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To: Edwards, Karen
Subject: Re: Update on Responsible Animal Ownership By-law - Report PED09303(c)

Karen - I'm just wondering if the many neighbours who have cats will be contacting me, and other neighbours to ask if we have any problem with their cats in our yards, defecating, chasing birds, etc. In the 9 years since we moved in, we've been invaded daily. Our dogs have always been on a leash, as have most of the dogs in the neighbourhood. I do not understand why they aren't required to pay for a licence as well. Is it just too difficult to hunt them down? We used to feed summer birds, and I chased cats away almost daily! Why should I pay for a licence so I can walk my dog on a leash 3 times a day, pick up her droppings, and keep her fenced in, in our yard the rest of the time? What is fair about that!? Please come down to the Melville/Witherspoon neighbourhood in mid summer (especially in the evening) and visit the cat population! You mention diseases that chickens have - what about the ones that unlicensed cats (who love to get into kids' sandboxes where they can bury their "business") have? Until he died this past December, my husband and I walked down to Sydenham and back every night (when it wasn't raining) in the spring, summer & fall, and I can tell you - the only domestic animals we saw that were unleashed were cats. You plan to "regulate owned cats the same as dogs" - how are you planning to do that? It looks like a plan, but I'm at a loss as to how you intend to enforce it. Sandy.