April 19th, 2022
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE SUBMISSION
To: Mayor Bowman and Executive Policy Committee Members
Email: As per City Clerk
RE: Delegation Submission Regarding Exotics Component

Thank you for allowing CanHerp to submit its delegation in the discussions of Specialty Pets "exotics as referred too" in the RPO Amendment for the City of Winnipeg. It's always beneficial to see municipalities evolve to the status of recognising the world of all pets for the families and for the pets themselves.

Please take in consideration that at the present-day Winnipeg's prohibited species list of its Bylaw and its Bylaw regarding Specialty Pets is one of Canada's top Municipal Pet Bylaw's for both residents, the city and most importantly the specialty pets.

CanHerp would encourage the Executive Policy Committee to continue the path as the respected Councillors and Pet supporters Ross Eadie, Shaw Nason and Markus Chambers of the Standing Policy Committee in voting 3:1 in favour of deleting the amendment regarding "exotics".

The time of processing this path of amendment, the financial costs in continuing this path of amendment and the amendment path of uncertainty for the families of Specialty Pets "exotics" needs to come to an end with the Executive Policy Committee supporting the vote of the Executive Policy Committee in deleting the amendment regarding "exotics" as well.

As noted, CanHerp stands by the present By-Law (92/2013) in place is relative to today's Specialty Pets (reptiles, birds, small animals and aquatics) climate. The prohibited species list is precise to the limitations of species that would be of concern to the municipality as well for the well being of the species in captivity.

CanHerp strongly supports the present direction of the prohibited species list within the municipality regulations.

CanHerp considered the following elements when assessing the species on the City of Winnipeg's "prohibited" list.

- Public Safety Risk – in the event of an unfortunate circumstance would the species be a significant life risk to others
- Husbandry Requirements – Can they be met by the families' daily activities
- Invasive Species – can the species establish itself within native habitat, compete for native habitat space, successfully reproduce with native species
- Available Captive Bred in North America – is the species readily available from sustained captive breeding groups in North America

- Zoonotic Transmission Risk – is there a significant risk factor of the species transmitting a Zoonotic health risk to humans
- Vet Care Availability – is there specialty pet veterinarians available to help with the medical needs in the event of emergency care and general medical updates
- Enrichment/Betterment of Life – Is the species capable of having a better life with access to enrichment
- Five Freedoms – are these achievable with each species
- CITES – is the species within the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species act and can it be transported with proper certifications
- Provincially Controlled – is the species under any specific provincial regulations
- Current ByLaw – how is the species listed within the present ByLaw

Please see the attached in Schedule A the list of species of reptiles that CanHerp has assessed for the Winnipeg Animal Services Bylaw amendment. It clearly shows that the present-day Winnipeg Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw has in place all of the species of concern covered.

This evaluation was tasked by our advisors which included Canadian Veterinarians, Zoological Curators, Animal Control Officers, Herpetologists, Physicians, reptile enthusiasts and Specialty Pet families.

The request by WAS to consider limitations of the number of specialty pets in a home. CanHerp believes this is a concern for all municipalities with the recognition of pet hoarding being recognised as a psychological diagnosis. Pet hoarding is a concern when dealing with any pet but seems to be more relevant in the world of cats and dogs.

CanHerp believes that there should be no possession limits with reptiles, amphibians, arachnids or all specialty pets just as other habitat-maintained pets like fish. When all the needs of the companion pet are being met the betterment of life is being met.

CanHerp would like to offer its knowledge and expertise in the development of an educational platform to offer insight on the best husbandry practices with specialty pets. This would enhance the ability of the Winnipeg Animal Services staff to support the pet families in Winnipeg an not place any further financial burdens on the City of Winnipeg.

In summary, CanHerp:

- Supports the present By-Law (92/2013) in place for the City of Winnipeg in regards to the Specialty Pets
- Supports a no limitation on specialty pets in homes.
- Supports an educational campaign on proper husbandry practices for specialty pets.
- Supports a true definition of “pet hoarding” applied to the present or amended ByLaw
- Supports a true definition of “Specialty Pets – reptiles, pet avian birds, pet small animals, amphibians, aquatics” and a true definition of “Exotic Animals – lions, tigers, bears etc.”
- Offers expertise training to the Winnipeg Animal Services in managing specialty pets, handling specialty pets, re-homing of specialty pets, species identification and support in confidence (at no cost to the City of Winnipeg).
- Offers communication bridges to Winnipeg Animal Services in dissemination with the purpose of promoting responsible pet ownership to the pet and or specialty pet families in Winnipeg (at no cost to the City of Winnipeg).
- Supports the continued working relationship with the City of Winnipeg, Winnipeg Animal Services, Winnipeg pet families and stakeholders as well work together bettering all pets including specialty pets’ lives.

- Supports responsible pet ownership for all pets

CanHerp since its inception in 2009 has advocated for specialty pets across Canada. Working with regulatory bodies in the evolution of regulations pertaining to specialty pets. CanHerp supports education, accountability, communication, captive propagation of species and responsible pet ownership. Supporting families that will share their days with pet companions, whether scaled, feathered, swimming or fur every pet deserves the opportunity to have a forever home.

With sincere appreciation

Grant Crossman

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Common Name	*Latin Name*	Public Safety Risk	Husbandry Requirements	Invasive Species Risk	Available Captive-bred	Zoonotic Transmission Risk	Vet Care Availability	Enrichment/ Betterment of Life	Five Freedoms	CITES	Provincially Controlled	Current Bylaw No.92/2013
Snakes												
- Boas or Pythons exceeding 2-meters in length												
- Other Snake species that exceed 3-meters in length												
- Venomous or devenomized												
Pythons	***Pythonidae***											
African Rock Python	*Python sebae*	Yes	Challenging	None	Yes	Minimal	Available	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	Yes	No	Prohibited
Southern Rock Python	*Python natalensis*	Yes	Challenging	None	Yes	Minimal	Available	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	Yes	No	Prohibited
Reticulated Python	*Python reticulatus*	Yes	Challenging	None	Yes	Minimal	Available	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	Yes	No	Prohibited
Asian Rock Python	*Python molurus*	Yes	Challenging	None	Yes	Minimal	Available	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	Yes	No	Prohibited
Burmese Python	*Python bivittatus*	Yes	Challenging	None	Yes	Minimal	Available	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	Yes	No	Prohibited
Australian Olive Python	*Liasis olivaceus*	Yes	Challenging	None	Yes	Minimal	Available	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	Yes	No	Prohibited
Scrub Pythons	*Simalia amethistina*	Yes	Challenging	None	Yes	Minimal	Available	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	Yes	No	Prohibited
Australian Scrub Python	*Simalia kinghorni*	Yes	Challenging	None	Yes	Minimal	Available	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	Yes	No	Prohibited
Boas	***Boidae***											
Green Anaconda, Yellow Anaconda	*Eunectes sp.*	Yes	Challenging	None	Yes	Minimal	Available	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	Yes	No	Prohibited
Colubrids	*Colubridae*											
Boomslang	*Dispholidus sp.*	Yes	Not Achievable	None	No	Minimal	Specialized	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Prohibited
African Vine Snake	*Thelotornis sp.*	Yes	Not Achievable	None	No	Minimal	Specialized	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Prohibited
Green Racer	*Philodryas(Chlorosoma) vir*	Yes	Not Achievable	None	No	Minimal	Specialized	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Prohibited
Lichtenstein's Green Racer	*Philodryas olfersii*	Yes	Not Achievable	None	No	Minimal	Specialized	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Prohibited
Blind Snakes, Thread Snakes	*Scolecophidia*	Yes	Not Achievable	None	No	Minimal	Specialized	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Allowed
Blandings Tree Snake	*Toxicodryas blandingii*	Yes	Achievable	None	Yes	Minimal	Specialized	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Prohibited
Tiger Keelback Snake	*Rhabdophis tigrinus*	Yes	Not Achievable	None	No	Minimal	Specialized	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Prohibited
Centipede Eating Snakes	*Tantilla sp.*	Yes	Not Achievable	None	No	Minimal	Specialized	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Allowed
Stiletto Snakes, Burrowing Asps	*Atractaspidinae*	Yes	Not Achievable	None	No	Minimal	Specialized	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Prohibited
Elapids	***Elapidae***											
Cobras, Coral Snakes, Death Adders, Mambas	*All Elapidae*	Yes	Not Achievable	None	No	Minimal	Specialized	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Prohibited

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Vipers	***Viperidae***											
Bush Vipers, Rattlesnakes, other Pit Vipers, Adders	*All Viperidae*	Yes	Not Achievable	None	No	Minimal	Specialized	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Prohibited
Sea Snakes, Marine File Snakes												
Sea Snakes	*All Hydrophiinae*	Yes	Not Achievable	None	No	Minimal	Specialized	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Prohibited
Sea Kraits	*All Laticaudinae*	Yes	Not Achievable	None	No	Minimal	Specialized	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Prohibited
Lizards - All species that may reach 1 meters in length												
- No lizard species reaching 1-meter as an adult												
- No lizard species venomous or devenomized												
Taylor's Fat Tail Gecko	*Hemitheconyx taylori*	No	Specialized diet	None	No	Minimal	Available	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Allowed
Flying Lizard	*Draco sp.*	No	Not Achievable	None	No	Minimal	Available	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Allowed
Horned Lizard	*Phrynosoma sp.*	No	Specialized diet	None	Yes	Minimal	Available	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Allowed
Iguana	*Iguana iguana*	No	Achievable	None	Yes	Minimal	Available	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	Yes	No	Prohibited
Black and white tegu, red tegu etc	*Tupanambis sp.*	No	Achievable	None	Yes	Minimal	Available	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	Yes	No	Prohibited
European Wall Lizard	*Podarcis muralis*	No	Achievable	Yes	Yes	Minimal	Available	Achievable	Achievable	No	No	Allowed
Long-nosed Leopard Lizard	*Gambelia wislizenii*	No	Specialized diet	None	No	Minimal	Available	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Allowed
Zebra-tailed Lizard	*Callisaurus draconoides*	No	Not Achievable	None	No	Minimal	Available	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Allowed
Chelonians												
- As per law 1977 CFIA regulation prohibits import of all chelonians												
Tortoise												
Galapagos Tortoise, Chatam Tortoise, Abingdon Tortoise	*Chelonoidis nigra complex*	No	Not Achievable	None	No	Minimal	Specialized	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	Yes	No	Allowed
Aldabra Tortoise	*Aldabrachelys gigantea*	No	Not Achievable	None	No	Minimal	Specialized	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	Yes	No	Allowed
Sulcata Tortoise	*Centrochelys sulcata*	No	Not Achievable	None	Yes	Minimal	Specialized	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	Yes	No	Allowed
Turtles	***Chelus fimbriata***											
Sliders	*Trachemys sp.*	No	Achievable	Yes	No	Minimal	Available	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Allowed
Mata Mata	*Chelus fimbriata*	No	Challenging	None	No	Minimal	Available	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Allowed
Alligator Snapping Turtle	*Macrochelys temminckii*	Yes	Challenging	None	No	Minimal	Available	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	Yes	No	Prohibited
Crocodilians												

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Alligators, crocodiles, caimans	*Crocodilians*	Yes	Challenging	None	No	Minimal	Specialized	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	Yes	No	Prohibited
Invertebrates												
Arachnida and Chilopoda		Yes	Challenging	None	Yes	Minimal	Specialized	Not Achievable	Not Achievable	No	No	Prohibited
(a) all venomous spiders, including, but not limited to, tarantula, black widow and solifugid, scorpion, except the following species of tarantula: South American Tarantulas (Grammostola sp.), Mexican Tarantulas (Brachypelma sp.) and Pink-Toed (Avicularia sp.); and												
(b) all venomous arthropods, including, but not limited to, centipede.												

Public Safety	*The potential risk that an animal may inflict harm to a human.*
Husbandry Requirements	*Within today open pet market, products are availble to sustain all the needs of the animals proposed*
Invasive species	*None of these proposed animals, would be able to sustain long term life within the climate of Winnipeg to establish as an invasive species*
Available Captive-bred in NA	*The species is available from captive breeding groups already established within North America.*
Zoonotic Transmission	*The risk of transmission of a zoonotic germ being spread from specialty pet to human.*
Vet Care Availability	*Is there a veterinarian available within the reasonable area that would provide the necessary care and support of the species.*
Enrichment/Betterment of Life	Today pet owners have access to tools, such as digital hygrometers and thermostats, and re
CITES Controlled	Is the species under any Appendix of the CITES List. CITES (the Convention on Internationa
Provincially Controlled	*Is the species in question fall under any provincial regulation.*

Note: this list includes the scope of the current Winnipeg Bylaw No.92-2013 pertaining to residential and pet commercial establishments.