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Ms. Alison Jaskiewicz
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Re: Louisville Metro Animal Ordinance

Dear Ms. Jaskiewicz,

It has come to our attention that there is some concern about how the recently revised Louisville Animal Ordinance might affect individuals that attend the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America National Specialty Show in May 2007. **Please be advised that some provisions of the revised Ordinance applies to resident animals only, not show dogs visiting the City.** (Please read the provision of the Ordinance 91.006 regarding non-applicability.) While in Louisville, visitors with show dogs and/or pets must adhere to the following:

- Dogs are required to have proof of current rabies vaccine.
- Outside the show ring/competition, dogs must be restrained by a leash or lead at all times (leashes longer than 4' are acceptable provided the dog is under the control of a person at all times.)
- Owners are required to clean-up after their dogs and dispose of waste in a sanitary manner.

To allay concerns (as noted on our website), **show dogs that get loose and end up at a Metro Animal Services (MAS) shelter will not need to be spayed or neutered before being returned to its owner.** We understand that accidents happen. Naturally, it will help if the lost dog is reported to MAS and is wearing identification and/or is microchipped. (MAS scanners can read all microchips available.)

We trust that this letter clarifies any remaining confusion surrounding the ordinance and wish your club a successful event in the wonderful city of Louisville!

Sincerely,

Gilles H. Meloche, DVM, MBA
Director, Louisville Metro Animal Services