

Animal Care & Control By-law

Review and Proposed Key Changes



Overview of Presentation

- ❑ Objectives of the By-law Review
- ❑ Current Service Level
- ❑ Public Expectations – Standards of Care
- ❑ OSPCA Act Changes
- ❑ Public Engagement on Proposed By-law
- ❑ Proposed Key Changes
- ❑ Proposed Community Cat Pilot Program

Objectives of the By-law Review

- Align the by-law with the mandate of Animal Services – responsible pet ownership
- Address administrative and enforcement challenges with the current by-law
- Simplify compliance expectations
- Manage public expectations and perceptions
- Recent changes to the OSPCA

Current Service Level

- ❑ Complaint responsive
- ❑ Number of main complaint types:

	Dog RAL	Cat RAL	Lvsk. RAL	Noise (barking dog)	Dangerous Dogs	Stoop & Scoop	Prohibited Animals
2016	192	15	9	58	0	5	0
2017	229	22	11	44	0	21	1
2018	232	24	16	41	7	13	4
2019	79	4	3	8	3	3	2

*RAL means Running at Large

Public Expectations (Standards of Care)

- Approximately 50 enquiries a year reported to Animal Services
 - Dogs left in unfavourable weather conditions
 - Keeping of dogs i.e. without access to shelter, food and water, living in filth/feces, emaciated
 - Abuse (infrequent)

OSPICA Activity in Caledon in 2018

- Approximately 30 Complaints
 - Mostly regarding dogs and livestock
 - 19 related to standards of care
 - 2 very serious cases that led to warrants and seizure of animals
 - 2 cases were serious medical issues

OSPCA Act Changes

- OSPCA Enforcement Powers
- Court decided Powers unconstitutional
- June 28, 2019, OSPCA to end role in animal cruelty enforcement
- Enforcement gap may be filled by Municipalities and Local Police Services
- Potential Legislative Changes

Public Engagement

- Online Survey – 160 Responses

Ward 1 – 22%

Ward 3, 4 – 20%

Ward 2 – 18%

Ward 5 – 38%

Non-Residents – 2%

- Public Open House – 20 Participants

- What We Heard:

- Strengthening Standards of Care
- Limits on the Number of Animals per property
- Increased enforcement jurisdiction in animal welfare matters dealt with locally
- *Community Cat Program*

Proposed Key Changes

- **Administrative Updates**
 - User friendly
 - Clarity of standards and expectations
 - Enforcement

Proposed Key Changes

- **New Section on Standards of Care**
 - Local enforcement
 - Basic necessities i.e. food, water, shelter, vet care, etc.
- **New Provisions for Dogs and Cats**
 - Tethering restrictions and enclosures
 - Limit on Cats
- **Revised Provisions for Dangerous Dogs**
 - Officer discretion – mitigating factor(s)
 - New conditions and timelines
 - Appeal process

Proposed Key Changes

- **New Section on Racing Pigeons**
 - Sport and racing purposes only
 - Limit on the number of pigeons
 - Lot size – 1 acre
 - Setbacks – 6 metres from any lot line
 - 15 metres from any dwelling on an adjacent lot
 - Keeping requirements i.e. enclosure, cleanliness, basic necessities, etc.
 - Training flights

Proposed Community Cat Pilot Program

- What is a community cat?
- What is a Community Cat Program?
- Why is this important and what are the objectives?
- How will the pilot program work?
- How much will the program cost?