

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Report

The 1st Meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
December 5, 2019
Committee Room #4

Attendance PRESENT: P. Lystar (Chair), M. Blosh, W. Brown, A. Hames, A. Hayes, M. Toplak and D. Turner (Committee Clerk)

NOT PRESENT: M. Szabo

ALSO PRESENT: R. Oke and T. Satchell

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

1.2 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the term ending November 30, 2020

That it BE NOTED that the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee elected W. Brown and P. Lystar as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, for the term ending November 30, 2020.

2. Scheduled Items

2.1 Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Trends, Monitoring and Next Steps

That it BE NOTED that the attached presentation from T. Satchell, Shelter Veterinarian and R. Oke, Animal Control and Welfare Coordinator, with respect to Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) trends in London, TNR best practices and early plans for a City-run TNR program, was received.

3. Consent

3.1 10th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 10th Report of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on November 7, 2019, was received.

3.2 Municipal Council Resolution - Bird Friendly Guidelines

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution, from its meeting held on November 26, 2019, with respect to the amended *Site Plan Control Area By-law*, was received.

3.3 Notice of Resignation - S. James

That it BE NOTED that the notice of resignation from S. James, dated October 10, 2019, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 2020 AWAC Work Plan

That it BE NOTED that the committee held a general discussion with respect to the 2020 work plan, indicating that a sub-committee with sufficient composition already exists to begin drafting this document.

5.2 Pets in Hot Cars

That it BE NOTED that the committee held a general discussion with respect to the issue of pets being left in hot cars during summer months, including potential ideas for education/awareness campaigns to combat this problem.

5.3 Business Licensing By-law - Pet Shops and Permitted Animals

That the agenda item 'Business Licensing By-law - Pet Shops and Permitted Animals' BE DEFERRED to a future meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.

5.4 Go Wild Grow Wild - Promotional Materials

That it BE NOTED that the committee held a general discussion with respect to the printing and distribution of animal welfare related educational materials at future community events, such as 'Go Wild, Grow Wild 2020'; it being further noted that the committee made revisions to a draft version of the *Living with Urban Wildlife* infosheet.

5.5 Education and Awareness - Communications Strategy

That it BE NOTED that the committee held a general discussion with respect to a communications strategy for upcoming education/awareness campaigns.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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Introduction to Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)

Dr. Tracy Satchell




Overview

- Cat overpopulation
- What is TNR?
- Why TNR?
- Advantages to TNR
- City Program
- What can AWAC do?

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Cat Overpopulation

- Cat overpopulation is a challenge in communities across Canada
- Over 20 000 cats were euthanized in shelters in 2016
- Over 90% of owned cats are spayed or neutered

ONE UNSPAYED CAT  HAS 4 KITTENS

5 MONTHS LATER

12 MONTHS LATER

17 MONTHS LATER


SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR CATS BEFORE THEY REACH 5 MONTHS OF AGE!

Learn more at: spayneuter.ca

BCSPCA
SPEAKING FOR ANIMALS

What is TNR?

- Best humane solution to overpopulation
- Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Ear Tip-Return
- City of London program since 2008

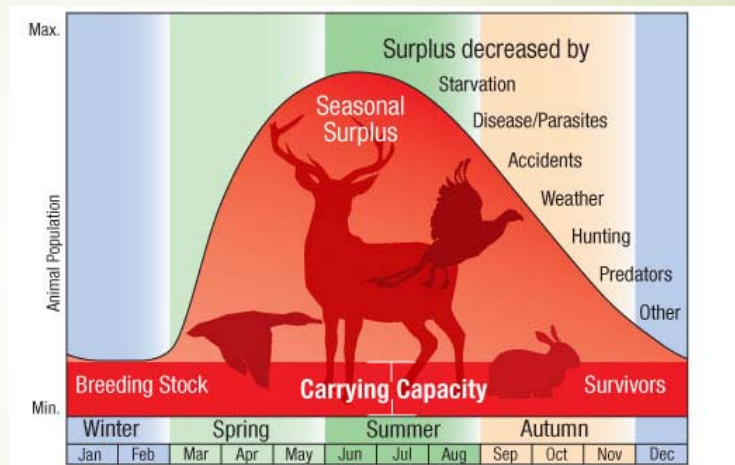


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Why TNR?

Options:

- Trap - Euthanize
- Trap - Adopt/Sanctuary
- Poison, culling, etc.



Advantages to TNR



Reduction of free-roaming cat population



Lower intake and euthanasia rates



Fewer nuisance complaints



Rabies control

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City TNR Dropoff Program

- ▶ March 2020
- ▶ 6 TNR cats, once or twice a week
- ▶ Surgery and Rabies vaccine, ear tip



What can AWAC do?

- ▶ Spread word about City Program
- ▶ Support TNR
 - ▶ Advocate
- ▶ Community involvement
 - ▶ Colony management
 - ▶ Winter shelters



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Resources



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MILLION CAT CHALLENGE



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