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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 41

COUNCIL MEETING June 9/75

Re: Letter Dated May 24, 1975 from Violet Edstrom 5608 Jersey Avenue

Dogs at Large

Appearing on the Agenda for the June 9, 1975 Meeting of Council is a letter from Violet Edstrom regarding incidents involving dogs at large in the vicinity of Jersey Avenue. Following is a report from the Chief Licence Inspector on this matter.

As of the date on which this report was written, Mr. Eaton's two dogs had still not been licenced. The Poundkeeper is therefore proceeding with legal action against the owner.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- THAT the Poundkeeper continue with extra patrols of the 5600 block Jersey Avenue and impound any dog found to be at large, or take appropriate legal action; and
- 2. THAT Violet Edstrom receive a copy of this report.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

June 4, 1975

FROM: CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR

RE: DOGS AT LARGE - 5600 Blk. Jersey Avenue

Appearing on Council's agenda for June 9, 1975, is a letter from Violet Edstrom, 5608 Jersey Avenue, requesting action to control two dogs owned by occupants of 5692 Jersey Avenue. Ms. Edstrom advises that on May 24, 1975, one of the dogs from 5692 Jersey Avenue fought with and critically injured a smaller dog owned by Mrs. Jackson, 5715 Jersey Avenue.

The Poundkeeper advises that a complaint concerning this incident was received at the pound office on Saturday, May 24, 1975, at approximately 2:20 p.m. Only one pound officer is on duty on Saturdays and on this date he was working an early shift, finishing at 3:00 p.m. At the time the call was received he was on patrol in North Burnaby. Later in the afternoon the pound office was advised that Jackson's dog had died as a result of the injuries sustained in the fight. However, the pound officer had left for the day and investigation of the complaint was scheduled for Monday, May 26, 1975.

Investigation required attendance at 5692 Jersey Avenue on May 26,27, and 28, before contact with the occupant was established. During each call it was noted that the two dogs described by Ms. Edstrom were confined in the basement of the home. On May 28, 1975, it was determined that both dogs are owned by Terry Eaton, a resident of 5692 Jersey Avenue.

The investigating pound officer interviewed Mr. Eaton and issued a warning notice to control the dogs on a leash when they are on a highway or public place.

Mr. Eaton was away at the time the incident took place and his dogs were being cared for by a friend. Since the warning notice was issued evening patrols have checked the location and found that the dogs are chained in the rear yard.

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It was further determined that Mr. Eaton's dogs and Mrs. Jackson's dogs were running at large at the time of the fight. Also, neither party was in possession of a current dog licence.

A search of the complaint register revealed that no complaint concerning Mr. Eaton's dogs has been recorded in 1975.

The Poundkeeper will continue with extra patrols in the 5600 block Jersey Avenue and will impound any dog found to be at large, or take the appropriate legal action.

Recommendations:

- 1. That the Poundkeeper continue with extra patrols of the 5600 block Jersey Avenue and impound any dog found to be at large, or take appropriate legal action; and,
- 2. That Violet Edstrom receive a copy of this report.

P. Kenzie Chief Licence Inspector

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cc: Violet Edstrom