

ITEM 18

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 53

COUNCIL MEETING July 16/73

18. Re: Letter dated July 7, 1973 from Miss Janet Thompson
970 Cliff Avenue, Burnaby 2, B. C.
Use of Dogs for Scientific Research

Appearing on the Agenda for the July 16, 1973 meeting of Council is a letter dated July 7, 1973 from Miss Janet Thompson regarding the use of unclaimed dogs for medical or scientific research.

Miss Thompson's objections to the City of Vancouver's policy of allowing unclaimed dogs to be given by its Pound to U.B.C. for research purposes should be directed to the Vancouver Chief Licence Inspector, 453 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver 10, B. C.

The Burnaby Municipal Animal Shelter has never supplied animals, dead or alive, for medical or scientific research. The S.P.C.A. contract covering the operation of our Pound provides that the S.P.C.A. shall become the owner of any dog which is not redeemed by the lawful owner within 72 hours of impounding. The following is an extract from the S.P.C.A. Act:

Section 13(b)

No animal in the custody or under the control of the Society shall be made available by the Society or any Branch for the purpose of medical or scientific research.

We are informed by the Regional Office of the S.P.C.A. that this section is stringently adhered to.

The difference in Vancouver is that the City of Vancouver operates its own dog catching service and Pound, whereas the S.P.C.A. operates Burnaby's.

Miss Thompson should be sent a copy of Item 6, Report No. 51 which Council received on July 9, 1973. This report summarizes the current status of the Municipality's effort to control the dog population in Burnaby.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT a copy of this report and Item 6, Report 51, July 9, 1973, be sent to Miss Janet Thompson.