

Memorandum



TO: All Municipalities in Ontario

FROM: Crystal Greer, Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk

DATE: September 28, 2012

SUBJECT: **Banning the Sale of Cats and Dogs in Pet Stores**

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Mississauga at its meeting on September 26, 2012, adopted the enclosed Resolution 0218-2012 with respect to forwarding Recommendation GC-0477-2012 banning the sale of cats and dogs from licensed pet shops that was adopted at Council on July 4, 2012.

GC-0477-2012

1. That a by-law be enacted to amend Schedule 20 of the Business Licensing By-law 1-06, as amended, to require pet shops to provide every purchaser of a cat or dog with a health assessment from a licensed veterinarian for all cats and dogs kept in the shop that receive veterinary care; and, that all pet shops that sell more than 10 cats or dogs per year, obtain these animals from one of the following sources only: municipal animal shelters; registered humane societies; registered shelters or rescue groups.
2. That staff conduct quarterly proactive inspections of licensed pet shops that sell cats and/or dogs.
3. That staff work with the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Investigation Unit on a continual basis to determine if any information exists related to the existence of kitten and puppy mills in Mississauga; and, that staff take appropriate enforcement action with local pet shops in Mississauga if these issues are uncovered.
4. That pet shops be permitted to sell their existing inventory of cats and/or dogs up to and including December 31, 2012 and that all future cat and/or dog acquisitions by pet shops who sell more than 10 cats or dogs per year be from one of the following sources only: municipal animal shelters; registered humane societies; registered shelters or rescue groups and that staff work with pet shop owners on a program for animal licensing, in accordance with the amendments to Schedule 20 of the Animal Licensing By-law 1-06, as amended.
5. That the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services be requested to provide additional support to the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) so that they can take further action against puppy mills in the Province of Ontario.

Sincerely,

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Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk
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RESOLUTION 0218-2012
adopted by the Council of
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga
at its meeting on September 26, 2012

0218-2012 Moved by: Pat Saito

Seconded by: Sue McFadden

That the Clerk forward Recommendation GC-0477-2012 adopted by Council on July 4, 2012 approving the passing of the By-law to ban the sale of cats and dogs in pet stores to major municipalities in Ontario.



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

BY-LAW NUMBER 0152:2012

A by-law to amend By-law 1-06,
as amended, being a Business Licensing By-Law to regulate
the sale of dogs and cats in pet shops

WHEREAS subsection 150(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. 2001, c25*, as amended, provides that a local municipality may license, regulate and govern any business wholly or partly carried on within the municipality, even if the business is being carried on from a location outside the municipality;

AND WHEREAS The Council of The Corporation of the City of Mississauga has enacted Bylaw 1-06, as amended, being the Business Licensing Bylaw;

AND WHEREAS Schedule 20 of By-law 1-06, as amended outlines certain terms and conditions of licensing owners of pet shops, including the entry onto a register details of where and from whom their animals were acquired;

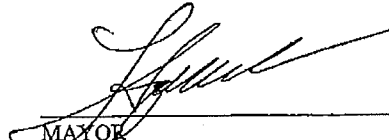
AND WHEREAS in order to halt the proliferation of kitten and puppy mills, it is necessary to ensure that all animals offered for sale or otherwise in licensed pet shops are acquired only from certain reputable sources;


NOW THEREFORE The Council of The Corporation of the City of Mississauga hereby **ENACTS** as follows:

1. That Schedule 20 of By-law 1-06, as amended; is hereby amended by adding the following subsections to Section 3:
 - (14) provide to every purchaser of a cat or dog a health assessment from a licensed veterinarian for all cats and dogs kept in the shop that receive veterinary care.
 - (15) if such person sells more than 10 cats or dogs per year, obtain these animals from one of the following sources only: municipal animal shelters; registered humane societies; registered shelters; or rescue groups.
 - (16) notwithstanding section 3(15) of this Schedule 20, if such person sells more than 10 cats or dogs per year, be permitted to sell their existing inventory of cats and/or dogs that are obtained from sources other than those as provided in section 3(15) of this Schedule 20, up to and including December 31, 2012.

ENACTED and PASSED this 4 day of July, 2012.

APPROVED AS TO FORM City Solicitor MISSISSAUGA		
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Date	2012	07/03


MAYOR


CLERK

