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CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 182-2013

To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, respecting pet shops.

Whereas the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* grants the City of Toronto the authority to enact by-laws for the licensing, regulating and governing of businesses wholly or partly carried on in the City of Toronto and for the regulating of animals within the City; and

Whereas, by the enactment of By-law No. 1163-2011, City Council amended City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, respecting the licensing of pet shops; and

Whereas Council wishes to further strengthen and clarify aspects of the licensing regulations governing pet shops in the interest of animal welfare and consumer protection, and in aid of law enforcement;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, is amended by adding the following to § 545-246, Definitions, in proper alphabetical order:

RESCUE GROUP - A not-for-profit or charitable organization, registered with Toronto Animal Services, whose mandate and practices are predominately the rescue and placement of animals, and facilitating the spaying or neutering of animals, for animal welfare purposes.

2. Subsection 545-255C is repealed.
3. Section 545-262 is repealed and replaced with the following:

§ 545-262. Pet shops to obtain animals from specified sources.

Every keeper of a pet shop must obtain cats and dogs from only the following sources:

- A. municipal animal shelters;
- B. registered humane societies;
- C. registered shelters; and
- D. rescue groups.

4. Schedule B, Demerit Point System, of Appendix K, Business Licensing Thresholds, is amended by adding the following under the corresponding headings immediately after the last row entitled "Pet Shop" in the Schedule:

| Type | Short Form Wording | Section | Points |
|----------|--|----------|--------|
| Pet Shop | Pet Shop - Fail to keep Register | 545-256A | 1 |
| Pet Shop | Pet Shop - Fail to provide receipt or health certificate | 545-255A | 1 |
| Pet Shop | Pet Shop - Fail to post notice advising customers to the required content of the receipt | 545-255B | 1 |
| Pet Shop | Pet Shop - Fail to obtain animals from specified sources | 545-262 | 4 |

5. This by-law shall come into force on the date of its enactment.

Enacted and passed on February 21, 2013.

Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

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City Clerk

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