

## Attachment 4: Public Survey Results

### BACKGROUND

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As part of the review of Chapter 349, an online survey was developed to provide interested members of the public and stakeholders with the opportunity to provide feedback on a variety of proposed changes and animal related topics. The survey was available online for 29 days from November 19, 2021 to December 17, 2021. A total of 6,191 individuals completed the survey.

The online survey, hosted by the City, did not have the scientific controls that a third-party public opinion survey would. The results of the survey should not be considered representative of the general population, but rather used to provide additional insight into public opinion in addition to the survey undertaken in collaboration with Nanos (see Attachment 3).

### SUMMARY OF RESULTS

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"Are you concerned about people feeding wildlife in Toronto"? *All respondents*

Response	# of respondents	% of respondents
Yes	4261	69%
Somewhat	1163	19%
No	767	12%

Levels of concern with different potential impacts? *All respondents.*

Potential Impacts	Very Concerned	Concerned	A Little Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not at all concerned
Negative impacts on the animal's health and natural behaviour	77%	13%	5%	3%	2%
Impacts on the ecosystem	61%	22%	8%	5%	4%
Food scraps attracting mice, rats and other unwanted animals	50%	27%	13%	6%	4%
Negative impacts on pets	41%	25%	18%	11%	5%
Potential exposure to diseases	34%	24%	21%	14%	6%
Nuisance, including litter, excrements, noise	31%	22%	23%	15%	9%

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Are you supportive of banning the intentional feeding of most wildlife on all public and private properties? *All respondents.*

Response	# of respondents	% of respondents
Yes	4579	74%
Somewhat	792	13%
No	820	13%

Do you or someone in your household feed any wildlife on a regular basis in Toronto?  
All respondents

Response	# of respondents	% of respondents
Yes	477	8%
Only Occasionally	538	9%
No	5176	83%

Reasons for feeding wildlife? (select all that apply) *Only respondents who occasionally or regularly feed wildlife in Toronto.*

Responses	# Responses	% of respondents who feed wildlife
Concern for the ability of the animals to survive	568	56%
Experiencing nature, getting close to animals	468	46%
Personal enjoyment/activity with children	398	39%
Stress relief	234	23%
Companionship/friendship	240	24%
Religious/cultural/spiritual beliefs	118	12%
Way to get rid of scraps	86	8%
Unsure/Would rather not say	20	2%
Other	211	21%

What wildlife do you and/or your household member(s) feed in Toronto? (select all that apply) *Only respondents who occasionally or regularly feed wildlife in Toronto.*

Responses	# Responses	% of respondents who feed wildlife
Song birds	780	77%
Squirrels	613	60%
Pigeons	250	25%
Water fowl (ducks, geese, swans etc.)	203	20%
Raccoons	122	12%
Coyotes	12	1%
Other	171	17%

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<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>1,015</b>	
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Are you aware that cats and dogs have to be licensed with the City of Toronto? *All respondents.*

<b>Responses</b>	<b># Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
Yes	5387	87%
No	804	13%

Have you or someone in your household ever owned rabbits or guinea pigs? *All respondents.*

<b>Responses</b>	<b># Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
Yes	1796	29%
No	4395	71%

Where did your household obtain a guinea pig or rabbit from? *Only respondents who ever owned rabbits or guinea pigs*

<b>Responses</b>	<b># Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
Pet store	659	37%
Humane Society/shelter	363	20%
Other	227	13%
Give away/free to a good home	224	12%
Friends or relatives	194	11%
Breeder	97	5%
Internet/online marketplace	32	2%
<b>Total number of guinea pig/rabbit owners</b>	<b>1796</b>	