

RE: ANIMAL CONTROL

The following is a report from the Chief Licence Inspector re the above.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT the recommendation of the Chief Licence Inspector be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR
RE: ANIMAL CONTROL

1981 April 28

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to L. Whitehead, 7011 Dunblane Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5J 4G1.

SUMMARY

This report sets out results of enforcement of animal control regulations in the vicinity of the 7000 block Dunblane Avenue.

REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

Appearing on the agenda for the Council meeting of 1981 May 04 is a letter from L. Whitehead, 7011 Dunblane Avenue, Burnaby, regarding a problem with dogs running loose and barking in the neighbourhood.

2. BACKGROUND

The problem in the 7000 block Dunblane Avenue was brought to the attention of the S.P.C.A. personnel at the animal shelter on 1981 March 10. Between that date and 1981 April 11, several calls concerning dogs at large were recorded. The apparent cause of the problem was a female dog in season, owned by a resident in the immediate vicinity of the Whitehead home.

3. ENFORCEMENT

In response to the complaints, a total of 25 patrols were conducted between the aforementioned dates. This resulted in the impounding of eight dogs, and the issuing of three warning notices concerning dogs not under control. Follow-up patrols, the most recent of which were conducted on 1981 April 22 (two patrols), indicate that the problem is under control; no dogs at large. No further complaints have been received at the animal shelter.

4. CONCLUSION

It should be understood that the recorded complaints and the subsequent investigation dealt with the general nuisance of dogs running at large; not a noise problem.

Following receipt of the Whiteheads' letter of 1981 April 14, the S.P.C.A. supervisor at the shelter made several attempts to contact them to determine if there is now a noise problem from barking dogs in the neighbourhood. No contact was established. However, we will continue in our attempts to make contact with the Whiteheads, by letter if necessary, to determine if there is now a noise problem and if some action under the Noise By-law would be in order. In the meantime, routine patrols of the area will be maintained.

It would be of considerable assistance to staff if the Whiteheads would contact the animal shelter should there be a recurring problem with dogs running at large.

P. Kenzie 
CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR

cc: Municipal Treasurer
Chief Public Health Inspector
Supervisor - S.P.C.A. (Burnaby Shelter)