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Subject: Request for Delegation status at CPSC/ Oct. 20, 2015 - Welfare of Outdoor dogs/ Chained Dog Bylaw

Dear Councillor Josh Morgan:

Please consider my request to address CPSC as a delegate on October 20, 2015.

On behalf of Animal Alliance of Canada, a registered not-for-profit animal protection group, I wish to present our recommendation that London create a bylaw that would improve conditions for dogs that live primarily as outdoor dogs. An essential element of this would involve limiting the amount of time that any dog can be chained/tethered outside during a 24 hour period.

At that time, I would like to present our research and recommendations for consideration based on other bylaws already used in Canadian cities.

This discussion was begun last year at the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee but has not been formally presented to council through the Community and Protective Services Committee.

Since the end of my term as chair of AWAC I have continued to research this issue in my role as a Director of Animal Alliance.

We believe that the time has come to formally request that the standing committee and council direct members of Civic Administration to develop a draft bylaw that would work well for London. Other Ontario cities have already passed bylaws designed to provide improved welfare to dogs made to live primarily outdoors.

I have visited the new Animal Welfare Advisory Committee and have informed them that we intend to make this request. The AWAC members indicated that they were comfortable with this plan, as they will have ample opportunity to comment and make their own recommendations at the same time that staff is conducting their research on this matter.

Best regards,

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