

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Report

10th Meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
November 7, 2019
Committee Room #4

Attendance PRESENT: P. Lystar (Chair), M. Blosch, W. Brown, A. Hames, A. Hayes, M. Szabo, M. Toplak and D. Turner (Committee Clerk)

 NOT PRESENT: S. James

 ALSO PRESENT: R. Oke

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Scheduled Items

2.1 Bird Friendly Guidelines

That it BE NOTED that the attached presentation from L. Maitland, Site Development Planner, Development Services, with respect to bird friendly guidelines in new and existing developments, was received; it being further noted that the committee held a general discussion with respect to this item, including debate about the prioritization of various bird-friendly campaign initiatives.

3. Consent

3.1 9th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 9th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on October 3, 2019, was received.

3.2 Municipal Council Resolution - 8th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution, from the meeting held on October 15, 2019, with respect to the 8th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Super Adoption Day

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to the 'Super Adoption Day' programs in London, including an update on the City's involvement following the Spring 2016 event.

5.2 Go Wild Grow Wild - Promotional Materials

That the expenditure of up to \$500.00 from the 2019 AWAC budget BE APPROVED for the printing of animal welfare related educational materials, including the *Coexisting with Wildlife* brochure, the *Keeping Coyotes Away* brochure, the *You, Your Dog & Nature in London* brochure, and the *Is Your Cat Safe Outdoors?* brochure, for distribution at future community events, such as the 2020 Go Wild, Grow Wild event; it being noted that the AWAC has sufficient funds in its 2019 budget to cover this expense.

5.3 Business Licensing By-law - Pet Shops and Permitted Animals

That the agenda item 'Business Licensing By-law - Pet Shops and Permitted Animals' BE DEFERRED to the next meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.

5.4 London Animal Care Centre - Lost and Found Procedures

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to the London Animal Care Centre's lost and found procedures, including holding times, best practices for pet owners, and reliable resources.

5.5 "Is Your Cat Safe Outdoors?" and "You, Your Dog and Nature in London" - Information Brochures

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to the updated versions of the "Is Your Cat Safe Outdoors?" and the "You, Your Dog and Nature in London" brochures.

6. Adjournment

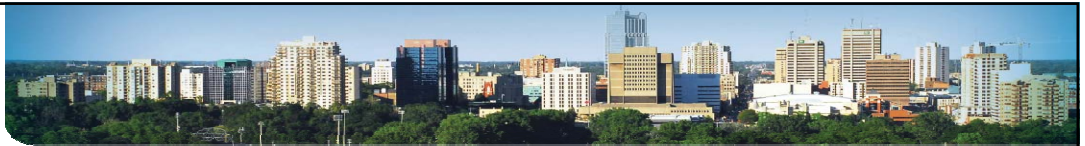
The meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.



Bird Friendly Regulations (and Communications)

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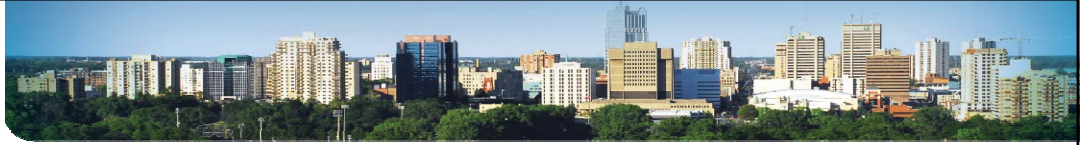


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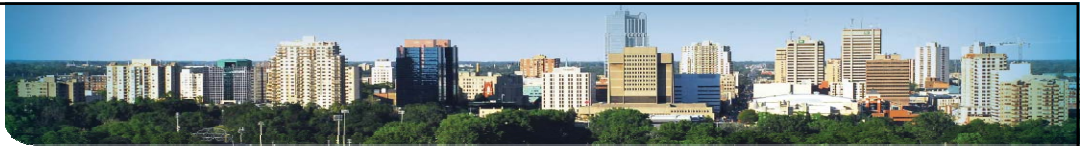
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Identified Measures

- Lighting design
- Glass façade design
- Lighting hours
- Migratory season focus

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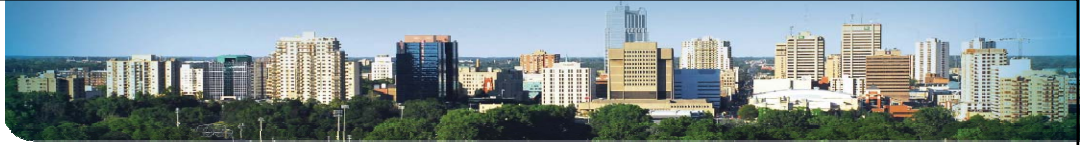
Lighting Design

- Set as an objective
- Full cut-off – Zero up-light as standard

- By-law to PEC for approval November 18

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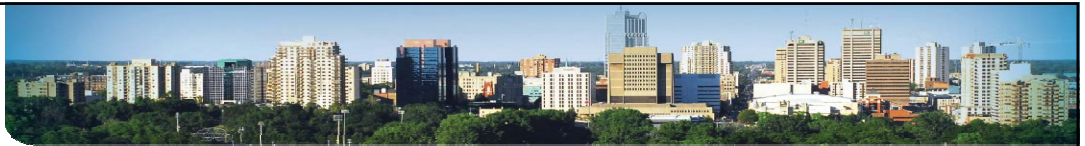
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Glass Façade Design

- Possible approaches
 - UV Glass
 - Patterned or 'fritted' glass
 - Film Products and Decals
 - Decorative Grilles and Louvres
 - Fenestration Patterns
- Working Group to be established – invitations following November 18

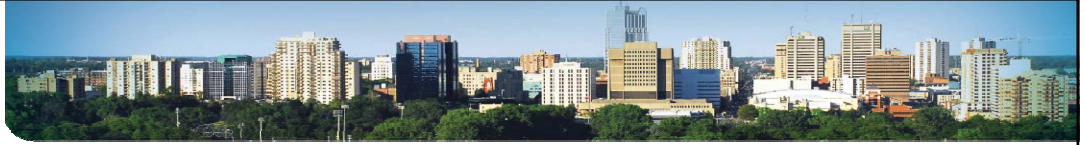
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Lighting Hours/Migratory Season

- No legal enforcement measure
- Use for communication push
- Ties-in with other environmental messaging
- Able to target existing buildings

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Next Steps

- Site Plan By-law Changes – Lighting only
- Working group for other regulations
- Communications approach

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Attendance PRESENT: P. Lystar (Chair), M. Blosch, W. Brown, A. Hames,
A. Hayes, M. Szabo, M. Toplak and D. Turner (Secretary)

REGRETS: S. James

ALSO PRESENT: H. Lysynski and R. Oke

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Scheduled Items

None.

3. Consent

3.1 8th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 8th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on September 5, 2019, was received.

3.2 Municipal Council Resolution - 7th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution, from its meeting held on September 17, 2019, with respect to the 7th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

That it BE NOTED that a general discussion was held with respect to the sub-committee activities.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Dog Park Management

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to the management of dog parks in the City of London.

5.2 You, Your Dog and ESA's Brochure

That the ~~attached~~, revised "You, Your Dog and Environmentally Significant Areas" brochure BE PROVIDED to the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee for consideration at its next meeting.

5.3 Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy - Forestry Operations Brochure

That it BE NOTED that a general discussion was held with respect to the "Humane Urban Wildlife Conflict Policy: Forestry Operations Wildlife Protocol" brochure.

5.4 LACC Small Animal Statistics

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to the London Animal Care Centre (LACC) and its reporting on small animal statistics, including information about the transfer of small animals out of the LACC.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.



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October 16, 2019

H. Lysynski
Committee Secretary

I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its meeting held on October 15, 2019 resolved:

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 8th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on September 5, 2019:

- a) the following actions be taken with respect to the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on August 27, 2019 with respect to the 8th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee:
 - i) the proposed, revised "You, Your Dog and Environmentally Significant Areas" brochure BE PROVIDED to the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee for consideration; and,
 - ii) the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee BE ADVISED that the current Animal Welfare Advisory Committee membership is unaware of any previous request for distribution of the "Is Your Cat Safe Outdoors?" brochure;
- b) clauses 1.1, 3.1, 4.1, 5.1 and 5.2, BE RECEIVED. (2.3/11/CPSC)

C. Saunders
City Clerk
/jb

cc: Chair and Members, Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
Chair and Members, Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory
Committee

SCHEDULE 14 PET SHOP

1.0 DEFINITIONS

1.1 In this Schedule:

“**Pet Shop**” means a shop, place or premise, where animals for use as pets are displayed, sold or kept for sale; and

“**Animal**” means any member of the animal kingdom other than a human.

2.0 POWERS OF THE LICENCE MANAGER

2.1 In addition to any other power, duty or function prescribed in this By-law, the Licence Manager may make regulations under this Schedule including:

- (a) prescribing the manner, form and content of records to be kept by a Pet Shop licence holder under section 4.4 of this Schedule;
- (b) prescribing animals or classes of animals that are permitted to be displayed, kept, sold or offered for sale in a Pet Shop;
- (c) prescribing the manner form and content of the list of animals or classes of animals prescribed under paragraph (b) that is required to be posted by a Pet Shop licence holder under section 4.3;
- (d) prescribing the information that a Pet Shop licence holder is required under section 4.6 to provide to a person who purchases, acquires or obtains an animal from the Pet Shop licence holder; and
- (e) prescribing a list of prescribed rescue groups for the purpose of section 4.1(d) of this Schedule.

3.0 PROHIBITIONS

3.1 No person shall operate a Pet Shop without holding a current valid licence issued under this By-law.

4.0 REGULATIONS

4.1 No holder of a Pet Shop licence shall acquire, display, keep, sell or offer for sale a dog or cat obtained from a source other than:

- (a) a municipal animal shelter;
- (b) a registered humane society;
- (c) a registered shelter; or
- (d) a rescue group prescribed by the Licence Manager.

4.2 Every holder of a Pet Shop licence shall post in a conspicuous place in their Pet Shop the list of animals or classes of animals prescribed by the Licence Manager that are permitted to be displayed, kept, sold or offered for sale in a Pet Shop.

4.3 No Pet Shop licence holder shall display, keep, sell, offer for sale or give to a person an animal that is not prescribed by the Licence Manager as permitted to be displayed, kept, sold or offered for sale in a Pet Shop.

4.4 Every Pet Shop licence holder shall maintain a record in the form and containing all of the information as prescribed by the Licence Manager relating to animals displayed, kept, acquired, offered for sale or sold by them.

4.5 No Pet Shop licence holder shall sell, offer for sale or give an animal to a person under the age of eighteen (18) years.

4.6 Every Pet Shop licence holder shall provide to a person who purchases or acquires an animal from them all of the information about the animal as prescribed by the Licence Manager.

WHAT YOU CAN DO



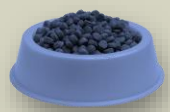
If you find an injured songbird

Contact a wildlife rehabilitator near you
www.ontario.ca/page/find-wildliferehabilitator

How to keep your cat indoors

Although it's easiest to raise your cat to stay indoors as a kitten, it IS possible to train an adult!

To transition an outdoor cat to indoor life:



- Feed your cat indoors, keeping them inside for increasingly longer times after feeding



- Familiarize your cat to a scratching post and litter box first, and transition them slowly. To prevent injury to your cat, purchase a scratching post large enough to support the weight of your cat.



- Give cats stimulating toys to help foster their natural behaviours (e.g. hunting-based toys, a cat tree or jungle for climbing), play with your cat, and try giving them catnip



- Bring the outdoors inside
 - Provide a sunny window perch
 - Try growing cat grass
 - Provide hiding places

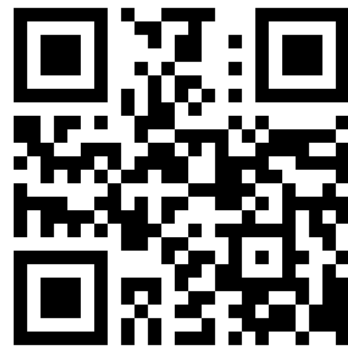


- Make the indoors comfortable
 - Keep the litter tray clean
 - Keep eating, drinking, litter, resting, and hiding places well-separated
 - Consider a second cat as a playmate

Safe outdoor options:

- Spay / neuter your cat
- Provide a screen-enclosed outside area
- Harness train them for outdoor walks
- Ensure your cat has an ID tag or microchip

CHECK OUT THESE USEFUL RESOURCES



CatsandBirds.ca



Ontario SPCA and Humane Society

spca.bc.ca/pet-care/care-behaviour/cats



Cats Protection

goo.gl/QVfvPT



Petfinder

petfinder.com/cats/cat-care



Facebook

[TakingCareofCatsandBirds](https://www.facebook.com/TakingCareofCatsandBirds)



Twitter

[@SafeCatSafeBird](https://twitter.com/SafeCatSafeBird)



IS YOUR CAT SAFE OUTDOORS?

Know the risks and how to protect your pet, local birds, and our natural heritage.



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Your cat is in **DANGER** outside

As many as 40% of domestic cats spend time roaming outdoors, but these cats encounter many dangers and have significantly lower life expectancies.

RISKS TO CATS OUTDOORS:

- Being hit by a car
- Becoming lost
- Abuse
- Frostbite
- Parasites (e.g. fleas, ticks)
- Disease (e.g. feline leukemia, feline aids, heartworm, rabies)
- Poisoning (e.g. from garden plants, antifreeze, rat poison)
- Injury from fights with other animals



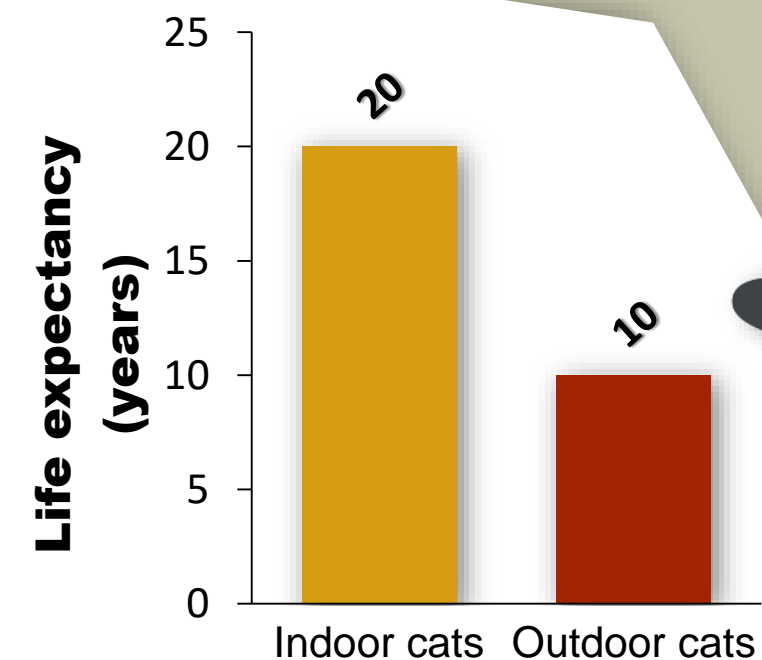
DID YOU KNOW?

London by-laws forbid domestic pets to roam beyond the owner's property

in CANADA
50,000
HOMELESS CATS
EUTHANIZED
in 1 YEAR

1300 DEAD
CATS
COLLECTED OFF
the STREETS of
TORONTO
in 1 YEAR

CATS
that roam free
ARE EXPOSED TO
**DISEASES,
TOXINS,**
VEHICLE COLLISIONS
and OTHER CATS



Source: Lacheretz et al. *Revue Méd. Vét.*, 2002, **153**, 12, 819-822



BIRDS are at risk

BIRD SPECIES AT RISK UP FROM 47 to 86 BETWEEN 2001 & 2014

75% OF HUMAN-RELATED BIRD DEATHS CAUSED BY CATS
approx. **200** PER YEAR MILLION

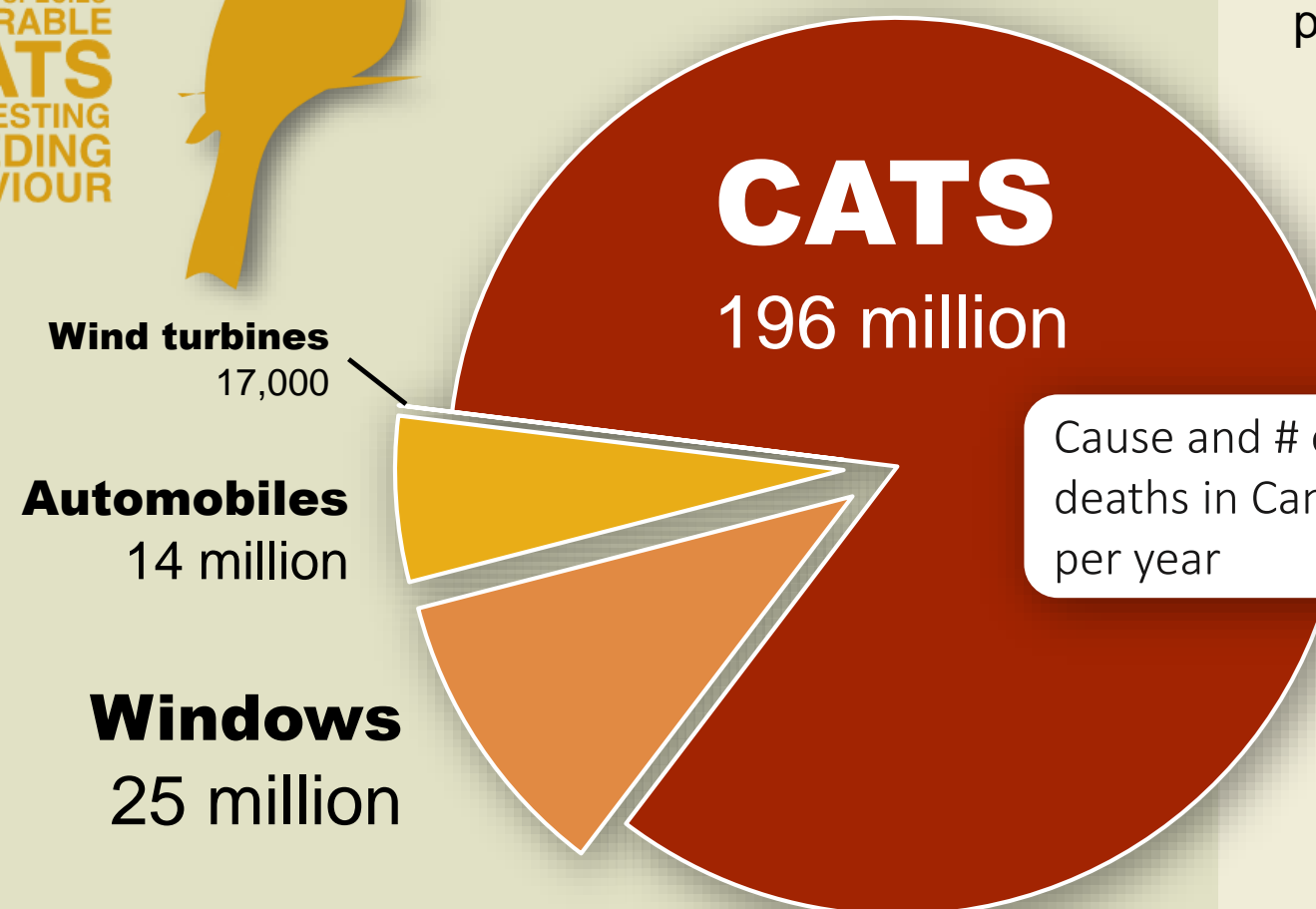
115 BIRD SPECIES VULNERABLE to CATS
due to NESTING & FEEDING BEHAVIOUR

Birds are more than just a pretty song; they help to pollinate plants, disperse seeds, and control insect pests. Unfortunately, cats are the leading cause of direct, human-related songbird mortality. Vulnerable birds include many species at risk (e.g. Barn Swallow and Wood Thrush). Roaming cats have already contributed to the extinction of 34 species of birds.



DID YOU KNOW?

A bell on your cat's collar only reduces bird kills by 40-50%

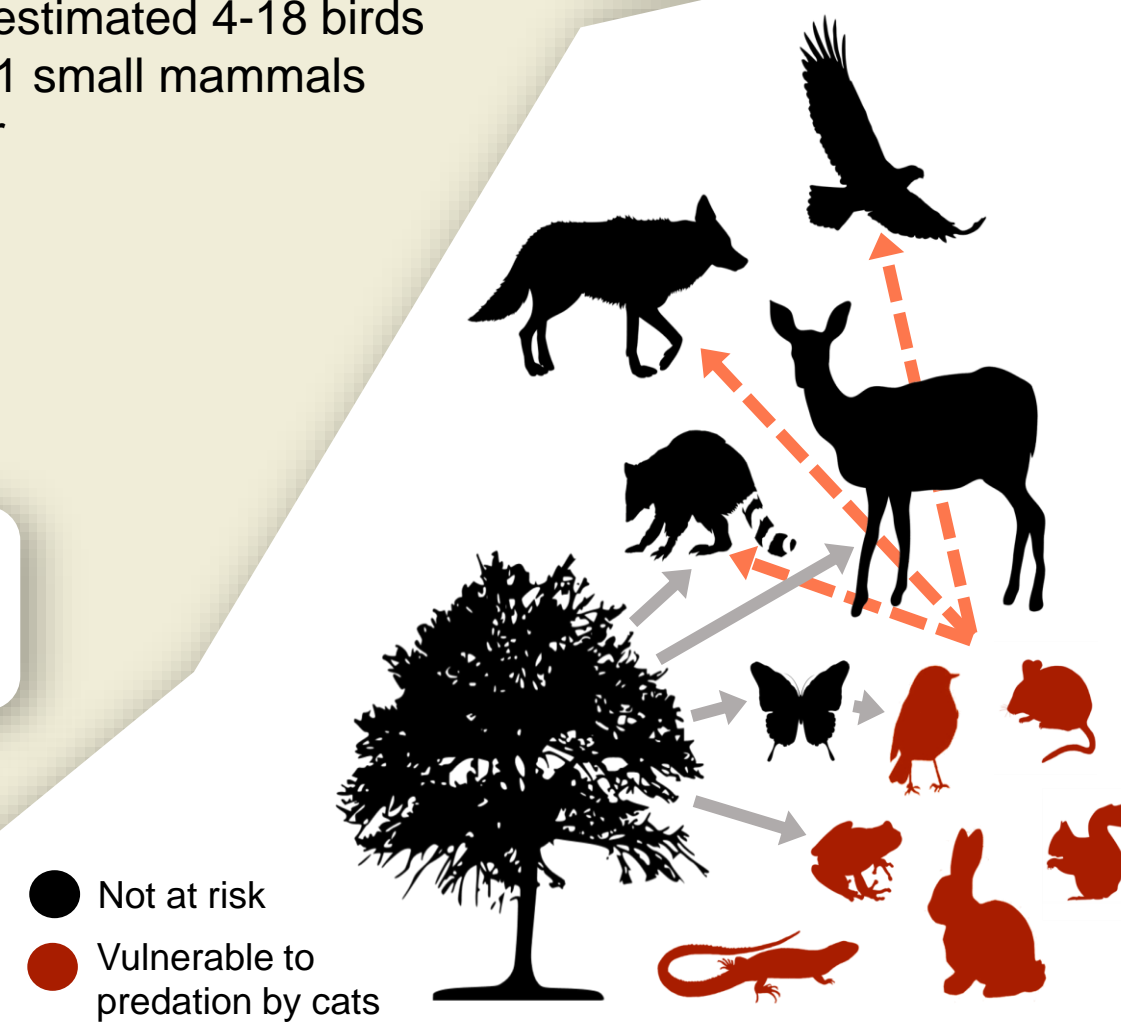


Our **NATURAL HERITAGE** is at risk

Cats are a non-native species in North America and can negatively impact local ecosystems. In addition to killing birds, cats prey on other wildlife including small mammals, reptiles, and amphibians, and can also transmit diseases. Loss of wildlife impacts other species such as native carnivores, and destabilizes the food web. This problem is exacerbated by increasing numbers of stray cats.

DID YOU KNOW?

Each domestic outdoor cat kills an estimated 4-18 birds and 8-21 small mammals per year



You, Your Dog, and Nature in London



A guide to help you and your dog enjoy and protect nature in London

Your dog must be on a leash (max. 1.8m/6ft) at all times.

Parks and Recreation Area By-law PR-2,
and the Dog Licensing and Control By-law PH-4



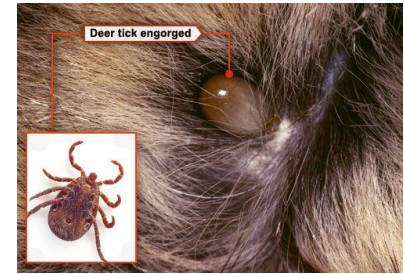
Natural areas, including Environmentally Significant Areas (ESAs), need to be protected by minimizing human and pet disturbance.

For the safety of wildlife, visitors and your pet:

- Keep your dog on a leash at all times.
- Stay on marked trails.
- Dispose of all pet waste in garbage bins or carry it out.
- Be aware of dangers such as vehicles, other animals, ill-willed individuals, traps and snares, toxic products, algae blooms, poisons, sick animals, parasites, rabies, distemper and other diseases.

Ticks and Lyme Disease

There is a possibility of encountering infected ticks in almost all wooded or brushy areas in Ontario, including London.



Wild Animals

- A wide variety of mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians call our urban neighbourhoods and ESA's home. Almost all conflict situations between wildlife and dogs occur when dogs are off-leash.
- Coyotes and other wildlife are highly protective of family members and perceive dogs as a threat, especially near their nesting/den sites or established territory.
- Coyotes may 'escort' or 'shadow' a dog walker out of an area when coyote pups or a den are nearby.
- Birds of prey may perceive small dogs as a potential food source.
- Off leash dogs may injure, orphan or separate wildlife offspring from their family.
- The mere presence of your dog can disrupt the feeding, foraging, mating, denning, and nesting of rare and endangered birds and animals.
- Wildlife expend vital energy reserved for survival when chased by dogs.

Plants

- Dogs may run, roll, or dig through natural areas. Your dog may damage or destroy rare and endangered plant species. Many plants can also seriously harm or kill your dog. Some include:
Poison Oak Poison Ivy
Poison Sumac Giant Hogweed

Safety Tips

- Always obey by-laws or ordinances that apply to the wild spaces you visit.
- Be aware of the wildlife in areas where you walk your family pets.
- Keep a respectful distance from wildlife.
- Never feed wildlife; this includes indirect feeding, such as leaving food waste in wild spaces. Feeding wildlife disrupts natural foraging behaviors and encourages an unnatural proximity tolerance to people.
- If a coyote is nearby, small dogs can be lifted and carried for safety. Never run; leave the area slowly, keeping your dog close to you.



There are 5 off-leash dog parks in London:

- Campbell Memorial Park
- Pottersburg Park
- Stoney Creek Park
- Greenway Park
- Caesar Park

Need More Information?

City of London
519-661-2489
www.london.ca

- City Planning
- Feeding of Wildlife Regulations Public Nuisance By-law PH-18
- Coyotes In The City of London

Middlesex London Health Unit
(519) 663-5317
<https://www.healthunit.com/lyme-disease>

Upper Thames River Conservation Authority
519-451-2800 ext. 281
www.thamesriver.on.ca

London Animal Care Centre
(PH-4 By-law Enforcement)
519-685-1330
www.accpets.ca

London Dog Owners' Association
www.ldoa.ca

London Humane Society
519-451-0630



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