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Subject: I'm not really understanding what

the new animal by-laws are trying to achieve.

One portion of the proposed by-laws say that in order to achieve 'harmonization', the number of animals per household would be limited to a number that is:

- 1) The same as it is now for Hamilton, 2 animals per house hold in areas deemed 'urban'?
- 2) Or is a new pet limit number to be achieved at a later date?
- 3) Or, a no pet limit strategy with all areas rural or urban of the GHA?

Which is correct?

The proposals also state that: 'There would be no limits on pets with the GHA', but at the same time, it draws boundaries between rural & urban areas? What is the purpose of differentiating between urban & rural areas? Is this just for animals considered to be livestock, or will this be a situation where the old limits of 2 (pet) animals will be applied to "urban' pet owners, & rural residents will have more leeway ?

Will a more lenient attitude to rural areas make it easier for puppy/kitten 'millers to operate? This is how they operate now, in secluded rural areas.

Could it also make it easier for people to raise & export horses & ponies for meat to Quebec & abroad? I hope not! Could City Council add something to the proposed by-laws about prohibiting equines for slaughter in the GHA or for export to slaughter in other places?

I think that Calgary has the best by-laws re Animal Regulation, but i do have a problem with cats being required to wear collars & tags. If they escape from the house, they may strangle themselves on trees & fences, or just rip off the now standard tear-away cat collars. I've had an experience with an indoor cat nearly strangling on a kitchen chair because she was wearing a collar with tags. I think micro-chipping works best, however this might mean that Animal Control people might have to carry chip readers with them, if the Calgary model is followed in returning the animal to it's owner & not taking it to the Pound.

I'm sorry I could not be at the Meeting. I did not get notice until it was too late to make arrangements to do so, or to snail mail in a submission. I was also not aware that I could submit an email response.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter,

Your truly,
Doris Shields