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THE WINNIPEG HUMANE SOCIETY

June 18, 2013

Mr. Leland Gordon
Chief Operating Officer
Winnipeg Animal Services Agency
1057 Logan Ave.
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Dear Mr. Gordon:

Please accept this letter in support of the proposed City of Winnipeg Responsible Pet Ownership By-law. The Winnipeg Humane Society (The WHS) believes this is a progressive By-Law that emphasizes the importance of spaying and neutering of pets as a key component of responsible pet ownership. We would like to take this opportunity to make specific comments on a few aspects of the By-Law.

1. In particular, we applaud the direction to dedicate 50% of the gross license revenue from the proposed Cat Licensing Program to The WHS for the further enhancement of WHS cat spay/neuter programs and/or for the WHS to provide such funding to their key partner organizations such as the Winnipeg Pet Rescue and D'Arcy's A.R.C. Cat overpopulation in Winnipeg is a significant issue and these measures are important steps towards addressing this problem.

2. Many jurisdictions across North America, and worldwide, are moving to ban the use of exotic animals in travelling zoos and circuses. Years of inhumane treatment of exotics in some circuses, coupled with forcing exotic animals to perform acts which are not consistent with their natural behavior, has resulted in a progressive approach to circuses in many locales. The WHS supports the move to ban the use of exotic animals in travelling zoos and circuses in Winnipeg.

3. Animal Shelters were created to deal with unwanted dogs and cats and are regularly overwhelmed with large numbers and in finding suitable adoption placements. Our facilities are not presently equipped or appropriately resourced to handle any other animals such as chickens and would anticipate that finding appropriate homes for unwanted chickens would be more than challenging. As such, the WHS is not in favour of the City allowing urban chicken keeping and supports the provisions included in the proposed By-law.

4. The WHS is also in support of the proposed Prohibited Animals list. This list takes into account public safety and humane treatment of animals, while still providing a variety of animals available for public ownership. The proposed list overall is less restrictive than the current Exotic Animal Bylaw.

Thank you very much for enabling the WHS to comment on the By-Law. We believe this is an important By-Law for the City of Winnipeg and for animal protection.

Yours truly,

Chief Executive Officer

WHS Board Chair



Winnipeg Pet Rescue Shelter

Manitoba's first registered charity NO-KILL animal shelter

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