

To the Chair & Councillors of the Community & Protective Services Committee

In advance of the Public Participation Meeting on May 26, 2014, I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors & volunteer members of Animalert Pet Adoptions – a non profit animal rescue group working since 1977 to improve the lives of London's companion animals.

Since our inception, Animalert has re-homed over 8,000 cats & dogs – many of them homeless strays. Through our volunteer services we have spent almost \$3 million for veterinary medical care, spaying/neutering, micro-chipping, grooming, vaccinations and temporary housing.

This effort and these funds have been expended by our volunteers to alleviate the surplus companion animal problem in the City of London, saving tens of thousands (or more) of tax dollars and somewhat minimizing the homeless animal kill rate in the City.

Our suggestions and points for consideration regarding animal licensing in the City:

1. Eliminate the licensing for cats/kittens who live exclusively an indoor life – this will save tens of thousands of dollars that would be spent on enforcement of a by-law that is seen by many as punitive, arbitrary and a constant source of conflict between responsible pet guardians/rescue groups and enforcement personnel;
2. Animal rescue groups with foster homes be provided free of charge generic licensing for dogs & cats. Provided further, please be reminded the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (P.I.P.E.D.A.) precludes animal rescue groups from sharing details about their foster homes with any third party.
3. Eliminate restrictions on the number of animals per household. Authorities already have the enforcement tools they need to deal with extreme hoarding situations.
4. For all companion animals that must be licensed, consider a once in a lifetime licensing fee for any companion animal already spayed/neutered & micro-chipped.

Respectfully submitted,

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