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Subject: [External Sender] My comments for 2025.EC22.6 on July 9, 2025 Economic and Community Development Committee
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the July 9, 2025 Economic and Community Development Committee meeting on item 2025.EC22.6, Proposed Licensing Regulations for Animal-Related Businesses

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(5) Any establishment, including all primary enclosures is to be cleaned each day to ensure that:

(a) all pests, rodents, insects, pathogens and parasites are removed or killed;

I see a glaring problem with this. For one, rodents are sentient, friendly, wonderful very clean animals who love each other and will go out of their way to care for each other. Please do not lump rodents in with pathogens. People who love animals do not want to kill them. And the killing methods, usually poison, puts pets at risk for bioaccumulation. Far too many dogs and cats have died after eating poisoned rodents. Snap traps and glue traps are also cruel and dangerous in an animal enclosure. Why put pets at risk and be cruel to wildlife?

And here is another issue with this clause. Many rodents are pets. What if the pet establishment is housing Guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, pet mice, and pet rats? There is a real issue here. Unless the establishment removes or kills these pet rodents every day, they are breaking the bylaws. I suggest this rewrite for clarity.

(5) Any establishment, including all primary enclosures is to be cleaned each day to ensure that:

(a) all insects, pathogens and parasites are removed;

(I took killing out because many people prefer to live capture and relocate insects.)

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Overall, this proposal is very good. It is wonderful that animal establishments will now be regulated. I am concerned about the exemption for slaughterhouses, zoos, and laboratories. Toronto should close the slaughterhouse. Zoos should be phased out, and laboratories should stop using animals, with a clear deadline as to when to stop using them.

I like that fishes will now need considered animals under Toronto bylaws. Fishes are often abandoned and then killed as invasive pests. Please ban the sale of all animals in Toronto. Beaconsfield Quebec bans the sale of all animals.

Please remove the mandate for pet establishments to remove or kill all rodents and insects. Killing rodents is cruel and doesn't solve the problem. It puts everyone at risk. And the ban on rodents in pet daycares means that it is illegal for a licensed facility to care for pet rodents. That puts the care of guinea pigs, hamsters, etc under the care of illegal unregulated businesses. Instead of promoting killing, promote humane, animal safe methods of pest control.

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