

Authority: Economic and Community Development  
Committee Item EC22.6, adopted by City of Toronto  
Council on July 23 and 24, 2025  
City Council voted in favour of this by-law on October 9,  
2025  
Written approval of this by-law was given by Mayoral  
Decision 13-2025 dated October 9, 2025

## **CITY OF TORONTO**

### **BY-LAW 1105-2025**

**To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 349, Animals and to amend City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, and to amend City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 441, Fees and Charges with respect to Animal-Related Businesses.**

Whereas authority is given to Council by the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* to pass by-laws respecting, among other things, business licensing; the economic and social well-being of the City; the health, safety, and well-being of persons; and consumer protection; and

Whereas authority is given to Council by the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* to pass-by laws imposing fees and charges on persons for services provided by or on behalf of the City; and

Whereas Council has enacted City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 349, Licensing, which establishes rules and regulations for responsible pet ownership, pet licensing, prohibited animals, responses to domestic animal and wildlife issues and the provision of shelter care in the City; and

Whereas Council has enacted City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, which creates a system of licensing and regulation for businesses including animal-related businesses; and

Whereas Council has enacted City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, which sets out fees and charges related to business licensing and regulatory services; and

Whereas Council wishes to amend Chapter 349 to expand the definition of animal; and

Whereas Council wishes to amend Chapter 545 and the existing system of licensing and regulation for animal-related businesses by defining new business licensing categories that better reflect the activities of the modern industry, and by imposing new regulations on those businesses to address issues of community nuisance, noise, public safety, and consumer protection; and

Whereas Council wishes to amend the fees and charges in Chapter 441 related to business licensing and regulatory services provided by or on behalf of the City to these businesses;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, is amended by:

- A. Amending § 545-1 to add a new definition entitled “Animal Attraction” that shall read as follows:

ANIMAL ATTRACTION – A building, part of a building, vehicle or other place where animals are used for public display, education, entertainment, or interactive experiences.

- B. Amending the definition of “Amusement Activity” in § 545-1 such that it reads as follows:

AMUSEMENT ACTIVITY – Activities including but not limited to the following: bowling, video arcades and arcade games, archery, axe throwing, carnivals, internet cafes, miniature golf, golf driving ranges, go-kart courses, roller-skating rinks, billiards or pool, trampolines, rebound tumbling, animal attractions and other like activities.

- C. Amending § 545-246 to add new definitions entitled “Pet Establishment”, “Pet Daycare”, “Kennel”, “Pet Grooming Salon”, “Animal Centre” and “Animal” that shall read as follows:

PET ESTABLISHMENT – A building, part of a building, vehicle, or other place in which animals are kept for business activities. Such business activities include, but are not limited to, breeding, boarding, training, grooming, and similar activities, or any combination of these activities.

PET DAYCARE – A pet establishment used for boarding of dogs, cats or other animals between the hours of 7a.m. and 11p.m. only.

KENNEL – A pet establishment used for boarding, breeding or training of dogs, cats or other animals, including between the hours of 11p.m. and 7a.m.

PET GROOMING SALON – A pet establishment used for grooming of dogs, cats or other animals.

ANIMAL CENTRE – As defined in Chapter 349, Animals.

ANIMAL – As defined in Chapter 349, Animals.

- D. Amending the definitions of “Pet Shop” and “Veterinarian” in § 545-246 such that they read as follows:

PET SHOP – A pet establishment where animals for use as pets are sold or kept for sale.

VETERINARIAN – A person registered and entitled to practice veterinary medicine under Ontario’s *Veterinarians Act*, as amended.

- E. Amending the title of Article XX such that it reads “Pet Establishments”.

- F. Amending § 545-247 such that it reads as follows:

§ 545-247. Separate licence required for each pet establishment.  
A separate licence shall be taken out for each pet establishment.

- G. Adding a new § 545-247.1 titled “Endorsements” that reads as follows:

§ 545-247.1. Endorsements.

A. Every owner or operator of a pet establishment shall obtain a licence and, at the time of application for a licence and at each application for renewal, obtain a separate endorsement of their licence for every business activity conducted, provided or offered at the premises as follows:

(1) Any person who owns or operates a pet establishment which offers or provides animals for sale or adoption shall obtain a licence and a Sale/Adoption of Animals endorsement.

(2) Any person who owns or operates a pet establishment which offers or provides animal breeding shall obtain a licence and an Animal Breeding endorsement.

(3) Any person who owns or operates a pet establishment which offers or provides animal daycare, boarding, or training shall obtain a licence and an Animal Daycare/Boarding/Training endorsement.

(4) Any person who owns or operates a pet establishment which offers or provides pet grooming shall obtain a licence and a Pet Grooming endorsement.

(5) Any person who owns or operates a pet establishment which offers or provides overnight keeping of animals shall obtain a licence and an Overnight Animal Keeping endorsement.

B. Every owner or operator shall notify the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division in writing of any change to the operations of the pet establishment which may result in a change in the business activities conducted, provided or offered, at least 30 days prior to the implementation of such change.

- H. Adding a new § 545-247.2 titled “Exceptions” that reads as follows:

§ 545-247.2. Exceptions.

Article XX does not apply to:

A. The premises of an Animal Centre.

B. The premises of an affiliate to a branch of the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA).

- C. The premises of an accredited veterinary hospital under the care of a veterinarian licensed by the College of Veterinarians of Ontario (CVO).
  - D. The Toronto Zoo.
  - E. Ross Lord Stables.
  - F. Sunnybrook Stables.
  - G. Riverdale Farm.
  - H. High Park Zoo.
  - I. Black Creek Pioneer Village.
  - J. Exhibition Place.
  - K. Toronto Island Farm.
  - L. Woodbine Racetrack.
  - M. Ripley's Aquarium of Canada.
  - N. Studio sets and locations within the City on which professionally produced films are being made by film professionals and film production companies, for the duration of filming only.
  - O. Premises registered as research facilities pursuant to Ontario's *Animals for Research Act*.
  - P. Premises of slaughterhouses licensed pursuant to Ontario's *Meat Inspection Act*.
  - Q. Premises where Toronto Police Service animals are kept.
  - R. Toronto Wildlife Centre.
  - S. Royal Ontario Museum.
  - T. Businesses or attractions that have been expressly exempted by the Executive Director of Municipal Licensing and Standards Division in writing.
- I. Adding a new § 545-247.3 titled "Application requirements" that reads as follows:
- § 545-247.3. Application requirements.  
Every pet establishment operator shall provide the name and address of the licensed veterinarian(s) who will provide services to the pet establishment,

ensuring that each species receives appropriate veterinary services from a qualified professional.

- J. Deleting § 545-257, 545-259, 545-260, 545-260.1 and 545-260.2.
- K. Deleting § 545-248 and replacing it with a new § 545-248 titled “Animal care requirements” to read as follows:

§ 545-248. Animal care requirements.

A. Animals shall be fed as needed in accordance with the particular food requirements of each type or species of animal kept.

B. Water shall be provided daily to every animal in sufficient quantity to maintain at all times a potable supply available to such animal.

C. Food and water receptacles shall be mounted or situated such that they cannot be easily overturned or contaminated.

D. Primary enclosures in which animals are housed on the premises shall be located in such a way as to provide maximum comfort to satisfy the known and established needs for the particular species housed and are provided with safeguards to prevent extreme environmental changes and to prevent undue direct physical contact with such animals by the general public.

E. Primary enclosures shall permit the animal to:

- (1) be confined;
- (2) remain clean and, if appropriate, dry;
- (3) turn, stand up, sit down, lie down with limbs outstretched, have sufficient perch space to permit full wing extension in every direction;
- (4) move or walk around; and
- (5) hide, where appropriate.

F. Primary enclosures shall be:

- (1) structurally sound;
- (2) free of sharp edges and other hazards;
- (3) contain impervious surfaces which do not retain odours;
- (4) have floors which do not allow the feet or toes of an animal to pass through any opening; and

(5) have a portion be a solid surface large enough for the animal to sit and/or lay on.

G. Bedding, if any, inside a primary enclosure shall be made of non-toxic and non-irritating materials, able to absorb feces and urine, and permits the animal to nest, lay eggs or burrow.

H. Incompatible animals shall not be housed or confined in the same primary enclosure.

I. Animals shall not be kept in crowded quarters or cages.

J. No more than 20 budgerigars or canaries or 25 finches, nor any combination of more than 25 such birds, shall be contained in a single cage with dimensions smaller than 68.6 centimetres by 40.6 centimetres by 78.7 centimetres.

K. No more than 15 budgerigars or canaries or 20 finches nor any combination of more than 20 such birds shall be contained in a single cage with dimensions smaller than 61 centimetres by 35.6 centimetres by 40.6 centimetres.

L. Primary enclosures which house cats shall include a litter box.

M. Outdoor enclosures which house dogs shall comply with § 349-7 in Chapter 349, Animals.

N. All persons responsible for the care, feeding or cleaning of animals shall be adequately trained and supervised in the handling and care of all animals.

O. There shall be a sufficient number of employees competent in the care of animals to properly care for every animal.

P. Animals shall be handled so as not to cause the animal physical injury, harm or discomfort.

Q. Predator and prey species shall be housed with separation sufficient to prevent the respective species from seeing, hearing and/or smelling the other.

R. Social species shall be housed in groups or pairs, according to their social and behavioural needs.

L. Deleting § 545-249 and replacing it with a new § 545-249 titled “Facility requirements” to read as follows:

§ 545-249. Facility requirements.

A. Every pet establishment operator shall ensure that:

(1) During the period in which a licence issued under this chapter is in force, there shall be exhibited over the street door or in the lower front

window of the pet establishment in respect of which such licence is issued, or in some other conspicuous place satisfactory to the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division, a sign having in plain letters not less than 15 centimetres in height in the English language the words "Licensed Pet Establishment," and such licence shall be kept continuously exposed in a conspicuous place in the interior of the premises.

(2) Any pet establishment shall be ventilated by mechanical means, such as by windows, vents, fans or air conditioners, to remove odours and prevent condensation.

(3) The ambient temperature in a pet establishment:

(a) shall be regulated by a heating or cooling system to protect the animals from extreme temperatures; and

(b) shall be monitored by means of a thermometer.

(4) The lighting in a pet establishment:

(a) shall be sufficient to permit observation of all animals, inspection and cleaning;

(b) shall be sufficient to allow for the proper stimulation and normal behaviour of the animal; and

(c) shall not pose a health hazard to the animal.

(5) Any pet establishment, including all primary enclosures, shall be cleaned each day to ensure that:

(a) all pests, rodents, insects, pathogens and parasites are removed or killed;

(b) food and water receptacles (including sipper tubes) are free of any dirt, debris and algae; and

(c) all excess water, food and waste materials are disposed of.

(6) No animal shall remain inside a primary enclosure while the primary enclosure is being cleaned.

(7) Where the quarters used for the housing of any animal form part of or are physically attached to a building used for human habitation or to which the public have access, such quarters shall have a concrete or other impermeable floor with a drain opening constructed as a plumbing fixture, and such floor shall be thoroughly cleaned and washed with water at least

once each day, or more often than once if necessary to keep the said floor clean.

(8) Animal waste shall be disposed of regularly in a hygienic manner to maintain cleanliness and prevent odors, with increased frequency as needed.

(9) An attendant responsible for the care and control of the animals shall be on the premises of the pet establishment at all times during hours of operation, unless written authorization has been obtained from each pet owner.

B. Every pet establishment operator shall:

(1) Take all reasonable and humane steps to prevent nuisance caused by barking or undue noise, and comply with Chapter 591, Noise, at all times.

(2) Make every reasonable effort to obtain the name, address and description of anyone offering to them any animal which they have cause or reason to suspect has been stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained, and they shall report the facts promptly to the nearest police station.

M. Deleting § 545-250 and replace it with a new § 545-250 titled “Record keeping requirements” to read as follows:

§ 545-250. Record keeping requirements.

A. Every pet establishment operator shall keep a record for each animal acquired or kept for the duration of the pet establishment’s custody of the animal and for a 12-month period after the date of sale, departure, or death of the animal. Each record should include:

(1) the date of acquisition, arrival, or birth;

(2) the date of sale, departure, or death;

(3) the name, breed, date of birth, behaviour, physical description, health and reproductive status, vaccination information, licence, and microchip number (if applicable);

(4) the name, address, and phone number of the person or organization from whom it was acquired, or pet owner; and

(5) the name, address, and phone number of the person or organization who acquires the animal, or pet owner.

B. Every pet establishment operator shall keep a record of any animal-related injuries for each animal acquired or kept for the duration of the pet



establishment's custody of the animal and for a 12-month period after the date of sale, departure or death of such animal. Each record shall include:

- (1) the date and time of the injury;
- (2) a detailed description of the injury;
- (3) the location of the injury;
- (4) the animals and/or humans involved; and
- (5) any actions taken following the injury.

- N. Deleting § 545-251 and replacing it with a new § 545-251 titled "Insurance requirements" to read as follows:

§ 545-251. Insurance requirements.

Every pet establishment operator shall, in respect of each pet establishment for which they hold a licence, maintain a commercial general liability policy of insurance. Such policy of insurance shall include a minimum of \$2,000,000 insurance coverage against loss or damage resulting from bodily injury to or the death of one or more persons or from loss or damage to property resulting from an occurrence. A certified copy or certificate of such policy shall be deposited with the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division. Such policy of insurance shall endorse the City as an additional insured and provide notice to the effect that the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division will be given at least 10 days' notice in writing of any cancellation, expiration or variation in the amount of the policy.

- O. Deleting § 545-252 and replacing it with a new § 545-252 titled "Requirements for pet shops or businesses keeping animals for sale or adoption" to read as follows:

§ 545-252. Requirements for pet shops or businesses keeping animals for sale or adoption.

A. Every operator of a pet shop or business keeping animals for sale or adoption, including kennels that breed animals, shall ensure that:

- (1) Animals are not sold or given away to anyone under the age of 18.
- (2) Animals are not displayed in windows.
- (3) Mammals are not sold or given away before they have reached the normal weaning age, based on known requirements of each particular species.
- (4) Animals are groomed, including the trimming of hair, beaks and nails.

(5) Animals have up-to-date vaccinations and parasite treatments, unless exempted in writing by a licensed veterinarian.

(6) Deceased animals are contained and disposed of without delay.

(7) A daily record of animal observations is maintained, documenting behavior and any signs of illness, distress, or injury, including changes in eating, drinking, urination, and defecation.

(8) Animals indicating signs of illness or injury are examined and appropriately treated within 24 hours of the onset of illness or injury by a veterinarian or other qualified person experienced in the care and treatment of the species concerned, unless a lesser or greater deadline is determined by a representative of the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division to be appropriate, and that such animal is kept in a quarantined area, away from the public and other animals until such illness or injury has been cured.

(9) Dogs, cats, rabbits and guinea pigs are only obtained from the following sources, except when breeding kennels are obtaining purebred animals in accordance with the standards set out in Canada's *Animal Pedigree Act*:

(a) animal centres;

(b) registered humane societies;

(c) registered animal rescue groups; or

(d) from people who have surrendered their pets for no compensation.

(10) A detailed record of all veterinary care is maintained, including dates of care, diagnoses, prescribed medications, treatments administered, and the information of the veterinarian including name and contact information.

B. Whenever an operator of a pet shop or business keeping animals for sale or adoption, including kennels that breed animals, sells or otherwise homes a dog, cat, rabbit, or guinea pig, they shall:

(1) Provide to the purchaser a receipt showing the name and address of the vendor and purchaser, the date of sale, the sale price, and breed or cross-breed, sex, age and description, including colour and markings, of the animal, and an up-to-date certificate of health from a veterinarian; and

(2) Post in a conspicuous place a notice advising customers of the required contents of the receipt.

- P. Deleting § 545-253 and replacing it with a new § 545-253 titled “Requirements for kennels that breed animals” to read as follows:

§ 545-253. Requirements for kennels that breed animals.

A. Every operator of a kennel that breeds animals shall ensure that:

(1) Proof of active membership is maintained with the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) or another appropriate professional kennel or breeding organization as approved by the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division.

(2) Adequate human supervision and assistance is available during the whelping period and following the birth of offspring.

(3) A designated whelping area is provided that:

(a) is of adequate size to accommodate the dam and litter;

(b) is clean, dry, and with absorbent bedding;

(c) allows the dam to have access to food, water, and rest;

(d) has the water source positioned to prevent offspring from overturning or falling into it;

(e) prevents offspring from escaping or harming themselves; and

(f) includes a safe source of supplemental heat until the offspring can thermoregulate.

(4) Ethical breeding practices are followed, including that:

(a) no breeding occurs between parent and offspring, or between siblings;

(b) all animals are evaluated by a licensed veterinarian and confirmed to be physically and behaviorally sound before breeding;

(c) animals that test positive for inherited diseases, have genetic abnormalities, pose a risk to public safety, exhibit signs of psychological distress related to breeding, or have traits negatively affecting their quality of life, are not bred;

(d) animals experiencing illness or injury that causes pain during breeding are not bred until conditions are resolved; and

(e) the age at which breeding begins, frequency of breeding, total number of breedings, and the breeding retirement age of each animal are confirmed by a licensed veterinarian.

B. Every operator of a kennel that breeds animals shall keep a breeding record for each cat and dog acquired or kept, for the duration of the kennel's custody of the animal and for a 12-month period after the date of sale, departure, or death of such animal. Each entry shall include:

(1) For sires: dates bred, dams bred to, outcome of breedings (successful or failed), and results of any genetic testing.

(2) For dams: heat cycle dates, dates bred, sires bred to, outcome of breedings (successful or failed), whelping dates, litter sizes (live and stillborn), birthing complications, and results of any genetic testing.

(3) For offspring: weight measured regularly until weaned.

Q. Deleting § 545-254 and replacing it with a new § 545-254 titled "Requirements for pet daycares and kennels that board or train animals" to read as follows:

§ 545-254. Requirements for pet daycares and kennels that board or train animals. Every operator of a pet daycare or a kennel that boards or trains animals shall ensure that:

A. Prior to accepting dogs or cats for daycare, boarding, training, or similar activity, the animal has up-to-date vaccinations and parasite treatments, unless exempted in writing by a licensed veterinarian.

B. Each animal is inspected upon intake for signs of any contagious or infectious disease.

C. The owner of any animal exhibiting signs of illness or injury is contacted promptly; if the owner cannot be reached or cannot arrange immediate care with their preferred veterinarian, the operator must ensure appropriate veterinary care is provided.

D. No more than one animal is kept in a single primary enclosure without prior written authorization from the owners of all the animals who would share the enclosure.

E. Dogs less than four (4) months of age are separated from dogs older than four (4) months that are not owned by the same person unless the owner of the dog less than (4) months of age has provided written authorization.

F. Dogs are provided an area to exercise freely, and which prevent any dogs from exiting the property; if no dedicated exercise area is available, dogs must be regularly walked on a leash.

- R. Deleting § 545-255 and replacing it with a new § 545-255 titled “Requirements for pet grooming salons” to read as follows:

§ 545-255. Requirements for pet grooming salons.

A. Every operator of a pet grooming salon shall ensure that:

(1) Prior to accepting dogs or cats for grooming services, the animal has up-to-date vaccinations and parasite treatments, unless exempted in writing by a licensed veterinarian.

(2) Each animal is inspected upon intake for signs of any contagious or infectious disease.

(3) The owner of any animal exhibiting signs of illness or injury is contacted promptly; if the owner cannot be reached or cannot arrange immediate care with their preferred veterinarian, the operator must ensure appropriate veterinary care is provided.

(4) Bathing tubs are equipped with a non-slip bottom surface.

(5) No more than one animal is kept in a single primary enclosure without prior written authorization from the owners of all the animals who would share the enclosure.

(6) Staff use handling methods that apply the least amount of restraint necessary to minimize fear, pain, stress, and suffering, while ensuring the safety of both animals and humans.

(7) Grooming tools, equipment, and surfaces are maintained in good working order and cleaned and sanitized regularly.

B. Mobile grooming salons operating in areas other than on private property, in addition to complying with every other part of this Article, must also comply at all times with Chapter 743, Use of Streets and Sidewalks, and Chapter 517, Idling of Vehicles and Boats, and all parking regulations.

- S. Deleting § 545-256 and relacing it with a new § 545-256 titled “Requirements for the overnight keeping of animals” to read as follows:

§ 545-256. Requirements for the overnight keeping of animals.

Every operator of a pet establishment keeping animals on-site between hours of 11p.m. and 7a.m. shall:

A. Make available upon request a Level 1 noise control plan to the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division.

B. Notify owners of all animals if animals will be kept on-site overnight without staff present during that time.

- T. Amending § 545-258 such that it reads as follows:

§ 545-258. Inspection of Premises

The Municipal Licensing and Standards Division, and any other person authorized by the Executive Director or their designate, may inspect any pet establishment or place where animals are kept for business activities at any time.

- U. Amending section § 545-564 by adding the words “the following information or documents:” after the second instance of the words “Municipal Licensing and Standards Division” in the first paragraph, and by adding a new section § 545-564 B.1 such that the amended section § 545-564 reads as follows:

§ 545-564. Application requirements.

To apply for an amusement establishment licence or its renewal, or at any time during the term of the licence at the request of the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division, the applicant or licensee shall submit to the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division the following information or documents:

A. If the establishment serves alcohol, a copy of a valid liquor licence.

B. The following documents issued by the Technical Standards and Safety Authority or its successor agency, if applicable to the business:

(1) A valid and current licence to carry on business in Ontario; and

(2) A valid and current permit for each amusement device operating in the establishment.

B.1. Confirmation of whether the establishment has animals on the premises.

C. A Level 1 noise control plan and/or a patron management plan, if requested by the Executive Director.

D. A Level 2 noise control plan, if requested by the Executive Director, for approval.

E. Any other information or documents required by the Executive Director.

- V. Amending section § 545-566 such that it reads as follows:

§ 545-566. Insurance requirements.

Every operator shall, in respect of each amusement establishment for which they hold a licence, maintain a commercial general liability policy of insurance. Such policy of insurance shall include a minimum of \$2,000,000 insurance coverage against loss or damage resulting from bodily injury to or the death of one or more persons or from loss or damage to property resulting from an occurrence. A certified copy or certificate of such policy shall be deposited with the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division. Such policy of insurance shall endorse the City

as an additional insured and provide notice to the effect that the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division will be given at least 10 days' notice in writing of any cancellation, expiration or variation in the amount of the policy.

W. Adding a new §§ 545-567(D) to read as follows:

D. Animal attractions keeping animals between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. must make available upon request a level 1 noise control plan.

X. Adding a new § 545-568 titled “Inspection of premises” to read as follows:

§ 545-568. Inspection of premises.

The Municipal Licensing and Standards Division, and any other person authorized by the Executive Director or their designate may inspect any amusement establishment at any time.

Y. Adding a new § 545-569 titled “Animal attraction requirements” to read as follows:

§ 545-569. Animal attraction requirements.

A. Every operator of an animal attraction shall ensure that:

(1) They comply with all requirements in § 545-248 (Animal care requirements), § 545-249 (Facility requirements), and § 545-250 (Record keeping requirements).

(2) Animals are not displayed in windows.

(3) Animals are provided with regular rest periods away from public interaction.

(4) Animals receive appropriate enrichment to support their psychological well-being.

(5) All public interactions with animals are supervised by trained staff to prevent harm to both the animals and visitors.

(6) Clear guidelines for visitor safety are established, including, but not limited to:

(a) Restricting physical contact with dangerous or sensitive species;

(b) Using barriers or protective equipment where necessary, and

(c) Prohibiting unsupervised feeding of animals by the public.

(7) Animals are appropriately groomed, including the trimming of hair, beaks and nails.

(8) Animals have up-to-date vaccinations and parasite treatments, unless exempted in writing by a licensed veterinarian.

(9) Deceased animals are contained and disposed of without delay.

(10) A daily record of animal observations is maintained, documenting behavior and any signs of illness, distress, or injury, including changes in eating, drinking, urination, and defecation.

(11) Animals indicating signs of illness or injury are examined and appropriately treated within 24 hours of the onset of illness or injury by a veterinarian or other qualified person experienced in the care and treatment of the species concerned, and that such animal is kept in a quarantine area, away from the public and other animals until such illness or injury has been cured.

B. Every operator of an animal attraction shall provide the name and address of the licensed veterinarian(s) who will provide services to the animal attraction, ensuring that each species receives appropriate veterinary services from a qualified professional.

C. Premises listed in § 545-247.2 are not considered animal attractions.

2. City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 349, Animals, is amended by:

A. Amending the definition of “Animal” in § 349-1 such that it reads as follows:

ANIMAL – All species of fauna excluding humans and aquatic invertebrates.

3. City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, Appendix C, Schedule 12 is amended by:

A. Deleting the fees found at reference numbers 207 and 208 and replacing them with the following:

Ref No.	Service Fee	Description	Category	Fee Basis	Fee	Annual Adjustment
207	Licence & Permit Issuance	Application fee: Pet Establishment licence	Full Cost Recovery	Per application	\$758.01	Yes



17  
City of Toronto By-law 1105-2025

Ref No.	Service Fee	Description	Category	Fee Basis	Fee	Annual Adjustment
208	Licence & Permit Issuance	Renewal fee: Pet Establishment licence	Full Cost Recovery	Per application	\$378.08	Yes

4. Section 2 of this by-law is deemed to have come into force on September 1, 2025

5. Sections 1 and section 3 of this by-law shall come into force on February 1, 2027.

Enacted and passed on October 9, 2025.

Frances Nunziata,  
Speaker

John D. Elvidge,  
City Clerk

(Seal of the City)