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To The Community and Protective Services Committee:

This letter is in response to the issue of the number of cats and dogs a person is allowed to have in their residence according to the city by-laws.

Currently there is a limit of 2 cats per person to a maximum of 4 and 3 dogs per household. I understand that you are considering lowering this limit for people who live in apartments.

I certainly hope that Animal Control is not going to insist that we surrender our pets to their shelters if the limit is lowered as this would cause the already overburdened shelters to be forced to euthanize even more pets than they already do.

I thought that London was going in the direction of a pet-friendly, no kill community? Lowering the limits is not the way to go about achieving this, quite the opposite.

I am a responsible pet owner. All of my pets are spayed and neutered and their shots are up to date. My dogs are well behaved and don't bark unnecessarily. They are always on a leash and I pick up after them therefore I have no intentions of surrendering any of my current pets, not even at gun point and if I get another visit from animal control, I will not comply with their demands under any circumstances. I would rather relocate to a real pet-friendly community.

Animals, like children have feelings too. They are part of our family and not just "things" to be tossed aside like garbage and it's about time that people started realizing this. When an animal is taken into the home it is a lifetime commitment.

Whether a person lives in an apartment or a house should not be the issue. If the dwelling is kept clean and the pets are properly cared for, there should be no problem in accommodating multiple pets. The more pets people can comfortably care for, the less of a burden on the city shelters.

I am sorry that I could not attend this meeting but I hope this letter is read loud and clear to all concerned.

Sincerely,

Jessica Lochhead