

Re: Reptilia Pushes for Animal Control By-law Exemption Again

As recent as April 2022, Reptilia asked Council for an exemption to the city's Animal Control By-law which prohibits exotic animals kept in captive. In April Council rejected Reptilia's request.

Dear Council Members,

Rules are made for a reason and the reason for this rule is the well-being of animals. The previous council rejected Reptilia's request because it was against the rules. Just because a new city council was voted in (and I was one of those voters) does not mean the rules change. It reminds me of a child asking Mommy for permission, not getting it, then going to ask Daddy.

Exotic animals require specific habitats to thrive. A mall doesn't provide it. Period. The exception would be if this group was a rescue organization taking in animals that were illegally purchased, surrendered, and unable to be released back into the wild. It does not sound like this is the case.

Please don't make me regret my vote.

Susan Herman Ross