



CITY OF KINGSTON
REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No.: 13-003

TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Cynthia Beach, Commissioner, Sustainability & Growth
RESOURCE STAFF: Terry Willing, Director, Building & Licensing
Kim Leonard, Manager, Licensing & Enforcement
DATE OF MEETING: January 8, 2013
SUBJECT: Responsible Pet Ownership Program - RPOP

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At its regular meeting held on August 14, 2012 Council resolved:

THAT staff provide a report before year-end to recommend by-law amendments and changes to current animal control services to move towards a 'Responsible Pet Ownership Program' similar to those adopted in other cities, through various initiatives including:

1. Review of Pet License fees to implement greater incentives for licensing pets, including increasing the cost benefits for owners of spayed and neutered dogs and cats;
2. Increased patrol and enforcement of at-large and unlicensed pet provisions, along with increased fines and penalties;
3. Pet tag promotions and campaigns;
4. Increased enforcement against illegal breeders;
5. Consideration of micro-chip requirements in certain cases as a means to improve identification of pets in addition to pet tags;
6. Review of a 'free ride home' program for pets, and;
7. Improved education, communications and public notices advising about changes and benefits to the community when pets are identified and occurrences of pets on the loose are reduced;

Staff have researched practices in other municipalities and are recommending a number of changes to the City bylaws to promote a model for responsible pet ownership. A Responsible Pet Ownership Program is required to reduce the number of animals that are impounded. This approach has a number of benefits including reducing costs to animal owners and the City and by reducing the number of animals being transferred to the care of the Kingston Humane Society. In order for the program to be successful, cats and dogs need to be readily identifiable.

This is best achieved through the animal tag identification system. Staff have recommended changes to current fees in order to be more in line with Calgary who have implemented a successful Responsible Pet Ownership Program and to help cover the costs of implementing such a program. The proposed fees are also consistent with 11 other communities that were surveyed. Incentives proposed include waiving the initial registration fee for those owners who voluntarily register their pets, offering early payment discounts and the possible introduction of a rewards program to benefit those who do register and renew their pet tags.

This report also proposes that cats and dogs wearing current tags will be eligible for a free ride home avoiding costly impound fees. Staff recommend the City create a free online service for pet identification for those pets that have been lost and are registered. This online service will avoid costs for animals that cannot be identified and are taken to the pound. Costs for service at the pound are incurred as soon as the animal is received. The minimum cost to an animal owner for an impounded animal for the first day is \$133 and that cost increases by \$25 per day to a maximum impound fee of \$258. All fees for emergency veterinary care during the impoundment period must also be paid by the owner or if the animal is not claimed the City must cover these costs. The animal owner or City if the animal is not claimed is also responsible for the cost of quarantining a cat or dog under the direction of Kingston Frontenac Lennox and Addington Health for 10 days at a cost of \$480. Staff are also recommending increased enforcement penalties for animal owners who are in contravention of the animal control by-law. The proposed changes to the by-law are aimed at reducing these costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS Council has directed that the City move toward a more Responsible Pet Ownership Program (RPOP), and;

WHEREAS regulations for animals have been reviewed as part of the move to a Responsible Pet Ownership Program (RPOP), and;

WHEREAS adjustments to fees for animal licensing are required to move toward a Responsible Pet Ownership Program (RPOP),

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT Council approve By-Law 2013-XXX in Exhibit "A" to amend By-Law 2004-144 "A By-Law to Regulate Animals" to come into force on April 1, 2013, and;

THAT Council approve By-Law 2013-XXX in Exhibit "B" to amend By-Law 2005-10 "A By-Law to Establish Fees and Charges to be Collected by the Corporation of the City of Kingston" to come into force on April 1, 2013, and;

THAT staff explore an on line pet identification program and compare the costs and advantages/disadvantages of creating the program in house as opposed to contracting to a service provider, and;

THAT staff provide recommendations regarding an on line pet identification program to the Administrative Policies Committee at its regular meeting to be held in June 2013.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER _____ Commissioner, Cynthia Beach, Sustainability and Growth
ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER _____ Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer

CONSULTATION WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS:

Lanie Hurdle, <i>Community Services</i>	N/R
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Jim Keech, <i>President and CEO, Utilities Kingston</i>	N/R

(N/R indicates consultation not required)

OPTIONS/DISCUSSION:

On August 14, 2012 staff recommended to Council that the City should move toward a more Responsible Pet Ownership Program (RPOP). Council recommended that staff report on this matter before year end with recommended by-law amendments and changes to current animal control services.

Staff were directed to recommend by-law amendments and changes to current animal control services to move towards a 'Responsible Pet Ownership Program' similar to those adopted in other cities, through various initiatives including:

1. Review of Pet License fees to implement greater incentives for licensing pets, including increasing the cost benefits for owners of spayed and neutered dogs and cats;
2. Increased patrol and enforcement of at-large and unlicensed pet provisions, along with increased fines and penalties;
3. Pet tag promotions and campaigns;
4. Increased enforcement against illegal breeders;
5. Consideration of micro-chip requirements in certain cases as a means to improve identification of pets in addition to pet tags;
6. Review of a 'free ride home' program for pets, and;
7. Improved education, communications and public notices advising about changes and benefits to the community when pets are identified and occurrences of pets on the loose are reduced.

The main goal of the RPOP is to promote responsible pet ownership and to reduce the number of dogs and cats that are left to roam at-large and trespass, ending up in the pound where many are not re-claimed and are either abandoned or surrendered to the Kingston Humane Society. In order to achieve the goals of the RPOP, changes will be required to the current Animal Control By-Law, including regulations supporting stricter enforcement. In addition, incentives to promote the sale of dog and cat tags allowing for identification of animals and their owners will be needed. Staff recognize that fees to re-claim an impounded animal, regardless of its length of stay, can result in hardship for some families and therefore it is important that these animals do not end up at the pound in the first place.

1. Review of Pet License fees to implement greater incentives for licensing pets, including increasing the cost benefits for owners of spayed and neutered dogs and cats.

Staff have reviewed the licensing fees in twelve different municipalities. Fees for animal licenses vary, however the one commonality was that fees for intact dogs did not exceed \$50 in most municipalities. Toronto and Calgary fees are \$60 and Peterborough has a fee of \$75. Six of the municipalities impose additional fees for late payment. A copy of the municipal survey is attached to this report as Exhibit "C". Staff believe that excessive fee increases for animal licenses would be a disincentive to purchasing a tag. Increasing the fee for animal tags would

negatively impact those who have been responsible and have registered and renewed their animal tags on a yearly basis.

Historically, licensing fees for animals have only been increased every 3 years by 10% and not on a yearly basis as the 3% CPI increase would be such a minimal amount. Animal licensing fees were due to increase by 10% in 2013 and the 10% increase was included in the 2013 Fees and Charges By-Law. Staff are proposing the following increases to animal licensing fees above the 2013 rate to become effective on April 1, 2013:

Description	2013 Rate	Proposed
Dog (intact) Renewal	\$46	\$50
Dog (spayed/neutered) Renewal	\$17.50	\$30
Cat (intact) Renewal	\$23	\$40
Cat (spayed/neutered) Renewal	\$6.60	\$25
Dog – Early Payment (intact) Renewed before April 1st	N/A	\$40
Dog – Early Payment (spayed/neutered) Renewed before April 1st	N/A	\$20
Cat – Early Payment (intact) Renewed before April 1st	N/A	\$30
Cat – Early Payment (spayed/neutered) Renewed before April 1st	N/A	\$15
Initial Voluntary Registration	N/A	\$0
Initial Registration (cats and dogs that are not voluntarily registered)	N/A	\$100

Proposed fees are also attached to this report as Exhibit “E” and they include a proposed fee of \$100 for initial registration which is waived if an owner voluntarily registers their pet. A larger increase is required for the issuance of tags for spayed and neutered cats to help off-set the recently approved \$8 commission per tag sold by the Kingston Humane Society and other

outside agencies. A new reduced fee for early tag renewal payment is also recommended as part of the initiative to promote tag sales. The proposed tag fee increases are consistent with the rates that are charged by the twelve municipalities that were surveyed.

As opposed to the high tag fees in some cities as part of their responsible pet ownership programs, a key element to the Kingston program is an incentive for those owners who acquire pet tags voluntarily. If an animal is found that has not been licensed, there is a new fee of \$100 proposed for the initial registration of an animal. The \$100 fee would apply to all animals, cat or dog, whether spayed/ neutered or intact, regardless of the age of the animal. A valid tag for the year in which the animal is registered will also be provided as part of this new fee. The tag would only be valid for the year the animal was registered. Those who register the first day after the end of the previous year would hold a valid tag for 12 months, whereas someone who registered closer to the end of the year would receive a valid tag for the remainder of that year. This would help to promote early registration.

However, to provide an incentive for responsible owners, staff are proposing that the \$100 initial registration fee be waived for those who have voluntarily registered their cat or dog. Those owners who register their dog or cat on their own would not be charged this fee, and as a further incentive to join this new registry, a free tag will be provided for the year in which they register.

The waived fee would be an “initial voluntary registration”. The introduction of the initial registration fee policy will reward those citizens who voluntarily register their animals and will act as a deterrent for those who do not choose to register and end up having to register their animal as a result of enforcement. New registrations would increase in the first year of the program and revenues would continue to increase in the second and subsequent years when the owners renew their pet’s tag at the regular fee and as new owners start to come forward.

Currently the Animal Control By-Law requires registration of a dog or cat at 20 weeks of age. This allows the owner of an animal time to have their cat or dog spayed or neutered before they are registered, allowing them to take advantage of the lower fees. Staff are proposing that the by-law be amended to remove the 20 week provision. There have been concerns raised that dogs and cats at 20 weeks of age are too young to be spayed or neutered. The first time initial registration policy would allow an owner to voluntarily register their pet for free and proof of spay or neuter to obtain the lower tag fee would not be required until such time that they renew their license in the second year.

Staff are also proposing that the due date of December 31 for tag renewals be amended to a due date of March 31. This will provide more time for owners to voluntarily register after rates have been set in the annual Rates & Fees By-law and the deadline would no longer occur during such a busy and expensive month as December.

2. Increased patrol and enforcement of at-large and unlicensed pet provisions, along with increased fines and penalties.

Animal Control Officers have historically enforced the Animal Control By-Law on a reactive basis as opposed to a proactive basis as a result of limited resources to cover both Animal Control and By-Law Enforcement. Council approved a \$50,000 expenditure in August 2012 to increase enforcement resources for implementation of a new Responsible Pet Ownership Program with approval of the 2013 budget.

An Animal Control Officer will be deployed to cover hours of the day that have not been covered in the past. The extended coverage will consist of early morning hours and late evening hours after dusk. Extended hours will also include early morning and late evening coverage on Saturdays and on Sundays. As part of the new enforcement strategy, staff will be proactively enforcing off-leash, unlicensed and at-large animal provisions of the By-Law.

Staff have reviewed the set fines for contravention of the regulations as set out in the Animal Control By-Law. Most of the current fines are consistent with other municipalities and they are also within the threshold that would be approved by the Ministry of the Attorney General's office (MAG). Staff will, however, be making application to MAG for approval of increasing set fines to \$100 for failure to register dogs and cats, and for failure to stoop and scoop. This will be up from the current \$80 for failure to register a dog and \$40 for failure to register a cat. A \$5 court fee and a \$20 Victim Fine Surcharge applies in addition to the proposed \$100 fines. The cost to impound a dog does not differ from that of a cat and therefore these fines should be consistent.

Although some fines may seem low, in cases of severe or repeat contravention of the by-law provisions, staff retain the option to prosecute by way of a summons, which requires the defendant to attend court to answer to the charges. The court may impose fines of up to \$5,000 depending on the severity of the offence. The option to charge under this long form process would be used in cases where issuance of a short form Provincial Offences Notice (ticket) has not worked as a deterrent to those who are repeatedly in contravention, and to those who have been charged under the *Dog Owners Liability Act*. Staff will also be actively seeking prohibition orders in severe cases of non-compliance, especially for aggressive dogs as provided for under the current By-Law regulations.

3. Pet tag promotions and campaigns.

There are services available that provide on line pet identification and various other pet needs. The providers of these services may also solicit promotions from local businesses and as a result of registering your dog or cat a pet owner would become eligible for discounts redeemable at several businesses throughout the City. This service can be provided to the City at a cost, if an additional fee increase is added to pet licenses when using services that require a commission or fee.

It is believed that the City can create its own on line identification service and rewards program, much like the Calgary model which has been successful in increasing tag sales. A program of this magnitude would require resource time from the Licensing & Enforcement Division and various other departments including Information Systems & Technology.

Pet tags are available for sale at several establishments throughout the City. In August 2012 Council approved an increase from \$1 to \$8 per tag as a commission fee for selling City tags. Staff will be meeting with the businesses that are selling the tags to seek promotion of tag sales, and to look into the possibility of these businesses offering incentives for their customers. If approved, the "Initial Voluntary Registration" program can also be advertised by local businesses as a \$100 savings to register pets for the first time at their place of business.

An upgrade to the current animal tag licensing computer application is scheduled to take place over the next two years. Currently tags can be renewed on-line. The animal license application can be downloaded and submitted, however the current system does not allow for an application to be processed on-line. Part of the upgrade will be to allow complete processing of on-line applications.

Until such time that an on-line application service can be provided, staff will accept applications for tags over the phone, through email and by fax.

Door-to-door tag sales campaigns will be scheduled in pilot project areas to gauge the effectiveness of this approach. Staffing will be provided through the additional staff budgeted and volunteer groups who may have more interest in light of the \$8 commission versus the \$1 rate in years past.

4. Increased enforcement against illegal breeders.

At its regular meeting held on August 14, 2012 Council resolved:

WHEREAS the City of Toronto and the City of Mississauga have both recently passed by-laws restricting the sale of cats and dogs in pet stores within their municipalities; and

WHEREAS other municipalities are in the process of creating similar by-laws; and

WHEREAS many members of the public have contacted members of Kingston City Council expressing concern over the sale of cats and dogs within the city and requesting that the City of Kingston take action;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kingston City Council direct staff to research the Toronto and Mississauga by-laws regarding the restriction of the sale of cats, and dogs and rabbits, as well as other municipalities that are exploring similar options; and

THAT City staff provide options for Council to consider with respect to possible courses of action that the City of Kingston may take; and

THAT a consideration report be submitted to the Arts Recreation and Community Policies Committee no later than the January meeting of 2013.

Tighter regulations for breeders will be detailed in a report to the ARCP Committee meeting in January.

5. Promotion of micro-chipping as a means to improve identification of pets in addition to tags.

It is the opinion of the Kingston Humane Society that the sole purpose of a microchip is pet identification versus a tag which they feel is a proof of registration only, attached as Exhibit "D". The KHS has however indicated that neither can replace the other.

Staff recognize that there may be instances when owner information may not be readily available from information on a tag however it is believed that this system can be improved. Experience has proven that chips do not always have current information as pet owners do not update their information when they move, change ownership of the animal or change any of their contact information. The City does send renewals each year to registered pet owners and as a result owners provide the City with any updated information that is required such as a change in address, ownership change of the animal, phone number changes etc. Staff recommend exploring the merits of a City sponsored pet identification web page because information in the city registration and renewal system can be more up to date than the information provided through a chip.

MFFIPA requirements would dictate that animal owners would need to understand and agree to have their address and contact information provided on a web page for identification in the case of a lost or found pet, similar to the arrangement with some chip programs. A pet owner may opt to register online for this program. When they do so, they will provide their address and contact information, so that if another member of the public finds the lost pet, they can visit the City's website, enter the information from the pet tag, and view whatever information the pet owner wishes to share so they can be contacted about their pet immediately. This program will only be available to those individuals who chose to be part of it – and these individuals will be able to easily opt-out of it at any time.

When pet owners sign up for this program, they would be provided with information about the program so it will be made clear that when the information from the pet tag is entered, any personal information they provide will be available through the City's website for any other member of the public to see. Pet owners will be asked when signing up to consent to the disclosure of their personal information in this fashion. This would allow anyone finding a pet with a tag to identify it at any time. The service could be provided at no additional cost to the pet owner as the information would be updated as part of their yearly renewal of the tag. Those who

would rather not share contact information would be contacted by the city through the usual confidential database.

Micro-chipping would be an additional cost to be borne by the animal owner so staff are not recommending that micro-chipping be made mandatory. Staff do recognize that micro-chipping may be the preference of some pet owners however, so microchip readers will be purchased for staff use.

6. Review of a 'free ride home' program for pets.

It has been determined that although Calgary promotes a free ride home program, in fact there is a charge for animals who are delivered to their homes by Animal Control Services. Staff are proposing that if an animal has a current tag in Kingston then the first ride home will be provided at no charge if the pet owner is home to receive the animal. If the owner is not at home or is unavailable when the Animal Control Officer contacts them, the animal must be delivered to the pound and all pound fees and administration fees would be charged to the owner as is the case in similar programs in other cities. If a second and/or subsequent ride home is provided then the animal owner would be fined for allowing their pet to be at large. Staff would deliver the animal home whenever possible because this will reduce the number of animals that are admitted to the pound.

7. Improved education, communications and public notices advising about changes and benefits to the community when pets are identified and occurrences of pets on the loose are reduced.

Staff have been working with the Communications Department and a draft plan has been created which is based on the outcome of the Council recommendations coming forward from this report. The main message is to keep animals out of the pound, to inform about the cost of an animal that has to be impounded, and to promote pet registration. Staff will also be working with the vendors who are selling tags to promote the sale of tags in their establishment and to share the negative effects of having an animal taken to the pound.

Communications will involve:

- Improvements to the City website to promote pet licensing and the new program
- Advertisements in the City news section of print media
- Spots on the 'Kingston Works for You' radio campaign
- Brochures for City counters and our partner tag sale outlets including vet clinics and pet stores
- Door-to-door campaigns to promote when offering at home tag sales
- Solicitations to businesses to arrange discounts to tag-holders
- Advertisements in City owned buildings

EXISTING POLICY/BY LAW:

By-Law 2004-144, being “A By-Law to Regulate Animals” and By- Law 2005-10, being “A By-Law to Establish Fees and Charges to be Collected by the Corporation of the City of Kingston”.

NOTICE PROVISIONS:

N/A

ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

Other formats of this report are available upon request.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Council did approve a budget increase in August 2012 to help cover the cost of increased enforcement. Staff are projecting an increase in tag sales in the first year of 30%. Revenues should increase each subsequent year based on renewals of pets that are registered.

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EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

Exhibit “A” - By-Law 2013-XXX being a By-Law to amend By-Law 2004-144 “A By-Law to Regulate Animals”
Exhibit “B” - By-Law 2013-xxx being a By-Law to amend By- Law 2005-10 “A By-Law to Establish Fees and Charges to be Collected by the Corporation of the City of Kingston”
Exhibit “C” – Comparison of Fees with other Municipalities
Exhibit “D” - Responsible Pet Ownership Program – Response from Kingston Humane Society
Exhibit “E” – Proposed Fees

BY-LAW NO. 2013-XXX

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 2004-144 “A BY-LAW TO REGULATE ANIMALS”

PASSED:

WHEREAS Council has directed that the City move toward a more Responsible Pet Ownership Program (RPOP), and;

WHEREAS regulations for animals have been reviewed as part of the move to a Responsible Pet Ownership Program (PROP), and;

WHEREAS adjustments to fees for animal licensing are required to move toward a Responsible Pet Ownership Program (PROP);

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Kingston hereby enacts as follows:

1. By-law no. 2004-144 of the Corporation of the City of Kingston entitled “A By-law To Regulate Animals” is hereby amended as follows:
 - 1.1. Section 3.3 of by-law 2004-144 is repealed and the following substituted:

If a dog or cat is required to be registered, its owner or another person acting on the owner’s behalf shall register the dog or cat in the City’s animal identification system by providing the information required by the Building and Licensing Division and by paying the applicable initial registration fee, and annual renewal fee as set out in By-Law 2005-10, as amended.
 - 1.2. Section 3.5 of by-law 2004-144 is repealed and the following substituted:

In order to be eligible for the reduced tag renewal fee, a person shall initially provide evidence that the dog or cat has been neutered.
 - 1.3. Section 3.17 of by-law 2004-144 is repealed and the following substituted:

Every breeder, every person operating a kennel and every person who owns a hen coop who does not pay the applicable annual fee for the renewal of the permit by January 31st of each year shall be required to pay a higher renewal fee for late payment, as set out in By-Law 2005-10.
 - 1.4. Section 3.19 of by-law 2004-144 is repealed and the following substituted:

The animal pound shall keep a record of every dog and cat that has been impounded.
 - 1.5. Section 3.21 of by-law 2004-144 is repealed and the following substituted:

If a dog that has been impounded is not registered in the City's animal identification system, the owner or person acting on the owner's behalf shall be required to register the dog, and pay the initial applicable registration fee, as set out in By-Law 2005-10, as amended, in order to recover the dog from the pound.

- 1.6. Section 3.22 of by-law 2004-144 is repealed and the following substituted:

If a cat in the urban area that has been impounded is not registered in the City's animal identification system, the owner or person acting on the owner's behalf shall be shall be required to register the cat, and pay the initial applicable registration fee, as set out in by-law 2005-10, as amended, in order to recover the cat from the pound.

- 1.7. Section 4.1 of by-law 2004-144 is repealed and the following substituted:

Every dog and cat shall be registered in the City's animal identification system in accordance with Part 3.

- 1.8. Section 4.5 of by-law 2004-144 is repealed and the following substituted:

A dog or cat tag is valid for one year only, from April 1st of each year to March 31st of the following year, and shall be renewed by March 31st of each year by paying the applicable annual renewal fee, as set out in By-Law 2005-10.

- 1.9. Section 4.3 of By-Law 2004-144 is repealed and the following substituted:

Upon payment of the registration fee, if applicable, as set out in By-Law 2005-10, the dog or cat will be included in the animal identification system by means of issuing a tag with a unique identification number of the dog or cat or by another means of identification that is adopted by the City and in the case of a hen coop will be registered in an identification system that is adopted by the City.

- 1.10 Section 4.8(5) of By-Law 2004-144 is repealed and the following substituted:

every dog that resides on the property permanently has been registered in the City's animal identification system; and

- 1.11 Section 4.8(6) of By-Law 2004-144 is repealed and the following substituted:

if the property is in the urban area, every cat that resides on the property permanently has been registered in the City's animal identification system.

- 1.12 Section 4.9(5) of By-Law 2004-144 is repealed and the following substituted:

every dog that resides on the property permanently has been registered in the City's animal identification system; and

- 1.13 Section 4.9(6) of By-Law 2004-144 is repealed and the following substituted:

if the property is in the urban area, every cat that resides on the property permanently has been registered in the City's animal identification system.

- 1.14 Under Section 1.1 of By-Law 2004-144, add the following definition:

"pound" means a pound facility operated by or on behalf of the City of Kingston.

1.15 Under Section 1.1 of By-Law 2004-144, add the following definition:

“redemption period” means five (5) full days, excluding the day on which the dog or cat was impounded, and shall only include days when the pound facility is open to the general public.

1.16 Section 2.20 of By-Law 2004-144 is repealed and the following substituted:

The owner of an impounded dog or cat or a person acting on the owner’s behalf may, within the redemption period, recover the dog or cat during the hours when the pound is open to the public and, in order to do so, shall be required to pay the full amount of the administrative fee, as set out in By-Law 2005-10, as amended, the fee established by the pound for the period that the animal has been in the pound, and the full amount of any emergency veterinary medical care that was required by the dog or cat.

1.17 Section 4.29 of By-Law 2004-144 is repealed and the following substituted:

Any dog that is at large or trespassing and any cat that is trespassing in contravention of this by-law may be impounded by an animal control officer and taken to the pound.

2.0 This by-law comes into force on April 1, 2013.

GIVEN FIRST AND SECOND READINGS _____, 2012

GIVEN THIRD READING AND FINALLY PASSED _____, 2013

CITY CLERK
JOHN BOLOGNONE

MAYOR
MARK GERRETSEN

BY-LAW NO. 2013-XXX

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 2005-10 “A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH FEES AND CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON”, AS AMENDED.

PASSED: _____, 2013

WHEREAS Council has directed that the City move toward a more Responsible Pet Ownership Program (RPOP), and;

WHEREAS regulations for animals have been reviewed as part of the move to a Responsible Pet Ownership Program (PROP), and;

WHEREAS adjustments to fees for animal licensing are required to move toward a Responsible Pet Ownership Program (PROP);

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Kingston hereby enacts as follows:

1. By-Law No. 2005-10, “A By-Law to Establish Fees and Charges to be Collected by The Corporation of the City of Kingston”, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

1.1 Schedule ‘A’, Animal Registration, is hereby deleted and replaced with Schedule ‘A’, Animal Registration, attached hereto, as Exhibit “E”.

COMMENCEMENT:

1.2 This by-law comes into force on April 1, 2013.

GIVEN FIRST AND SECOND READINGS _____, 2012

GIVEN THIRD READING AND FINALLY PASSED _____, 2013

CITY CLERK
JOHN BOLOGNONE

MAYOR
MARK GERRETSEN

Municipality	Dog	Cat	Intact	Spayed	3 mos to	Spayed/Neutered/ Microchipped	Microchipped	Not Microchipped	Microchipped	Intact	Cost at	Cost at	New	Cost at	Replacement
				Neutered	Under 6 mos	6 mos or older	Under 6 mos	Under 6 mos	But not Neutered/Spay over 6 mos	No Microchip over 6 mos	Registration	Senior Citizen	or new animal purchase	Renewal	Tag
Barrie	x		x								\$35.00			\$30.00	\$5.00
	x			x							\$25.00			\$20.00	\$5.00
		x	x								\$35.00			\$35.00	\$5.00
		x									\$10.00			\$10.00	\$5.00
Brockville	x		x								\$48.00	\$36.00			\$5.25
	x			x							\$29.00	\$21.75			\$5.25
Smith Falls	x			x							\$15.00 prior to March 1 and \$30.00 after				
	x		x								\$30.00 prior to March 1 and \$40.00 after				\$5.00
Gananoque	x		x	x							\$15.00 prior to March 1 and \$25.00 after				
Quinte West	x		x	x							\$20.00 before July 7 & \$30.00 after	\$15.00 Discount			\$5.00
Ottawa	x	x		x		\$17.00	\$17.00	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$40.00	\$23.00				0
Belleville	x		x								\$25.00 prior to Mar. 1 & \$32.50 after	\$15.00 prior to Mar 1 and \$22.50 after			\$5.00
	x			x							\$20.00 prior to Mar. 1 & \$27.50 after	\$10.00 prior to Mar. 1 & \$15.00 after			\$5.00
Loyalist Twp.	x		x	x							\$15.00 before Mar. 31 and \$30.00 after		\$15.00 after Mar 31		\$4.00
Cornwall	x			x							\$20.00 prior to May 1 & \$25.00 after				\$5.00
			x								\$40.00 prior to May 1 & \$50.00 after	\$35.00 Discount			\$5.00
Peterborough	x			x							\$25.00 prior to Jan. 31, \$50.00 before May 31 & \$75.00 after				
	x		x								\$50.00 prior to Jan. 31, \$75.00 before May 31 & \$100.00 after				
Calgary	x			\$36.00	\$36.00										
	x		x								\$58.00				
		x	x								\$30.00				
		X			\$15.00										
Toronto	x		x								\$60.00				\$3.39
	x			x							\$25.00				\$3.39
	x		x									\$30.00			\$3.39
	x			x								\$12.50			\$3.39

Kingston Humane Society: Position on Microchipping

The Kingston Humane Society (KHS) endorses the practice of microchipping in companion animals as it is permanent and the form of pet identification that comes closest to being “foolproof”.

Microchips stay in place, unlike collars and tags that can fall off, become damaged or be removed.

Microchip registries are open 24 hours a day, every day of the year, enabling animal control officers or shelter staff to contact owners immediately; with municipal tags, pet owner information is only available during standard business hours and owners cannot be contacted if the pet is admitted on weekends, which causes a delay in returning the pet to its home.

Microchipping can protect pet owners against theft of their animals as legitimate ownership can be verified.

Microchipping can protect the municipality by preventing people from fraudulently turning owned pets over as “strays” to the local pound. In addition microchipping allows shelters to identify owners who may not otherwise attempt to locate their missing pets so that the cost of impoundment can be borne by the pet owner instead of the municipality.

The KHS believes that microchipping complements municipal registration, licensing and tag programs and that it is in the best interests of pets, pet owners and all residents for the municipality to provide incentives to encourage microchipping of companion animals.

Statement from the American Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Found at: <http://www.asPCA.org/about-us/policy-positions/microchip.aspx>

Microchips

Background

Implanted microchips, when combined with visible ID tags on a pet’s collar, have proved to be the most reliable system for the recovery of lost or stray companion animals. The International Standards Organization (ISO) has issued specifications for a standardized microchip for animal identification. While most of the world has accepted these standards, North America has not. The primary problem is a competitive, technological one involving the compatibility of the microchips and the readers that are used by shelters and veterinary clinics.

ASPCA Position

The ASPCA supports microchip identification of companion animals. The ASPCA also supports the development of a coordinated effort to transition the United States to an ISO-compliant system. There will be some obstacles to overcome during the transition period if we are to ensure that no animals already implanted with non-ISO microchips are “orphaned.” A coordinated effort that includes manufacturers and distributors of microchips, animal shelters, the veterinary community and the pet trades can overcome these difficulties. In

those areas where a coordinated system has been actively supported by animal shelters and the veterinary community, pets, pet guardians and the shelters themselves have benefited.

The following is a summary of some of the research on the use of microchips in companion animals:

1. Abstract

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Characterization of animals with microchips entering animal shelters

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Objective—To characterize animals with microchips entering animal shelters and the process used to find owners.

Results—Of 7,704 animals, strays accounted for slightly more than half (4,083 [53.0%]), with the remainder classified as owner-relinquished animals (3,225 [41.9%]) and other (396 [5.1%]). Of 3,425 stray animals for which animal shelters reported that the owner was found, a higher percentage of dog owners (2,191/2,956 [74.1%]) than cat owners (298/469 [63.5%]) was found. For 876 animals for which the owners could not be found, the main reasons were incorrect or disconnected telephone number (310 [35.4%]), owner did not return telephone calls or respond to a letter (213 [24.3%]), and animal was registered to another group (151 [17.2%]). Of 1,943 animals for which animal shelters contacted a microchip registry, 1,129 (58.1%) were registered in the database. Purebred neutered dogs whose owner information was in the shelter database registry or microchip registry had a higher likelihood that the owners would be found.

Conclusions and Clinical Relevance—The high rate for return of microchipped dogs and cats to their owners supported microchipping as a valuable permanent pet identification modality; however, issues related to registration undermined its overall potential. Bundling of microchip implantation and registration, point-of-implantation data registration, use of annual compliance and update reminders, and providing access to all registries are potential solutions.

2. Abstract

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Evaluation of collars and microchips for visual and permanent identification of pet cats

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Objective—To determine the percentage of pet cats still wearing collars and having functional microchips 6 months after application.

Results—391 of the 538 (72.7%) cats successfully wore their collars for the entire 6-month study period. Owners' initial expectations of the cats' tolerance of the collar and the number of times the collar was reapplied on the cats' necks were the most important factors predicting success. Type of collar likely influenced how often collars needed to be reapplied. Eighteen (3.3%) cats caught a forelimb in their collar or caught their collar on an object or in their mouth. Of the 478 microchips that were scanned at the conclusion of the study, 477 (99.8%) were functional.

Conclusions and Clinical Relevance—Most cats successfully wore their collars. Because even house cats can become lost, veterinarians should recommend that all cats wear identification collars since they are the most obvious means of identifying an owned pet. For some cats, collars may frequently come off and become lost; therefore, microchips are an important form of backup identification. Owners should select a collar that their cat will tolerate and should check it often to ensure a proper fit.

TYPE OF FEE	2012 FEES	2013 FEES	APRIL 1, 2013 FEES	HST
BUILDING AND LICENSING				
ANIMAL REGISTRATION				
ANIMAL LICENCES ANNUAL RENEWALS: DOGS - INTACT	\$42.00	\$46.00	\$50.00	N
NEUTERED OR SPAYED	\$16.00	\$17.50	\$30.00	N
ANIMAL LICENCES ANNUAL RENEWALS: CATS - INTACT	\$21.00	\$23.00	\$40.00	N
NEUTERED OR SPAYED	\$6.00	\$6.60	\$25.00	N
KENNELS	\$210.00	\$231.00	\$231.00	N
RECOVERY OF ANIMAL FROM ANIMAL SHELTER	\$75.00	\$83.00	\$83.00	N
LATE PAYMENT FEE	\$11.00	\$12.10	\$12.10	N
BY-LAW & DOLA - ADDITIONAL FEE FOR CONVICTED OWNER	50%	50%	50%	N
TAG REPLACEMENT FEE	\$5.50	\$6.00	\$6.00	N
APPEALS - ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	\$103.00	\$106.00	\$106.00	N
HEN COOP REGISTRATION	\$10.30	\$11.40	\$11.40	N
BREEDER	\$210.00	\$231.00	\$231.00	N
INITIAL VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION	N/A	N/A	\$0.00	N
INITIAL REGISTRATION	N/A	N/A	\$100.00	N
DOG - EARLY PAYMENT (INTACT)	N/A	N/A	\$40.00	N
DOG - EARLY PAYMENT (SPAYED/NEUTERED)	N/A	N/A	\$20.00	N
CAT - EARLY PAYMENT (INTACT)	N/A	N/A	\$30.00	N
CAT - EARLY PAYMENT (SPAYED/NEUTERED)	N/A	N/A	\$15.00	N