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Subject: Community and Protection Services Committee

I understand that a request has been made to address Companion Animals - Outdoor/Chained Dogs at the Community and Protection Services Committee of London meeting on October 20th.

I am especially interested in the plight of chained dogs and while residing in Alberta, I worked hard to get dogs off chains in both Edmonton and St. Albert, to no avail. It is apparent that we have now progressed to the point that many municipalities in Canada and the US have legislation in place to limit chaining and the isolation of animals in pens, backyards and junkyards. Hopefully London will be among the progressive municipalities that will make this particular kind of animal cruelty obsolete.

Although I am not able to attend the meeting, I would like to provide you with a link to my website which provides comprehensive information including various bylaws currently in place, cities and municipalities where chaining has been banned or limited, and letters to the Mayors of both Edmonton and St. Albert as well as my presentation to the City of St. Albert in November 2005.

My very comprehensive educational website can be found at [www.voiceless.ca](http://www.voiceless.ca).  
In addition, I have thousands of signatures on petitions to ban the chaining and isolation of dogs which were presented to both cities. Other online petitions can be found at <https://plus.google.com/+DoggyPetitions/posts/eLd7sSzSL1o> with a Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/DogsWithoutChains?ref=bookmarks> which shows why both the practices of chaining and of isolation must end.

Please contact me if you require further information. I am very excited about the prospect of the City of London, Ontario, which already has an Animal Welfare Advisory Committee in place, joining the ranks of making London one of the most dog-friendly cities in Canada.

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