

10. Re: 1971 Annual Report of The Society for the Prevention
of Cruelty to Animals
(Item 2, Report 5, January 24, 1972)

Alderman Lawson at the Council Meeting on January 24, 1972, requested additional information concerning the following three entries from the 1971 Annual Report submitted by The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals:

	1970	1971	Variance
No. of dead animals picked up	445	723	+ 278
No. of dogs destroyed (upon request)	405	890	+ 485
No. of cats destroyed (upon request)	912	2247	+1335

An increase in the total number of cats and dogs accompanied the annual population growth of Burnaby in 1971. The presence of more cats and dogs in the municipality will to some extent always be reflected in the higher number that are picked up dead and destroyed upon owners' request.

Until late 1970, the Municipal Engineering Department picked up and disposed of a large number of animal carcasses. During the latter part of 1970, this practice was discontinued and all requests to pick up carcasses were referred to the Society.

The higher incidence of animals destroyed at owners' request was partly due to the expansion of apartment facilities in 1971. Because apartments as a general rule do not allow tenants to keep pets in suites, many owners were forced to have them destroyed.

In 1971, more people became aware of the free animal destruction service that is offered by the S.P.C.A. Veterinarians traditionally charge a fee when requested to destroy domestic animals.

This is for information of Council.