

Attachment 2 – Jurisdictional Scan – Updates to Chapter 349, Animals

In preparation for this report, staff reviewed animal control and wildlife regulations in comparable jurisdictions, including: Ottawa, London, Mississauga, Vaughan, Hamilton, Brampton, Markham, Halifax, Calgary, New York City and Chicago.

(1) Feeding of Wildlife

- Many other comparable jurisdictions prohibit the feeding of wildlife. Of the jurisdictions reviewed, 6 have a full prohibition on the feeding of wildlife, including London, Mississauga, Vaughan, Hamilton, Markham and Halifax, Ottawa, Brampton, Vancouver, Calgary and New York City prohibit the feeding of wildlife only in City parks.
- Of the jurisdictions surveyed, Mississauga, Vaughan and Markham have an explicit exemption that permits the feeding of birds using a bird feeder.

(2) Pet Licensing

- All jurisdictions reviewed require some kind of pet licensing. All jurisdictions require dogs to be licensed, while Ottawa, London, Mississauga, Vaughan, Brampton, Markham and Calgary require cats to be licensed. Vaughan requires any domestic pigeons to be licensed, while Brampton requires a license to keep more than two pigeons, rabbits or hens. No jurisdiction surveyed requires pet rabbits or guinea pigs to be licensed.
- For the maximum number of pets a person may keep, most jurisdictions have set a maximum number of between 2-4 dogs per household, and between 4-8 cats per household. Both Hamilton and Markham have a maximum number of 4 animals of any species permitted to be kept, while London only permits two animals per dwelling (dogs, cats, fish and pigeons exempted). Only Vancouver explicitly notes a maximum number of guinea pigs, where a person can keep no more than 6 rabbits and/or guinea pigs. Ottawa permits a maximum of 5 rabbits per household, Brampton permits up to 10 rabbits per household and Markham permits up to 3 rabbits per household.
- Pigeons are permitted pets in all Ontario municipalities surveyed, and all of them note a maximum number that may be kept. Most have allowances for more pigeons to be kept during breeding/racing season (April-October) than during the offseason (November-March). Brampton, London and Ottawa all allow 40 pigeons during the offseason and between 60-70 pigeons during racing/breeding season. Vaughan allow 60 during off-season and 80 during racing/breeding season. Mississauga allows 40 pigeons at any time, while Markham allows 30 pigeons at any time. Vancouver allows up to 12 pigeons to be kept.
- No jurisdiction surveyed uses a positive/allowable list approach to regulate the keeping of certain pets.

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(3) Pet Establishment Business Licensing

City	Are pet shops municipally licensed?	Are kennels municipally licensed?	Licensing Definition of “Kennel”	Zoning Definition of "Kennel" or Similar Use	Do Kennels have a specific zoning use condition? (excluding permitted zone locations)
Toronto	Yes	No	Not defined	Premises used for boarding, training or breeding of dogs, cats or other domestic animals.	No
Ottawa	Yes	Yes	Where more than a total of 5 dogs or cats, with a maximum of 3 dogs, over 20 weeks, are boarded, raised or trained for any period of time.	A building, structure or premises or portion of any of the foregoing, used for the overnight boarding or raising of more than three dogs over the age of 20 weeks, or more than five cats over the age of 20 weeks and which may include any of the activities permitted as part of an animal care establishment.	Yes – regulations vary depending on the number of dog runs. Other conditions include location of dog runs and distance from a residential zone.
London	Yes	Yes – only available for those registered under the Animal Pedigree Act	Establishment in which four or more dogs are housed, boarded or bred, but does not include a Foster Home nor an Approved Foster Organization with respect to dogs being fostered.	Any lot, building or structure, on or within which three or more domesticated animals are housed, groomed, bred, boarded, trained or sold and which may offer provisions for minor medical treatment.	Yes – minimum required distance from a residential zone of 150.0 metres.
Mississauga	Yes	Yes	Whereby domestic animals are kept overnight for remuneration for the purposes of breeding or housing, feeding and maintenance	A building or part thereof used for the non-veterinarian caring, grooming, and or training of animals including domestic dogs, cats, rabbits, and birds. Excludes overnight boarding, outdoor animal enclosures, kennel,	Yes- all buildings and structures containing an Animal Boarding Establishment must be at least 120 metres from a lot in the residential zone

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				pound, Humane Society, veterinary clinic and veterinary hospital	
Vaughan	Yes	Yes	Where 8 dogs, cats, other domestic animals, or any combination thereof, are kept for the purposes of breeding and selling of such dogs, cats or other domestic animals, or for the purposes of overnight boarding of owned animals	A building or part of a building for the overnight or prolonged care, grooming, breeding, or obedience training of domesticated animals, and may include an outdoor run as an accessory use.	No
Hamilton	Yes	Yes	Establishment for the keeping or boarding for more than 16 consecutive hours or the breeding of animals that are used or are intended to be used as pets but does not include ... provision of services to animals such as daycare for all or part of a day, obedience classes, training, grooming, and behaviour counselling	The use of land, building or structure, or part thereof, for the breeding, raising, training, sheltering or boarding of dogs, cats and other domestic animals, but shall not include Veterinary Service and Veterinary Service – Farm Animal, or the keeping of farm animals as part of an Agricultural operation	No
Brampton	Yes	Yes	(a) a place where more than three dogs are kept for the purposes of show, training or breeding, or; (b) a place where more than three dogs are kept and cared for on behalf of the owners of the dogs;	A place, whether enclosed or not, where cats, dogs, or other household pets are kept for the purposes of raising, breeding, boarding, training, or selling them	Yes- minimum required distance of 152.0 metres from a residential zone
Markham	Yes	Yes	Business of breeding, buying, selling, boarding or fostering of dogs, cats,	A premises where dogs and other domestic pets are boarded for more	No

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			and other small domestic animals; (from animal by-law)	than 24 hours and/or are kept for the purposes of breeding	
Vancouver	Yes	Yes	Undefined	The use of premises for the care of birds, fish, or animals except horses, including veterinary treatment, grooming, training, breeding or boarding	No
Halifax	No	No	A business that cares for, boards, breeds or sells animals. Does not apply for pet daycare that don't offer overnight services	Undefined	Not applicable
Calgary	Yes	Yes	Undefined	A use: (i) where domestic animals are boarded overnight or for periods greater than 24 hours; (ii) that does not include Pet Care Service, Veterinary Clinic or Veterinary Hospital; (iii) that may provide for the incidental sale of products relating to the services provided by the use; and (iv) that includes enclosures, pens, runs or exercise areas	Yes- discretionary (Development Authority) approval required in certain zones
New York City	Must hold a Class A Licence (from federal Dept. of Agriculture)	No, but there are minimum standards for kennels	Facility other than an animal shelter where animals not owned by the proprietor of such facility are sheltered, harbored, maintained,	Undefined	Not applicable

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		in the Health Code.	groomed, fed or watered in return for a fee.		
Chicago	Yes	Yes	"Animal care facility" means any person engaged in the business of boarding, breeding, training for a fee, letting for hire other than guard dogs, or providing day care for any dog or cat.	Animal shelters and kennel services for dogs, cats, and small animals. Typical uses include boarding kennels, dog training centers and animal rescue shelters	No