

Good day Orest,

I was told I should speak with you through Matt Brown and Cathy Saunders.

I would like your input on some changes I would like to propose to the Dog Licensing and Control By Laws (PH-4, <http://www.london.ca/city-hall/by-laws/Documents/dogsPH4.pdf>)

The first change I would like to propose on this by-law would be the definition of "Running At Large".

The current definition reads as follows:

"running at large" shall mean to be found in any place other than the premises of the owner of the dog and not under the physical control of any person by means of a leash held by the said person.

I would like to have this amended to be more along the lines of:

"running at large" shall mean to be found in any place not under the physical control of any person by means of a leash held by the said person or confined within a said area preventing the dog from being able to leave the property.

The reason I would like to see this change is day after day when I am walking my dog on leash legally on the side walk or the street I am constantly approached by dogs that are running freely on the front yard of their owners. I would rather see this changed to increase the safety level for myself as well as my dog. **This is simply giving a chance for an incident that could be easier avoided by ensuring that if a pet is out front they are simply controlled by a leash or contained by a fence.** There have been many times I have had to stand in the middle of a charging dog and my dog to prevent an issue from happening. I do not think I should have to defend myself or my dog while out walking on leash within the bounds of the by-law.

Another change I would like to see put forth on this by-law would be to have the flexi-leashes that extend out banned from sale within the city. These leashes currently do not meet the requirements for leashes in the city of London. According to the by-law below:

3.12 Leash - over 2 meters - prohibited

No person shall, within the City of London, have a dog under control on a leash exceeding 2 metres (6 feet, 6 inches) in length.

I have seen these leashes in constant use throughout my subdivision and all it will take is someone not reacting fast enough or not having the ability to lock this leash that would simply end up allowing their pet to have upwards of a 30 foot reach, again this is simply leaving a chance for an incident that doesn't need to happen.

Please let me know how I would go about proposing these changes within the City Of London.

Thanks.

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