



Town of Whitby

By-law # 7861-22

Amendment to Responsible Pet Ownership By-law # 7294-17

Being a By-law to Amend Responsible Pet Ownership By-law # 7294-17.

Whereas the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitby considered Report LS 02-22 at its meeting on February 28, 2022;

And whereas Council deems it necessary to amend Responsible Pet Ownership By-law # 7294-17 in accordance with Report LS 02-22, to require pet shops to only sell dogs, cats, and rabbits sourced from municipal animal shelters, humane societies or registered animal rescue groups.

Now therefore, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitby hereby enacts as follows:

1. General

- 1.1. That the following definitions be added to Section 1, Definitions of By-law # 7294-17 in alphabetical order, and that the existing subsections be re-numbered accordingly:

“pet shop” means a shop, place or premise, where, in the calendar year, more than three (3) animals for use as pets are sold or kept for sale;

“pet shop owner” means a person who alone or with others, owns or controls the trade, calling, business or occupation carried on at a pet shop and “owner” includes a person who is the tenant or licensee in respect to premises which is utilized as a pet shop, and also includes the registered owner of the property;

“registered animal rescue group” means a recognized non-profit or charitable organization whose practices are specifically limited to the rescue and placement of animals via adoptions to members of the public, and who otherwise comply with all applicable animal welfare and care standards and legislation.

- 1.2. That the following be inserted into By-law # 7294-17, as Section 8, Pet Shop Regulations with the existing Sections 8, 10, and 11 re-numbered accordingly with Section 9 remaining the same as originally numbered.

8. Pet Shop Regulations

- 8.1 No pet shop owner shall, knowingly or not knowingly, sell, offer for sale, permit the sale, or give away any dog, cat or rabbit except one that has been sourced by from a municipal animal shelter, a humane society or from a registered animal rescue group.

- 1.3 That Section 9, Penalties of By-law # 7294-17 be renamed Offences and Penalties and the following be inserted as Section 9.2.

9.2. No person shall,

- 1) prevent, hinder or interfere, or attempt to prevent, hinder or interfere with an inspection or investigation undertaken in accordance with this by-law by an animal services officer;
- 2) fail to provide or produce documents or information to an animal services officer, including receipts or personal information that may be relevant to inspection or investigation; or,
- 3) in conjunction with subsection 2, an animal services officer may be required to inspect and remove documents or things, or parts thereof, relevant to an inspection or investigation for the purpose of making copies or extracts.

2. Effective Date

- 2.1 The provisions of this By-law shall come into force and take effect on the final passing of the By-law.

By-law read and passed this 7th day of March, 2022.

Don Mitchell, Mayor

Christopher Harris, Town Clerk