SUBMSSION – DEVIN SINCLAIR

Item 2 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks dated April 11, 2022 regarding Further Proposed Responsible Pet Ownership By-law Amendmentss

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Service inquiry: Submit Comments in writing
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Comments in writing: As a private citizen of Winnipeg and a pet owner I am writing concerning the recently proposed changes to the Winnipeg responsible pet ownership by-law. As per the standing policy committee and the executive policy committee I encourage the city council to oppose any form of inclusion regarding a request for future research time involving exotics - specialty pets for the RPO. Winnipeg has a foundation of responsible pet owners and support the present bylaw in place that was created with support of the Winnipeg animal advisory committee and stakeholders.

I would like to share my approval for the removal of the positive pet list as a way of Responsible Pet Ownership By-Law. I do not feel like this was a good addition to the by-law. I firmly believe that regulation is better than banning. When things are regulated, people operate out in the open and rules can be given and enforced. If people know a pet is banned, they will keep it secret. This leads to poorly kept pets, who are not properly attended to due to fear of punishment.

I am also not a fan of consulting organizations like World Animal Protection and ZooCheck who have a clear agenda to end exotic pet ownership. I prefer it when decisions are based off of science, rather than groups pushing a narrative that does not have a backing in proper scientific study.

Thank you,
Devin Sinclair