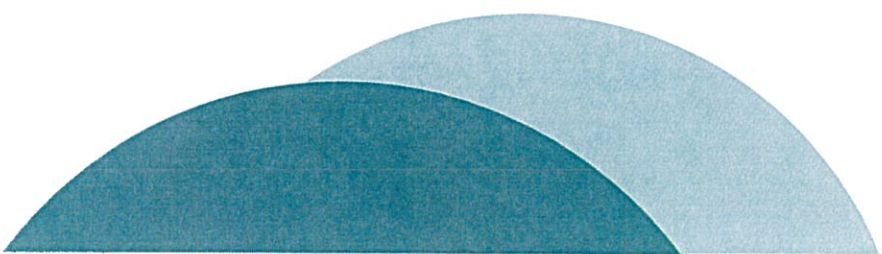


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Vaughan Animal Services

Citizens First Through Service Excellence

Animal Control By-law #53-2002 Proposed Amendments

January 21, 2014

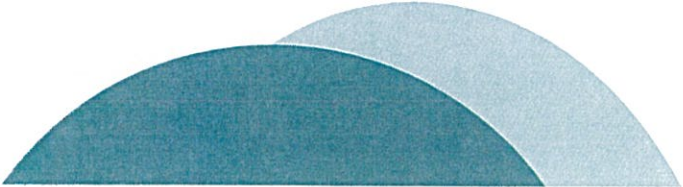
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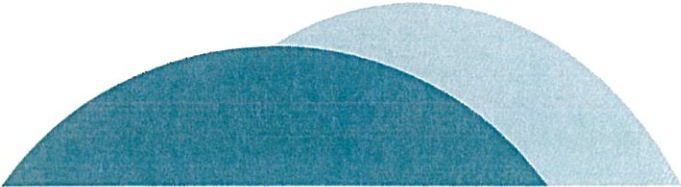
Background

- ✓ March 2010 City Council approved assumption of Animal Services, including providing contract services to King Township & Bradford West Gwillimbury
- ✓ March 2011 Council directed staff to develop a Communication Strategy for unleashed dogs
- ✓ Vaughan Animal Shelter opened to the public May 2011
- ✓ Review of Animal Control By-law and service delivery model began in 2013
- ✓ Future Report to Council expected in Spring 2014 regarding review of service delivery model
- ✓ To date an estimated 3,005 animals have passed through the shelter (approximately 1,200 annually)
- ✓ Service demands continue to increase by 10% annually



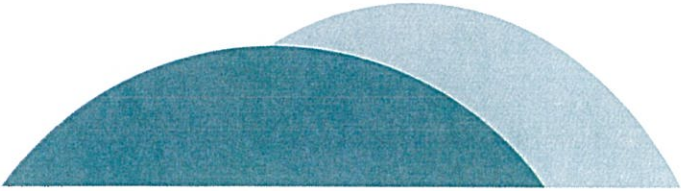
Purpose & Scope

- ✓ Further to Council direction, provide an update on Animal Services' Communication Strategy for unleashed dogs which has been expected to include responsible pet ownership
- ✓ Introduce proposed amendments to the Animal Control By-law to better address public health, safety, consumer protection and animal welfare
- ✓ Improved efficiency of the appeal process
- ✓ Improve effective delivery of animal services



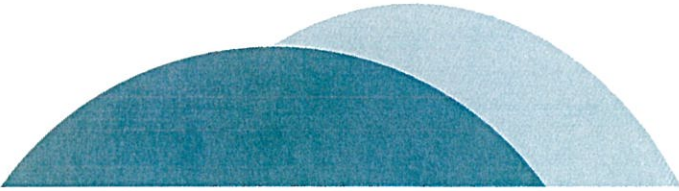
Overview of Services Currently Provided

- ✓ Shelter and care for stray dogs and cats
- ✓ Public education / awareness, outreach and promotion of responsible pet ownership
- ✓ Reuniting families with lost pets
- ✓ Pet licensing
- ✓ Adoption services
- ✓ Community partnerships with large pet retailers
- ✓ Immunization and sterilization of strays
- ✓ Emergency response for sick or injured stray dogs and cats
- ✓ Community support and response through by-law enforcement
- ✓ Service two sister municipalities



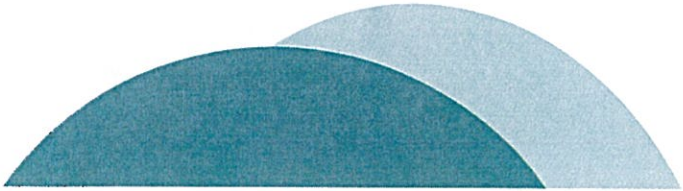
Proposed Amendments

- ✓ Restricting the Sale of Dogs & Cats
- ✓ Biting/Menacing Dogs
- ✓ Unattended Dogs
- ✓ Feeding of Wildlife and Use of Attractants
- ✓ Prohibited Species
- ✓ Enhanced Appeal Process
- ✓ Introduction of Appeal Fee



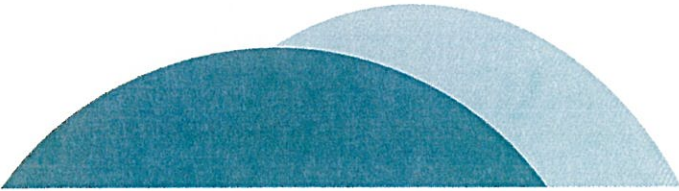
Proposed Restriction on the Sale of Dogs & Cats by Pet Stores/Retail Establishments

A review of current industry trends, emerging public interest and comparative of other municipalities suggests that a restriction on the sale of commercially-bred dogs and cats by pet stores / retail establishments is in the best interest of the community, public safety, and the welfare of the animals.



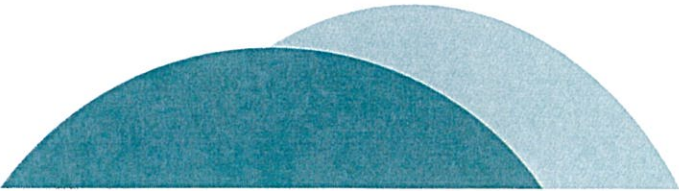
Benefit: Public Health

- ✓ Limit transmission of disease
- ✓ Rabies control (zoonoses)
- ✓ Sterilization
- ✓ Vaccination
- ✓ Identification



Benefit: Consumer Protection

- ✓ Reduce the likelihood of impulse pet purchases and subsequent surrender
- ✓ Increase responsible pet ownership
- ✓ Reduce the incidence of animal illness/death through viral disease and associated veterinary costs to owners
- ✓ Adoption animals are typically vaccinated, dewormed, identified and sterilized



Benefit: Animal Welfare

- ✓ Reduce unwanted pet overpopulation
- ✓ Reduce pressures on municipalities to address increasing overpopulation
- ✓ Ensure all animals receive humane care



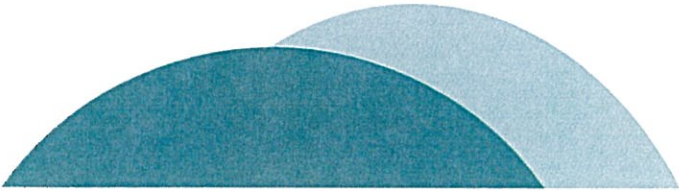
Dog & Cat Sales from Pet Stores

Proposed

- Sourced from shelters, rescues and humane societies
- Pre-adoption immunization and sterilization required

Existing By-law 53-2002

- No prohibitions



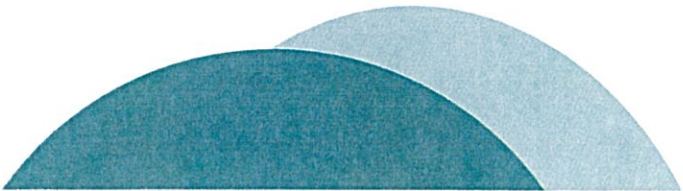
Biting / Menacing Dogs

- ✓ A more effective and proactive preventative approach to aggressive dog behaviours
- ✓ Introduction of authority to impose preventative measures and restrictions including:
 - Muzzling
 - Sterilization
 - Microchipping
 - Handler age (ie. adult only)
 - Fencing requirements
 - Warning signage, etc.
- ✓ Enhanced Appeal Process



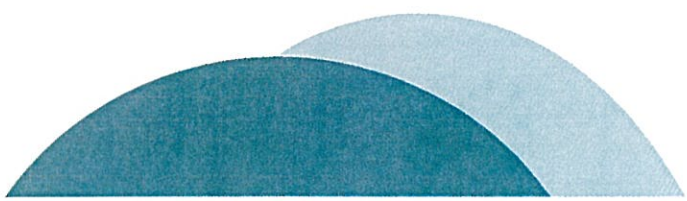
Benefit: Consumer Protection

- ✓ Preventative measure to reduce likelihood of bite incident
- ✓ Greater protection for public at large and pet owners
- ✓ Improved public service



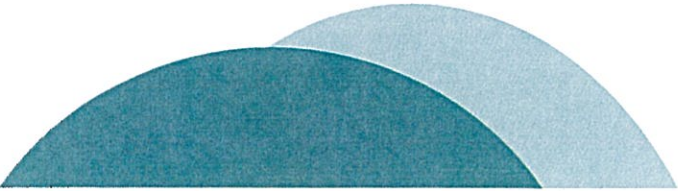
Benefit: Animal Welfare

- ✓ Less likelihood of bite incident and possibility of imposing severe remedy
- ✓ Customized remedy better suited for the pet (and pet owner)



Biting/Menacing Dogs

Proposed	Existing By-law 53-2002
• Authority to impose preventative restrictions based on incident / needs prior to biting incident • Restrictions do not require dog to be impounded or at large • Reserve use of DOLA for only most serious incidents (eg. Destruction Orders).	• Muzzle Orders restricted to dogs impounded while at large and only after bite incident • No authority to impose preventative restrictions • No authority to address for menacing dog behaviours • Lengthy prosecution and use of DOLA (12+months)



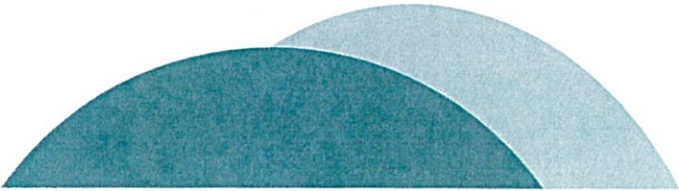
Unattended Dogs

- ✓ Introduction of restrictions to prevent dogs from being left tethered and unattended in places that may create a possible risk to humans, themselves or other animals.



Benefit: Consumer Protection

- ✓ Reduces likelihood of risk of injury to public
- ✓ Reduces likelihood of poor conditions (dog feces) in public areas, spaces or lands (eg: public dog park)



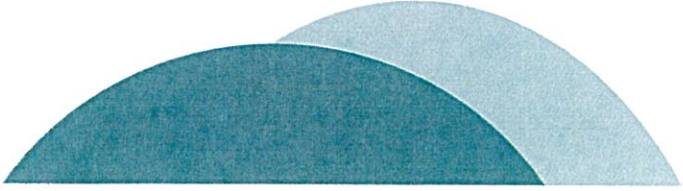
Benefit: Animal Welfare

- ✓ Reduces likelihood of incidents where dog may pose a risk to themselves



Unattended Dogs

Proposed	Existing By-law 53-2002
• Restrict ability to leave dogs unattended where they may pose a risk / danger to themselves or others • Introduce provisions for use of public off-leash dog parks	• Provisions only applicable to dogs at large • No restrictions relating to public off-leash dog parks



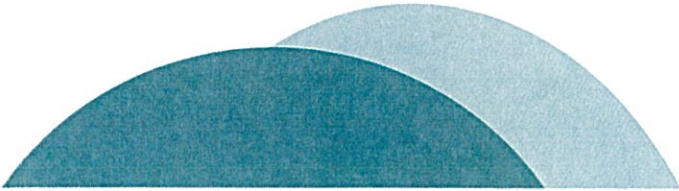
Feeding of Wildlife and Use of Attractants

- ✓ Prohibit the feeding of wildlife and use of attractants to prevent intentional or accidental luring of wild animals into urban areas
- ✓ Prohibit the use of leg-hold traps, which may be very dangerous to unintended victims, such as children and / or domestic animals
- ✓ Prohibit poor property conditions that can be associated with use of wildlife attractants



Benefit: Consumer Protection

- ✓ Reduces likelihood of unintentional luring of wildlife into urban areas
- ✓ Reduces poor property conditions that can be associated with attracting of wildlife
- ✓ Reduces likelihood of injury to wildlife



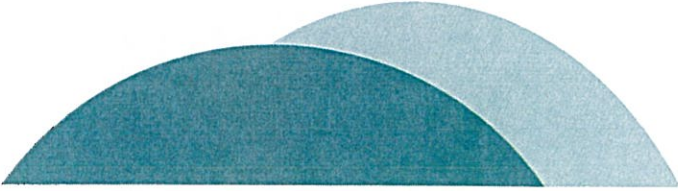
Wildlife

Proposed	Existing By-law 53-2002
• Prohibition of feeding / use of wildlife attractants to discourage unintended luring of wildlife into urban/residential areas • Provisions to address property conditions caused by feeding of wildlife	• No prohibitions



Prohibited Animals

- ✓ More comprehensive list of prohibited species, including prohibition of raptors and all constrictors (eg: snakes), offering improved public safety
- ✓ Regulations for traveling circuses to address public interest and safety, including the right of inspection to ensure adequate security of animals, conditions and vaccination protocols



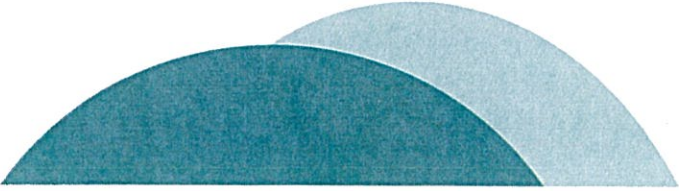
Benefit: Consumer Protection

- ✓ Restricts keeping of potentially dangerous species (eg: raptors, constrictors)
- ✓ Improved language for public consumption and understanding
- ✓ Assists in voluntary compliance and reduces likelihood of violations
- ✓ Provides regulations to reduce likelihood of risk from temporary exhibits (eg: travelling circuses)



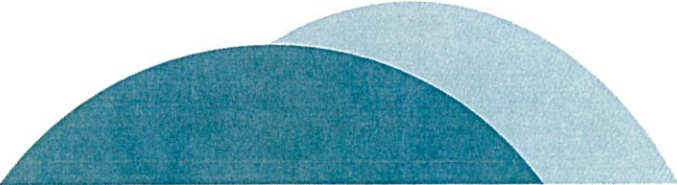
Prohibited Species

Proposed	Existing By-law 53-2002
• Enhanced identification list / schedule • Improved language regarding restricted species (eg: raptors) • Right of inspection for temporary exhibits, public shows or circuses	• Limited identified species • No authority relating to temporary exhibits, public shows or circuses



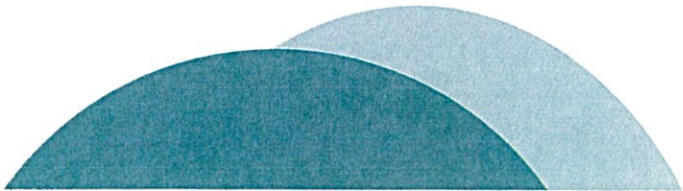
Enhanced Appeal Process

- ✓ Delegate authority to City's Hearings Officer to preside over appeal hearings for Orders under By-law
- ✓ Utilizing an existing and effective quasi-judicial process



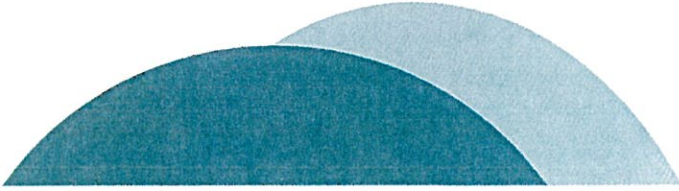
Benefit: Customer Service

- ✓ Ensures fairness and due process
- ✓ Improved public service
- ✓ Speedier resolution



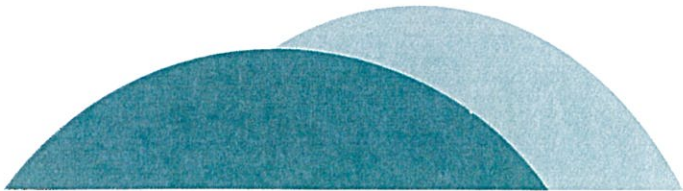
Enhanced Appeal Process

Proposed	Existing By-law 53-2002
• Adopt a proven quasi-judicial process • Delegate authority to preside over appeal hearings to the City's Hearings Officer	• Heard by Council or Committee of Council • Potentially lengthy appeal process



Introduction of Appeal Fee

- ✓ City of Vaughan 2014-2017 Budget Guidelines – User Fees –maximize cost recovery through consideration of “user fees”
- ✓ Appeal fees will contribute to off-setting costs for administration of the appeal process
- ✓ Proposed fee of \$125 for appeal of Orders is comparable to similar application fees



Comparative Municipal Response

City of Toronto

Every keeper of a pet shop must obtain cats and dogs from only the following sources:

- ✓ *municipal animal shelters*
- ✓ *registered humane societies*
- ✓ *registered shelters*
- ✓ *rescue groups*

City of Mississauga

Every Person licensed under this By-law and Schedule shall:

- ✓ *If such person sells more than 10 cats or dogs per year, obtain these animals from one of the following sources only: municipal animal shelters; registered humane societies; registered shelters; or rescue groups*

City of Kingston

The following special conditions apply to every pet store:

- ✓ *No dog, cat or rabbit shall be purchased or taken in for free for sale by a pet store after August 13, 2013*
- ✓ *No dog, cat or rabbit shall be sold in a pet store after November 13, 2013*
- ✓ *If the OSPCA finds an animal that is in distress, the Licensing Section may suspend or revoke the license*
- ✓ *A license may be revoked or suspended where an animal is sold or offered for sale where it is prohibited by federal or provincial law, or Municipal By-law of the City of Kingston*



Next Steps

- ✓ Prepare amending By-law for submission to Committee for Council's consideration and adoption for the end of [Q2 2014](#), with an enactment date in [Q3 2014](#)
- ✓ Provide training to staff and Animal Control Officers on application, administration and enforcement of new provisions – [Q3 2014](#)
- ✓ Augment a Communications Strategy, including use of all social media solutions, highlighting new By-law requirements – [Q3 2014](#)
- ✓ Communicate changes directly to all pet retailers, industry stakeholders and known animal advocates – [Q3 2014](#)
- ✓ Communicate new provisions to regional municipalities in York and external government partners – [Q3 2014](#)

Questions

Q&A