

TO: CITY MANAGER
 FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE
 1992 NOVEMBER 04
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SUBJECT: ANIMAL CONTROL IMPOUND FEES

PURPOSE: To provide the information requested by Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

On 1992 November 02, Council tabled the 1993 Animal Control Fee report and asked for information on whether or not the escalating impound fees have resulted in increased numbers of animals being put down by the S.P.C.A. This report provides that information.

In 1989, Council adopted escalating impounding fees to provide fair and equitable fees for dog owners with increased emphasis on those owners who frequently contravene the Animal Control Bylaw. Since the implementation of the escalating impound fees, the number of impounded dogs euthanized has decreased significantly.

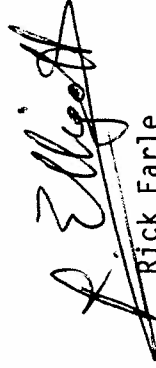
	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992 (Nov. 01)</u>
Impounded dogs euthanized	74	63	13	13

A more detailed examination of the figures on impounded animals in 1992 (below) shows that 3.9% have been euthanized.

	<u>1st Impound</u>	<u>2nd Impound</u>	<u>3rd Impound</u>
Total dogs impounded	334	25	5
Claimed	235	17	5
Adopted	90	4	0
Euthanized	9	4	0

Of the 13 dogs euthanized this year, 7 were found to be overly aggressive and unsuitable for adoption, 2 had a history of biting and 3 were old dogs.

The Acting Superintendent at the Burnaby Animal Shelter feels the escalating impound fees work effectively in encouraging responsible dog ownership and have not increased the euthanasia rates on second and third impoundments.


 Rick Earle
 SPT DIRECTOR FINANCE

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cc: Superintendent
 Burnaby Animal Shelter