S.
Chief of Veterinary Public Service
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Department of Public Health
City of Houston
2700 Evella Street
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Dear Dr. Armstrong:

Thank you for your letter of January 19, 1983, requesting information regarding Sentry Dog Ordinances from the City of Los Angeles. I have enclosed a copy of Section 53.64 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code relating to the regulation of Sentry Dog Trainers. ✓ encl

This Department does appoint an examining committee to ascertain suitable qualifications for applicants for Sentry Dog Licenses. However, there is no provision for us to conduct training programs for these applicants.

In addition, because of political boundary line limitations, we recommend forceful statewide legislation be sought to further strengthen and broaden policies in this field. A copy of such legislation recently enacted by California is enclosed. ✓ encl.

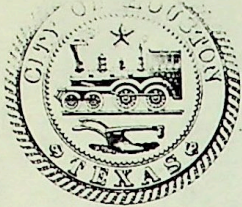
If you should have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT I. RUSH
General Manager

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Enclosure



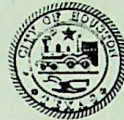
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Attention: Mr. Robert I. Rush,

Gentlemen:

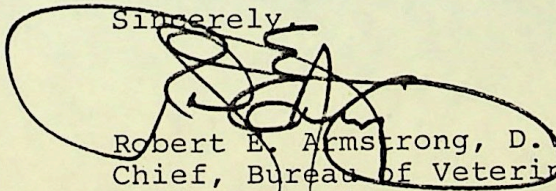
Recently the City of Houston experienced a tragedy in which a small child was mauled by unattended guard dogs and later died of his wounds.

As a consequence, the Bureau of Animal Control is preparing to introduce ordinances pertaining to licensing of guard dog operations and the training and handling of these dogs.

In reviewing the City of Los Angeles Department of Animal Regulation Annual Report 1978-79, we found that you have such ordinances and training programs. Would you please send us a copy of these and any comments you may have on how the program has worked? We would be very appreciative of any help you could give us in improving our program.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,


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