

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Companion Animal Sub-Committee Report

Meeting: October 21, 2015

The Companion Animal AWAC Sub-Committee held their first meeting and discussed what items that they would like to work on and address. More research and time will be put into each topic by the sub-committee and we will present the information for the December 2015 meeting.

The following is a list of items discussed; some items we would like to see put into action sooner than others:

Items we will begin to work on:

- I. Amend the recognized rescue group bylaw to include other rescue organizations that help species outside of dogs and cats. To ensure only the professional groups are recognized, all rescues must still follow the same standards set out for the dog and cat rescues.
- II. The ban of specific species from retail stores (dogs, cats, rabbits, ferrets, red eared sliders have been discussed)
- III. Request and increase on funding (additional \$150, 000) for spay/neuters
- IV. Continue to support Tethering/Chaining

Items we will work on in the future:

- I. Place a ban on animals living 24/7 outdoors
- II. Develop a complaint driven by law to protect rabbits from living 24/7 outdoors (especially in hutches)