



Canadian Ornamental Pheasant & Game Bird Association

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To: Mayor Tory and the Toronto City Councillors,

It has been brought to my attention that on Wednesday June 14th, the Licensing & Standards Committee of the City of Toronto approved a recommendation from Toronto Animal Services to add three more orders of birds to their list of prohibited animals. These Orders are of Gruiformes (cranes, rails), Phoenicopteriformes (flamingoes), and Shenisciformes (penguins).

Toronto Animal Services has described these species as not suitable as companion animals. However, they are not kept as companion animals or pets. Many private aviculturists keep and breed many species from these orders. It has been suggested that aviculturists write letters explaining that cranes and flamingoes can be well cared for by private aviculturists even within the city if sufficient space is available. Also the prohibited list should be modified to allow some species of Galliformes (pheasants, quail) and Anseriformes (waterfowl) that also can be well maintained.

Aviculture is the practice of keeping birds in captivity using controlled conditions, for hobby, business, research and conservation purposes. Private aviculturists derive great satisfaction from breeding birds in captivity and for some species this can serve to aid in the establishment of sustainable captive populations of rare or endangered species. We would like the to see the prohibited list be more specific instead of prohibiting the whole Order.

Sincerely,

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