## Animal Services

## Community and Protective Services May 26, 2014

By-law Amendments for Expanded Animal Welfare Initiatives

## Report Summary

- Pet Limits
- Keeping of Newborns
- Amnesty Strategy
- Micro-chipping
- Licensing and Registration Fees
- Pound By-law Records
- Running at Large
- Fostering
- Ownership vs Guardianship
- Mandatory Spay Neuter Position Statement



## Current Pet Limits for Cats and Dogs

| Household | PH-4 Dog <br> (3 dogs per household) | PH-3 Cat <br> (2 cats per adult per household) | Total Allowed |
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| Single Person Household |  | ㅂorcror | 5 |
| Adult Couple Household |  |  | 7 |
| Three Adult Household |  |  | 9 |

## Pet Limits for Cats and Dogs

Pet limits need to be connected to responsible pet ownership.

Proposed is maximum of 3 cats and dogs in any combination in a dwelling unit.

Proposed is a maximum of 8 cats and dogs in any combination where there is not more than 3 dogs and all pets are spay/neutered and are up-to-date with vaccinations.

Proposed new /citizen resident of London clause. If a new resident can provide proof of a current valid licenses for a higher number of spay/neutered, vaccinated pets, they would be deemed compliant.

## Fostering Pets

Fostering is an important life saving component of animal services

- It is proposed that a foster home can have a total combination of 10 cats or dogs where the number of dogs does not exceed 4.
- City of London approved rescue organizations will be given special tags for foster dogs residing within the boundaries of London. The tags would be issued annually.
- Each Foster Home would receive "Foster Card" which could be presented to a Animal Control Officer if the limit is in question. The card would identify the associated rescue organization.

- Rescue organizations will actively promote responsible pet ownership and the benefits that licensing/ registration provide.


## Proposed Fees

| Current Fees | Category No. 1 | Category No. 2 | Category No. 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Complete/ Unaltered | Spay/Neuter (S/N) | Microchipped \& S/N |
| Cat Registration Fees |  |  |  |
| January - June rate | \$35.00* | \$20.00* | n/a |
| July - December rate | \$20.00* | \$12.00* | n/a |
| Dog Licensing Fees |  |  |  |
| January - June rate | \$50.00* | \$31.00* | n/a |
| July - December rate | \$29.00* | \$18.00* | n/a |
| Proposed Fees |  |  |  |
| Cat Registration Fees |  |  |  |
| January - June rate | \$45.00* | \$20.00* | \$15.00* |
| July - December rate | \$30.00* | \$12.00* | \$10.00* |
| Dog Licensing Fees |  |  |  |
| January - June rate | \$55.00* | \$31.00* | \$20.00* |
| July - December rate | \$35.00* | \$18.00* | \$15.00* |

- Many of the challenges we face come from unaltered cats and dogs.
- Proposed fees are connected to responsible pet ownership.
- Proposed increase to unaltered cats and dogs only.
- Proposed senior citizens discount of $\$ 5.00$ in all categories.
- Proposed reduction for cats and dogs $\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{N}$ and micro-chipped.
- Pet Owner Rewards Card program has been implemented to encourage voluntary licensing


## Micro-chipping

- Micro-chipping combined with licensing has proven to be the best method to reunite lost pets with their owner.
- The micro-chip itself is the size of a grain of rice and is surgically implanted via a non evasive procedure that takes very little time.
- Currently London Animal Care Centre Microchips pets in adoption program.

- Need to encourage London pet owners to microchip their pets


## Modern Animal <br> Services Model

To Accomplish Our No-Kill/
Open Shelter Goal

- Continuous improvement
- Community support
- Partnerships
- Mutual respect


City of London Objectives

- Value / Compassion
- Animal Welfare Initiatives
- Education \& Awareness
- Monitoring \& Analysis
- Community Partnerships
- Identification
- Community Patrol
- By-law Enforcement
- Shelter Facility
- Fostering \& Adoption Facility or Facilities

