

ITEM 13

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 5

COUNCIL MEETING Jan. 22/73

13. Re: 1972 Annual Report
Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals

Following is the 1972 annual report from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals:

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>Increase in 1972</u>
Complaints received	1,548	2,700	2,746	(+46)
Number of dogs impounded	1,547	1,285	1,407	(+122)
Number of dogs claimed	970	697	758	(+61)
Number of dogs destroyed	161	194	222	(+28)
* Number of dogs carried forward	14	12	16	(+4)
Number of dogs turned over to S.P.C.A.	402	382	411	(+29)
Mileage covered	39,038	25,706	29,745	(+4,039)
Licence fees received	\$ 6,019.75	\$6,004.75	\$6,440.75	(+\$436.)
Impounding fees received	\$11,165.00	\$8,350.00	\$9,226.00	(+\$876.)
** Board fees received	-	-	\$ 46.00	-
Number of charges under Pound Bylaw	2	5	14	(+9)
Number of dead animals picked up	445	723	859	(+136)
Number of dogs destroyed (upon request)	405	890	961	(+71)
Number of cats destroyed (upon request)	912	2,247	3,091	(+844)
*** Dog Barking Complaints Investigated	-	-	87	-
*** Written Warnings Issued - Running at large	-	-	491	-
*** Written Warnings Issued - No Licence	-	-	792	-

* Dogs impounded within the last three days of the previous year and carried forward to complete the 72 hour impounding period.

** Maintenance charges as provided for in the Dog Tax and Pound and Animal Regulation Bylaw 1972, which became effective on December 4, 1972.

*** The scope of the report was expanded in 1972 to include information on dog barking complaints which were investigated, written warnings issued for dogs running at large and written warnings issued for unlicensed dogs. Because this is the first year that statistics have been maintained for these three items, a comparison of the level of activity in 1972 with prior years is not available.

The 1972 report shows an increase in all areas of pound activity. Additional inspectional staff and extended hours of operation for the animal shelter were in effect for approximately the last quarter of the year. Any increase related to this would be offset by the fact that during the seven week Municipal strike the Pound handled emergency calls only.

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Increases in the total number of cats and dogs continue to accompany the annual population growth of Burnaby. 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' requests.

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 number of animals destroyed at owners' requests continues to increase. This is partly due to the expansion of apartment facilities. 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 and 1972, more people became aware of the free animal adoption and/or destruction service that is offered by the S.P.C.A. Veterinarians traditionally charge a fee when requested to destroy domestic animals.

Enforcement of the Leash Law, as provided for in the Dog Tax and Pound and Animal Regulation Bylaw 1972, is proving to be an asset to the Pound operation. Public opinion of the new bylaw has been favourable with some exceptions concerning cost of female tags. The increased impounding fee for unlicensed dogs appears to provide an incentive to purchase dog tags at an earlier date. The extended hours of patrols, including Saturdays, is generally welcomed by residents. Several compliments endorsing the extra activity of the Pound have been received.

The Chief Licence Inspector advises that the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in his opinion, provided a satisfactory service in 1972.

This is for the information of Council.