

ITEM	07
MANAGER'S REPORT #	18
COUNCIL MEETING	96/06/24

TO: CITY MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE

SUBJECT: ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW AMENDMENTS

PURPOSE: To provide information to Council

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information.

REPORT

On 1996 April 15, Council authorized the City Solicitor to prepare amendments to the Animal Control Bylaw dealing with standards of care in animal welfare.

Appearing under Bylaws on tonight's Council agenda are these amendments.

The amending bylaw provides for proper sheltering for dogs kept outdoors, and the regular cleaning of kennels and dog runs. Adequate food and water, clean food and water receptacles, exercise and veterinary care are identified to ensure the health of animals. When an animal is kept in a confined space such as a car, the bylaw ensures adequate ventilation for the animal.

Since our last report two of the proposed bylaw amendments have been clarified:

- restrictions on the use of a choke collar, except when walking or training the animal, and
- a requirement that dogs be adequately confined or properly secured with a harness and provided with a non-metallic surface on which to stand or lie when riding in the back of a truck.

When the Animal Control Bylaw was amended in 1993 limiting the number of pets permitted in a dwelling, we did not include a section authorizing the enforcement of these requirements. In order to remedy that, the following amendments have been included in the amending bylaw:

- a section empowering the poundkeeper to seize and impound animals harboured in excess of bylaw limits, and
- a condition that animals so seized be released only after the poundkeeper is satisfied that the number of animals permitted will not be exceeded.

Changes to the Animal Control Bylaw will be advertised publicly with an article in InfoBurnaby and notices in local newspapers.

Also at its meeting of 1996 April 15, Council requested information on the sale and trade of exotic animals. Staff are currently investigating this industry, the role of all levels of government, and possible methods of control. A report to Council will be submitted this fall.



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cc: City Solicitor
Animal Shelter Superintendent

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