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Subject: Animal by law vote

Dear Councilor

Please read the attached letter regarding the upcoming animal control by-law vote. If you have any questions you may call me at 905-385-7387 or my cell at 905-577-7085.

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Dear Councilor

I am writing this to you on behalf of all the reptile lovers in our city, with the upcoming vote on the new responsible animal owner by-law it has been the talk of the store for the last while. Would you please consider the following?

Please leave the unlimited pet number in. As studies have shown this is not a problem complaint area and there are other ways to deal with numbers if it is a real problem. By doing this it would allow people to take unwanted pets giving them a good home not winding up at the shelter. Also would help with the families that want to take in a love ones pet but would put them over the number and in fear of losing one due to an unwarranted complaint usually a result of a dispute in the neighborhood over something else but a way to get back at a neighbor

Please just leave it at, snakes known to grow over 3 meters at maturity. When the province banned the pit bull terrier they just ban the one breed of terrier not all terriers. If they had banned all terriers the Jack Russell and the Yorkie terrier just to mention a few would have been banned and this was not the intent. We are asking that you just leave the ban at three meters and this will take care of any large snakes that might cause a problem down the road but not the lovable ball python that 1000 of us have in our homes.

We are also asking that the ban on all poisonous animals **(9.3 No person shall keep or permit to be kept an animal that produces any poison venom or toxin)** While you have allowed 3 of the tarantulas are several other invertebrates and frogs that technically have a poison in them meant only to kill a cricket and not a human. Making such pets that are not harmful to humans and should not be banned. Yes as responsible pet owners we agree with a ban on any reptile that has venom known to be harmful to humans but not again just a blanket ban on all

We thank you for your time in this matter I remain available if you have any further questions before the vote please do not hesitate to call me at store 905-385-7387 or cell 905-577-7085

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