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## PRESS RELEASE

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Subject: "Rooster Keeping" Ordinance and Implementing Regulations,  
Biosecurity Measures for Inspecting VCAS Officers

From: Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS)

Ventura County, Calif.: The Ventura County Board of Supervisors has adopted the Rooster Keeping Ordinance (VCO §§ 4494.1-5), the intent of which is to curtail game fowl crowding, address the public noise and odor nuisance associated with game fowl farming and combat the crime of cockfighting in Ventura County. Cockfighting is a barbaric and inhumane "sport" that pits two aggressive birds, with knives strapped to their legs, that engage in slashing each other to death while spectators illegally gamble money on the outcome. Cock fighting will not be tolerated in our county. Every animal should be treated with dignity and respect.

Ventura County Ordinance sections 4494.1-5 apply to individuals living in unincorporated Ventura County. The ordinance allows for residents to keep up to four roosters on any parcel within the County. Legitimate poultry fanciers and youth involved in educational projects may apply for a [Rooster Keeping Permit](#), through VCAS, to extend the keeping of roosters to five of the same breed for a maximum of twenty-five roosters per parcel of land, consistent with applicable zoning limits on the number of animals per parcel, and factors related to public health, welfare and safety. Click on the links below for the full text of ordinance provisions, implementing regulations and the application for rooster-keeping permit.

VCAS has also enacted comprehensive biosecurity measures (VCAS Policy Number 3-35) to help ensure Animal Services personnel do not contaminate poultry keeping areas during permit inspections.

For all information and documents, visit [www.vcas.us/roosterkeeping](http://www.vcas.us/roosterkeeping).

### REFERENCED DOCUMENTS:

ATTACHED: Rooster Regulations  
ATTACHED: Biosecurity Measures for Permit Inspections Required for Keeping of Roosters  
Within Unincorporated Areas of Ventura County (VCAS Policy Number 3-35)

### RELATED LINKS:

Rooster Keeping Ordinance:  
[https://library.municode.com/ca/ventura\\_county/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=DIV4PUHE\\_CH4AN\\_ART9RO\\_4494-3ROKE](https://library.municode.com/ca/ventura_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=DIV4PUHE_CH4AN_ART9RO_4494-3ROKE)

Rooster Keeping information and permit application: [www.vcas.us/roosterkeeping](http://www.vcas.us/roosterkeeping).

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