

OACAC-25-07

Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee Meeting

June 24th, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

Please accept the following as my delegate communication before the Oshawa Animal Care Advisory Committee to advocate for the following two items.

1. Regulating the Commercial Sale of Small Pets in Pet Shops.

That the Responsible Pet Owner by-law provision that regulates the commercial sale of pets in pet shops be amended to include small animals. Namely, Guinea Pigs, Hamsters, Rats, Mice, Gerbils and Slider Turtles.

Sample Municipal Extracts

(1) City of Waterloo By-law 2014-085 Business Licensing & Regulation: Schedule 29 - Pet Shop (Page 63)

<https://www.waterloo.ca/en/government/resources/Documents/By-law/Business-licensing-bylaw.pdf>

Business Licensing

41.0 Schedule 21 – Pet services

1. This schedule shall apply to those Persons seeking to carry on a Pet Service.
2. In addition to the licensing requirements set out in Section 3 of this By-law, a completed Application for a License shall be accompanied by:
 - a. Written communication from the Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth or the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals confirming the adequacy of the Licensed Premises for the keeping of animals in accordance with the standards set out by the Canadian Council on Animal Care and any other applicable standard; and,
 - b. a Criminal Record Check.
3. Every Licensee, when acquiring an animal for the purpose of offering the animal for sale, shall obtain the animal only from the following sources:
 - a. municipal animal shelter.
 - b. registered humane society.
 - c. registered shelter; or,
 - d. Rescue Group.

(2) City of Kitchener

https://lf.kitchener.ca/WebLinkExt/0/edoc/1584705/Pet%20Shop.pdf?_ga=2.41053730.1689925153.1606064828-1723526567.1566582097

SCHEDULE 19

PET SHOP

1. In addition to the licensing requirements set out in section 4 of this By-law, an Applicant for a Pet Shop Licence shall supply the following:
 - a) Animal Service Provider Approval; and
 - b) Planning Approval.
2. Every Pet Shop Licensee, when acquiring an animal for the purpose of offering the animal for sale, shall obtain the animal only from the following sources:
 - a) municipal animal shelter;
 - b) registered humane society;
 - c) registered shelter; or
 - d) rescue group.

2. Protective Care

That the Responsible Pet Owner by-law be further amended to provide ‘protective care’ when a pet owner experiences an unexpected event whereby, they are not able to live in their home and/or that conditions exist whereby they are not able to provide for their pet until private placement can be found. Such unexpected events could be, but not limited to, health emergencies, eviction, fire, flood, incarceration or any other situation that the Commissioner/Director deems appropriate.

Sample Municipal Extracts

(1) Town of Whitby

Responsible Pet Owner By-law 7294-17

5. Control of Cats and Dogs

5.3. An animal services officer may seize and impound any cat or dog delivered to him or her pursuant to Section 5.1. of this by-law or found running at large in the Town, or at the request of Whitby Fire and Emergency Services or the Durham Regional Police Service.

<https://www.whitby.ca/Modules/Bylaws/Bylaw/Download/4a412c83-1d1e-48a0-ad52-14f9489f4a2f>

(2) Town of Ajax

By-law 54-2024

2. DEFINITIONS

(cc) “protective care” means the temporary, time-limited keeping of an animal by the Town as a result of an eviction, incarceration, fire or medical emergency, or any other similar incident deemed necessary by the Town.

5. PROTECTIVE CUSTODY

5.1. The Town is authorized to receive animals into protective care that the Town deems appropriate.

5.2. Animals which are received or taken into protective care by the Town shall only be kept on a temporary basis for up to a maximum of five days.

5.3. When the Town receives an animal into protective care, the owner of the animal shall pay to the Town the sheltering fees as outlined in the Town’s Fees and Charges By-law and any and all costs incurred on behalf of such animal being in protective care by the Town including but limited to all required veterinary medical care prior to redeeming of the animal.

5.4. If an animal is in protective care at the end of the five-day period and the animal has not been redeemed by the owner, then the Town shall treat such animal as a day-one impounded animal pursuant to section 4 of this by-law.

<https://www.ajax.ca/Modules/bylaws/Bylaw/Download/1d18be84-8f82-4259-91a1-f8ea30eb8751>

(3) City of Brampton

OFFICE CONSOLIDATION Animal Services By-law 201-2023

PART II – DEFINITIONS

“Emergency Boarding” means the temporary keeping of an Animal as a result of an eviction, incarceration, medical or fire emergency, or any other situation that the Manager deems appropriate for the health or safety of an Animal.

Emergency Boarding

49. An Animal Control Officer may take possession of an Animal for the purpose of providing Emergency Boarding to it at any time when the Animal Control Officer deems it necessary to provide protective care to the Animal. 50. Where an Animal is taken in under Emergency Boarding, the Animal shall be treated as an impounded Animal pursuant to this By-law.

(4) City of Markham

By-law 2018-91 Animal Protection and Services By-law

Section 1, Definitions:

“**Protective Care**” -means the temporary, time-limited keeping of an animal by the City as a result of an eviction, incarceration or fire or medical emergency.

Section 2. Care of Animal Provisions.

2.12 The City is authorized to receive animals into protective care as a result of an animal owner’s eviction, incarceration, or as a result of a fire or medical emergency, or for any other situation that the Manager deems appropriate.

2.13 Animals which are received into protective care by the City shall only be kept on a temporary basis for up to a maximum of five days.

2.14 When the City receives an animal into protective care, the owner of the animal shall pay to the City the per diem sheltering fees as outlined in Bylaw 2012-137(Licensing and Service Fee By-law), as amended and all costs incurred on behalf of such animal by the City for all required veterinary medical care prior to redeeming the animal.

(5) City of Richmond Hill

Responsible Pet Ownership and Animal Regulation By-law 22-25

ARTICLE 1 – Interpretation

"Protective Care" means the temporary custody of an Animal by the Corporation because of an eviction, incarceration, medical or fire emergency or any other situation that the Commissioner deems appropriate.

3.5 1. 2. Protective Care of Animals

1. A Municipal By-law Officer Enforcement has the discretion to place an Animal into Protective Care at any time.
2. The Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer shall arrange for the necessary food, water, shelter, or immediate veterinarian treatment for the Animal for the period the Animal is placed in Protective Care.
3. Any Animal seized for the purpose of providing Protective Care shall be impounded for a minimum period of ten (10) days, exclusive of the day on which the Animal was impounded and statutory holidays and Sundays.
4. Where an Animal is not redeemed at the end of the Protective Care period, it shall be treated as an unclaimed impounded Animal.
5. The Owner shall pay any costs incurred by the Corporation or Municipal Animal Shelter.

(6) TORONTO MUNICIPAL CHAPTER 349, ANIMALS

§ 349-10. Protective care provided in City animal centres.

A. Where an animal is sheltered at a City animal centre for protective care, a per-diem sheltering fee shall be paid to the Executive Director in advance of redeeming the animal by the owner in the amount specified in Chapter 441, Fees and Charges.

B. Where an animal is not redeemed at the end of the protective care period, it shall be treated as an impounded animal.

Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 441: Fees and Charges.

§ 441-12. Continuation of fees and charges.

Schedule 12; Municipal Licensing and Standards

https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/municode/1184_441.pdf

Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 441: Fees and Charges.

Appendix C - Schedule 12, Pages 55/56

Reference No's 112, 113 and 114

https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/municode/1184_441-c.pdf#page=53
