

Re: Dogs - "Operation Tattoo"

Following is the report of the Chief Licence Inspector with respect to the S.P.C.A. programme of dog tattooing expected to commence February 1, 1975.

A limited number of copies of the brochure from the S.P.C.A., as noted with the Chief Licence Inspector's report, are available and thus are being provided to Council members only.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council endorse the S.P.C.A.'s programme "Operation Tattoo"; and
2. THAT Council defer consideration of a grant towards the cost of an advertising programme with respect to "Operation Tattoo", until a report on a spaying and neutering clinic is presented for Council consideration.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

24th December 1974.

FROM: CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR

" OPERATION TATTOO "

The S.P.C.A. is preparing to embark on a new programme that should provide a positive method of identifying a dog's owner. This will be accomplished by tattooing a registration number on the underside of a dog's ear. Tattooing is performed by impregnating the skin with a padded hand press. The discomfort to the dog is described as being no greater than receiving a rabies injection. Initial participation by dog owners will be voluntary. They will complete an application form and pay a fee of \$2 - \$3 - \$4 as the case may be, to cover the cost of tattooing and permanent registration of ownership. The information will be maintained on a master file in the Vancouver Regional Office and will be available through a special telephone number to be known as the " Y E L P " line. The programme will be offered from their shelters throughout the Greater Vancouver area. Copies of the brochure and letter of introduction are attached.

A programme which will reduce problems of identification will benefit the Corporation for it should place responsibility for a dog directly with it's owner and should cause impounded dogs to be redeemed earlier. This should result in keeping maintenance and facility costs down and be a convenience to the owners.

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The S.P.C.A. requests action by the Corporation on the following:

- A. To ensure that all dogs leaving the jurisdiction of our pound operation are tattooed.
- B. To make tattooing compulsory on a progressive scale, commensurate with the licencing of the dog.
- C. To make harbouring of a tattooed dog illegal by a person other than the registered owner.

The Solicitor has examined the proposal and determined that the Municipal Act does not provide authority to permit the Corporation to comply with these requests.

The S.P.C.A. recommends:

1. " That all municipalities endorse the programme.
2. That all municipalities examine closely the means of inducing members of the public to voluntarily have their dogs tattooed (i.e.) \$2.00 reduction in licence fee in current licence year to offset the expense of tattooing.
3. Suitable advertising to promote the concept.
Depending upon the success of the concept that:-
4. Municipalities apply for changes to the Municipal Act to provide wider powers in the tattooing of dogs within the municipalities. "

The S.P.C.A. advises they will begin tattooing dogs on February 1, 1975 and that a dog will not be tattooed unless the owner possesses or obtains a current licence. They further advise that a proposal to establish a low cost spaying and neutering clinic will be forthcoming early in 1975, and that a grant to provide a building fund will be sought from municipalities in the Greater Vancouver area.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Council endorse the S.P.C.A.'s programme "Operation Tattoo;" and,
2. That Council consider making a grant towards the cost of an advertising campaign that will be necessary in this regard. However Council may wish to defer consideration of a grant until the report of a spaying and neutering clinic is before them.

H. Buckley,
CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR


P. Konzi,
SENIOR LICENCE INSPECTOR.

PK:cc

cc: Municipal Treasurer

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December 3, 1974

Mr. H. Buckley
City License Inspector
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Dear Mr. Buckley,

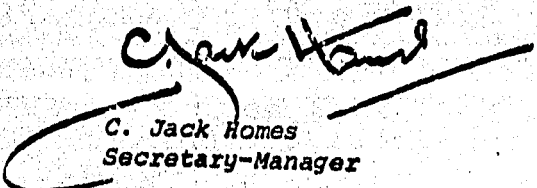
OPERATION "TATTOO"

The above operation will commence in the New Year and the enclosed brochure outlines the advantages and the future cost savings in pound operations.

I fully appreciate that any endorsement by a municipality must have the approval of Council, and to that end, enclosed is 15 copies for use at Council meetings.

The success of Operation Tattoo will largely depend upon the support given by municipalities, therefore if I can be of assistance to Council or your staff do not hesitate to give me a call.

Yours very sincerely,


C. Jack Homes
Secretary-Manager

CJH/rs
Enclosures

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