



January 2, 2018

Dear Licensing and Standards Committee Chair and Members,

Re: Outdoor Animal Shelter Standards and Extreme Weather

Over the past few months, my office has been working with Animal Services after receiving reports of two beagles being kept outdoors during recent extreme cold weather events. In some cases, temperatures dipped below 20°C and the animals remained outside overnight.

I was surprised to learn that this is permitted under the current by-laws in Chapter 349, Animals. I believe that the City needs to review this section of the by-law with particular attention to the welfare of animals during extreme weather events.

Recommendations:

1. Licensing and Standards Committee request the Executive Director of Licensing and Standards report by the end of 2018 on measures to strengthen the provisions of Chapter 349 as they pertain to the shelter of animals outdoors within the City of Toronto, including during extreme weather events.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours,

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