

MOTION

8. Banning Pet Sales from Retail Outlets

At the Regular Council meeting on June 27, 2017, Vancouver City Council referred this matter to the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on June 28, 2017, to hear from speakers.

MOVED by Councillor Deal

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver currently has License By-law No. 4450 that allows for the sale of cats, dogs and rabbits from commercial breeding facilities;
2. It has been shown that commercial breeding facilities can raise animals in horrible conditions resulting in neglect, abuse and suffering;
3. As a result of the inhumane conditions these animals are produced in, they often suffer from disease, and other physical, emotional and behaviour problems;
4. The City of Richmond has passed by-laws restricting the sale of dogs (2010) and rabbits (2009), the City of New Westminster has passed a by-law restricting the sale of cats, dogs and rabbits (2012) within their municipalities;
5. Other municipalities across Canada have passed by-laws restricting the sale of cats, dogs and rabbits;
6. Many members of the public have contacted Vancouver City Council expressing concern over the sale of cats, dogs and rabbits within the city and request that the City of Vancouver take action;
7. Potential pet owners still have the option of obtaining a cat, dog or rabbit directly through reputable breeders and through recognized animal rescue and shelter organizations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff put forward amendments to the License By-law No. 4450 to prohibit the sale of cats, dogs and rabbits in a pet store or other type of retail premises with the exception of those animals offered for adoption from a recognized animal rescue society or shelter organization.

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