

Appendix A

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No.

To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, respecting the licensing of 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, in the interest of animal welfare, consumer protection and in aid of law enforcement, a register is currently required to be kept by pet shops recording the details of where and from whom their dogs were acquired; and

WHEREAS these same considerations apply to the acquisition of cats as well as dogs; and

WHEREAS, in order to halt the proliferation of puppy mills, it is necessary to ensure that all animals kept for sale in licensed pet shops and otherwise are, in certain circumstances, acquired only from certain reputable sources; and

WHEREAS Council wishes to strengthen and clarify aspects of the licensing regulations for pet shops;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

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 charitable corporation, registered with the City’s Animal Services division, that helps to facilitate the spaying or neutering of animals, complies with all legislation regarding care and treatment of animals, and whose mission and practice is, in whole or in significant part, the rescue and placement of animals.

2. Section § 545-255C is repealed.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 Section § 545-262 is repealed and replaced with the following: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 pet shop must obtain animals from only the follow sources:

- A. municipal animal shelters;
- B. registered humane societies;

C. registered shelters; or

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	2

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ENACTED AND PASSED this day of , 2013.

Speaker

City Clerk