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Schedule 4 to the Minutes of the
General Purposes Committee
meeting held on Tuesday, March
2, 2010.

March 1, 2010

Mayor and Council, City of Richmond

Your Worship and Councillors

Re: Proposed ByLaw – Restricting the Sale of Dogs

Further to my previous letter, I would like to make these additional short points. I assume that each of you has received from the City Clerk my submission.

The originating request to the City seems to center on two points

- a. The problem of puppy mills where they exist and
- b. The rate of adoptions from the local shelter

Puppy mills can only be eliminated or reduced by the licencing, formulating regulations and inspection of the source of the problem, namely the breeders themselves.

The result would be a form of verifiable status available to any purchaser of a dog that the puppy was being bred in a quality environment. If such a system was in place, Cities such as Richmond could make it a bylaw provision that only dogs bred in licenced kennels be available for purchase in a pet store as is the present law for importation of dogs. Of course over 90% of dogs purchased in Richmond would not fall under such a bylaw and it would then only be through education that the general public be made aware of licenced and non-licenced breeders.

The question of adoptions from local shelters is a completely separate issue. Shelters generally have available for adoption , dogs which are older. Many people wish to adopt a puppy for their home and be able to train it themselves and have it grow up with their families – this position is not the fault of any pet store , it is human nature and restricting pet stores is not going to change this attitude.

In addition, from personal experience, dogs purchased from a pet store generally find that owners will return to the store where they purchased the dog for assistance in finding a new home for their pet should their circumstances change. In the small number of occasions where this has happened, the finding of a new home for their pet is because of marriage breakdown or having to move into a smaller home where pets are not allowed.

Banning the sale of dogs in a pet store is not going to change the reasons why pets at times need to find a new home – and in many many cases, it is the pet store which is the aid in finding that new home, not the local animal shelter.

Pet stores are quite willing to work with local shelters in helping to find new homes for dogs. Unfortunately, it is the local shelters which do not want our help when offered.

It has been mentioned that the Canadian Kennel Club has a code of conduct for their members. That statement is quite true but it is entirely a voluntary code, not enforced and in fact is just that , a statement. CKC breeders sell their dogs through the internet and newspapers. They are not regulated and in most cases, do not contribute to the community through the paying of taxes – they are completely unregulated. Only recently did they encourage their members not to sell through pet stores – reason is strictly business competition . Not so many years ago, pet stores were actually allowed to be members of the Canadian Kennel Club.

I would encourage the City to not make any changes to the existing bylaw. No proven reason has been demonstrated for any change. I would also encourage the city to take a leadership role together with the Pet Industry and animal welfare groups to have the Provincial government enact proper regulation of breeders – only then will we be able to try and control improper breeding practices. The pet industry is fully prepared to be a willing equal partner in this effort.

Thank you for allowing me to make my presentation.

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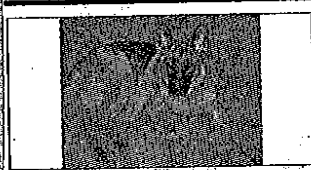
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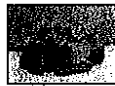
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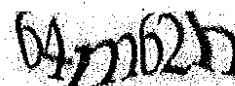
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