

Authority: Economic and Community Development
Committee Item EC10.2, adopted as amended,
by City of Toronto Council on March 20 and 21, 2024
City Council voted in favour of this by-law on March 21,
2024
Written approval of this by-law was given by Mayoral
Decision 9-2024 dated March 22, 2024

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW 269-2024

To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 349, Animals, to direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to create a public record of dangerous dog order information.

Whereas the City has the authority to pass by-laws respecting animals, the protection of persons and property, and the health, safety and well-being of persons under section 8 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006; and

Whereas pursuant to City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 349, Animals, an officer may determine dogs to be a dangerous dog and serve the owner of the dog with an order to comply in certain circumstances where a dog has engaged in a dangerous act against a person or domestic animal; and

Whereas City Council directed the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to create and maintain a record available to the general public of information from served dangerous dog orders to comply in order to protect public safety, deter dog owners from non-compliance with Municipal Code Chapter 349, Animals, and make the public aware of City enforcement action;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 349, Animals, is amended by adding a new § 349-15D and § 349-15E as follows:
 - D. The Executive Director will create and maintain a public record listing the following information from all served dangerous dog orders to comply:
 - (1) owner's forward sorting area (first three digits of postal code);
 - (2) owner's ward number;
 - (3) dog name, dog breed and dog colour; and
 - (4) date of the dangerous act.
 - E. The Executive Director will post the information in subsection D in a map and easily searchable format with information organized by forward sorting area, bite severity and any other information deemed important by the Executive Director.

2. This by-law shall come into force on the day it is passed.

Enacted and passed on March 22, 2024.

Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

John D. Elvidge,
City Clerk

(Seal of the City)