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MANAGER'S REPORT #	19
COUNCIL MEETING	96/07/08

TO: CITY MANAGER

1996 JULY 04

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE

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SUBJECT: ANIMAL CONTROL AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 10387

PURPOSE: To respond to Council's request for information.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Animal Control Amendment Bylaw 1996 No. 10387 be amended as outlined in this report.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1996 June 24, Council received a staff report introducing amendments to the Animal Control Bylaw dealing with standards of care for animals. At that time, Council heard a delegation and requested information on the amendment requiring dog owners to provide exercise opportunities for their dogs.

The amendment proposed was limited to dogs kept in kennels, pens and dog runs. The concerns voiced by the delegation suggest that a more wide ranging description is required to extend the scope of the exercise requirement to include exercise away from physically and mentally constraining situations. This would include tethered dogs and dogs kept in confined spaces.

As a result of our review, the City Solicitor recommends that the Animal Control Amendment Bylaw No. 10387 be amended by striking out Subsection 15A(2) and substituting the following:

- (2) Every person who keeps a dog in a kennel, pen or run area shall ensure that the kennel, pen or run area is cleaned regularly and that excreta does not accumulate.
- (2a) Every person who keeps a dog shall ensure that the dog is provided with the opportunity for exercise sufficient to maintain good health; and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, every person who keeps a dog tethered or in a kennel, pen, run area or similar confining place, whether within or outside a building, shall ensure that the dog is periodically exercised away from the place of tethering or confinement.

This change to the text of the bylaw will assist the Poundkeeper in efforts to protect the health of dogs in our community that are denied proper exercise.


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DIRECTOR FINANCE

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cc: Animal Shelter Superintendent
City Solicitor