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BETTER LAWS FOR PAWS



## BACKGROUND & PROGRESS



- June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Animal Welfare concerns arose regarding a property in Lakeshore.
- June 5<sup>th</sup> - #BetterLawsForPaws was implemented.
- Petition for PAWS Act Amendment -2380 signatures
- Petition for Windsor Essex Municipal By-law amendment Animal Care and Control – 1070 signatures
- June 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Action & Awareness



Recommendation

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## RECOMMENDATIONS: THE HIRING/TENDERING OF ANIMAL CONTROL WORKERS:



Institute a more thorough background check when it comes to the hiring process including animal control officers whereby if the candidate has been terminated from other local municipality due to conduct concerns, they would not be offered the position.



If it was determined that the conduct of the current animal control officer was in question or if they had been removed from a position in another municipality due to conduct concerns that their position be terminated immediately.

## RECOMMENDATIONS CONT'D CRATES AND KENNELS:

- Comply with the "A Code of Practice for Canadian Kennel Operations", (Canadian Veterinary Medical Association).
- Have adequate light, including natural and electric lighting
- Ensure the shelters are covered for all season weather.
- Ensure that the floor of the kennels be solid as opposed to wiring and that the ceiling above is solid to ensure they are not soaked when it rains.
- Animal kennels will be kept on properties whereby the owner resides or where their business operations is located.
- Ensure that animals that are crated or penned both on residential and agricultural properties and are in kennel / crate / shelter structures outdoors will be within the stated structures for no longer than a stipulated number of hours at a time at which point they will be provided access to a large area where they can roam.
- Ensure that animals being kept in crates or kennels outdoors will be entitled the opportunity for periodic exercise sufficient to maintain good health including the opportunity to be unfettered from a fixed area and exercised regularly under appropriate control
- Ensure access to a fenced area to the outside that permits the animal to access the outside area and return to the inside area on its own accord.
- Maintain every run or pen area in a clean and sanitary condition at all times which shall include the removal and proper disposal of excrement, and debris a minimum of twice daily or as often as required.
- Ensure that every person who owns or operates a kennel shall ensure every run, pen, or exercise yard shall be surrounded by a sturdy fence with a minimum height of 1.52 meters (five feet).



# KENNEL / SHELTER / CRATE REQUIREMENTS

Minimum primary enclosure space requirements<sup>3</sup>

Height of the dog measured at the shoulder of the dog (cm)	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Width (m)	Height (m)
70 or greater	15	2.40	1.80
40 to 70	10	1.80	1.80
20 to 40	6	1.40	1.20
5 to 20	4	1	1.20

Minimum primary enclosure space requirements apply to the keeping of one adult dog. Dams and their puppies up to eight weeks of age are provided with an additional space of 10% per puppy. If two or more adult dogs are kept in one enclosure, the minimum dimensions for the enclosure specified are increased by 1.5 m<sup>2</sup> for each dog kept in the enclosure.

## **1.2.2 Primary Outdoor Enclosure**

Outdoor enclosures can be provided as a primary means of containment for breeds suitable to the outdoors that are properly acclimatized to seasonal and regional temperatures.

The general housing principles section (1.2.1) and requirements applies to primary outdoor enclosures.

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS CONT'D**

### **TETHERING:**

- Residential and kenneled domestic animals will not be tethered for longer than a set time of four hours per day.
- No person shall keep any animal in the City tethered on a chain, rope or similar restraining device of less than three meters in length and no more than 10% of the animal's body weight.
- Every person who has tethered an animal shall ensure, at all times, that the animal has unrestricted movement within the range of the tether, and that the animal cannot suffer injury resulting from the tether.
- A person who has tethered an animal shall ensure that the animal is tethered in a manner that constrains the animal to the property to which the animal is tethered.
- No person shall keep an animal tethered where a choke collar, choke chain, pronged collar or any similar device forms part of the tether.
- No animal will be kept outdoors during extreme weather conditions.
- During extreme heat and cold, residential, and kenneled domestic animals will have access to relief in indoor temperature-controlled areas.
- It will not be permitted to keep domestic kenneled animals in standalone structures that do not have access to interior temperature-controlled facilities on the premises
- While on a tether the animal will have access to fresh water and food that is free from the elements and free from being disturbed by the tether.

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS CONT'D ANIMALS IN VEHICLES:**

- The Owner of an animal shall not leave an animal unattended in a motor vehicle if the weather conditions are not suitable for containment of an animal;
- A Police Officer who has reasonable grounds to believe that an animal left unattended in a motor vehicle is in imminent physical danger may take steps to remove the animal from the vehicle and shall not be held liable for any damage to the vehicle by so doing.



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## **RECOMMENDATIONS CONT'D STANDARDS OF CARE:**

- Provided with adequate and appropriate food and water
- Be provided with adequate and appropriate medical attention
- Be provided with the care necessary for its general welfare
- Be transported in a manner that ensures its physical safety and general welfare
- Be provided with an adequate and appropriate resting and sleeping area
- Be provided with adequate and appropriate
  - Space to allow the dog to exercise and move freely
  - Sanitary conditions
  - Ventilation
  - Light
  - Protection from the elements, including harmful temperatures cold and hot

# RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED

## LICENCING:



Kennel Licence be at a maximum of 12 tags per calendar year.



CKC Registered



Kennel Inspection by Municipal By-law Inspector or Animal Control Officer and that the Kennel meet the applicable Standards of Care yearly.



Agricultural Zoning with main dwelling on the subject property

SATURDAY  
JUNE 12 2021



WINDSOR ESSEX  
COUNTY

*Day of Action & Awareness*

**They Need You**



Come out Saturday, June 12th 2021 to your local Municipal Building and  
a paw on the sidewalk out front to request a review of the Animal Care and  
Control By-law. Location and times posted below.

If you cannot attend your local Town Hall please draw a paw on your sidewalk or paint a paw on your window, and upload a photo to your social media with the Hashtag #BetterLawsForPaws.

Lakeshore, LaSalle & Kingsville	9am to 11 am
Tecumseh, Essex & Leamington	10am to 12pm
Windsor & Amherstburg	11am to 1 pm

**RSVP your attendance today!**

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## DAY OF ACTION AND AWARENESS

- On June 12<sup>th</sup>, a Day of Action and Awareness took place in all municipalities. Information regarding the proposed Bylaws was presented and a petition was circulated.
- Currently the online petition has 1070 signatures, and the physical signatures are attached from each Municipality
  - Lakeshore
  - Amherstburg
  - Kingsville
  - LaSalle
  - Tecumseh
  - Essex
  - Windsor



# MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES; DAY OF ACTION & AWARENESS







# LAKESHORE PETITION

#BetterLawsForPaws Petition

Council and Administration, we request that the Animal Care and Control By-law be reviewed and amended with the in-depth recommendations attached to this petition and ask that the public be involved in the review and amendment of the By-law.

- The hiring and tendering of animal control workers
- Stipulations when it comes to kenneling, crating and tethering animals
- Expectations for animals in vehicles.

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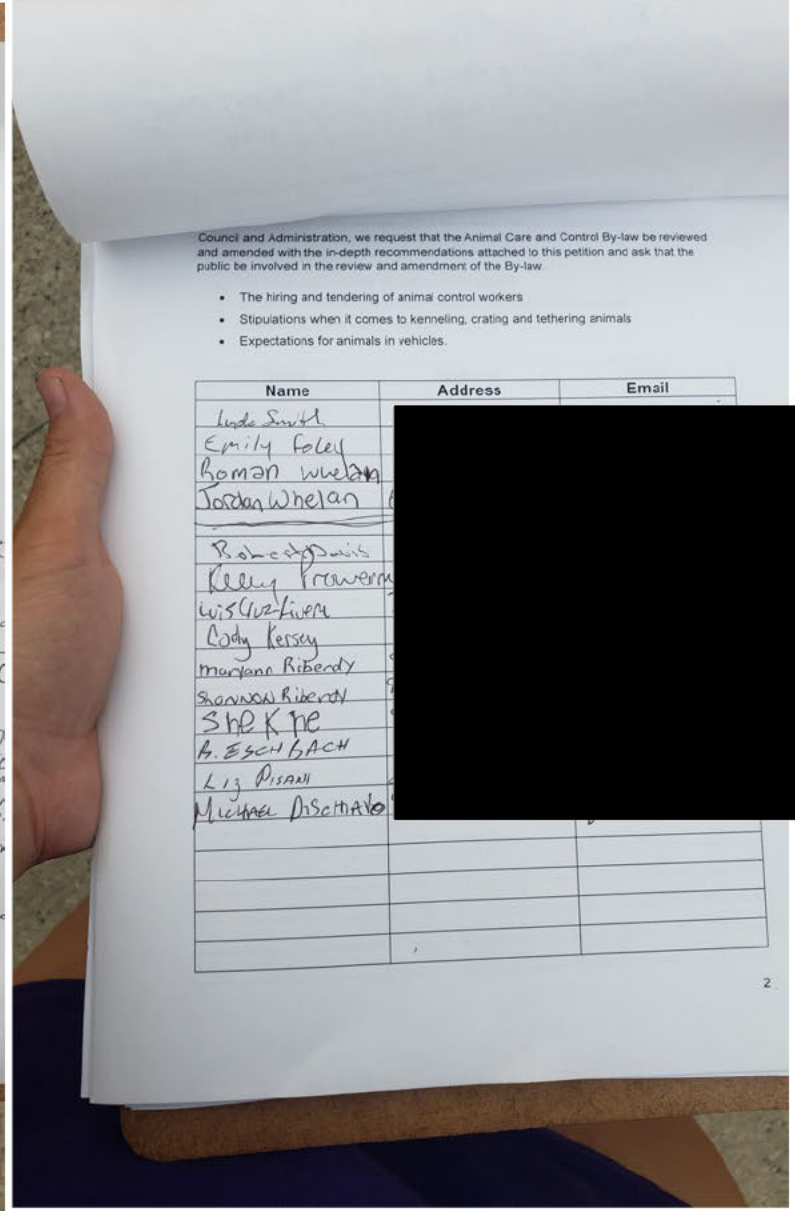
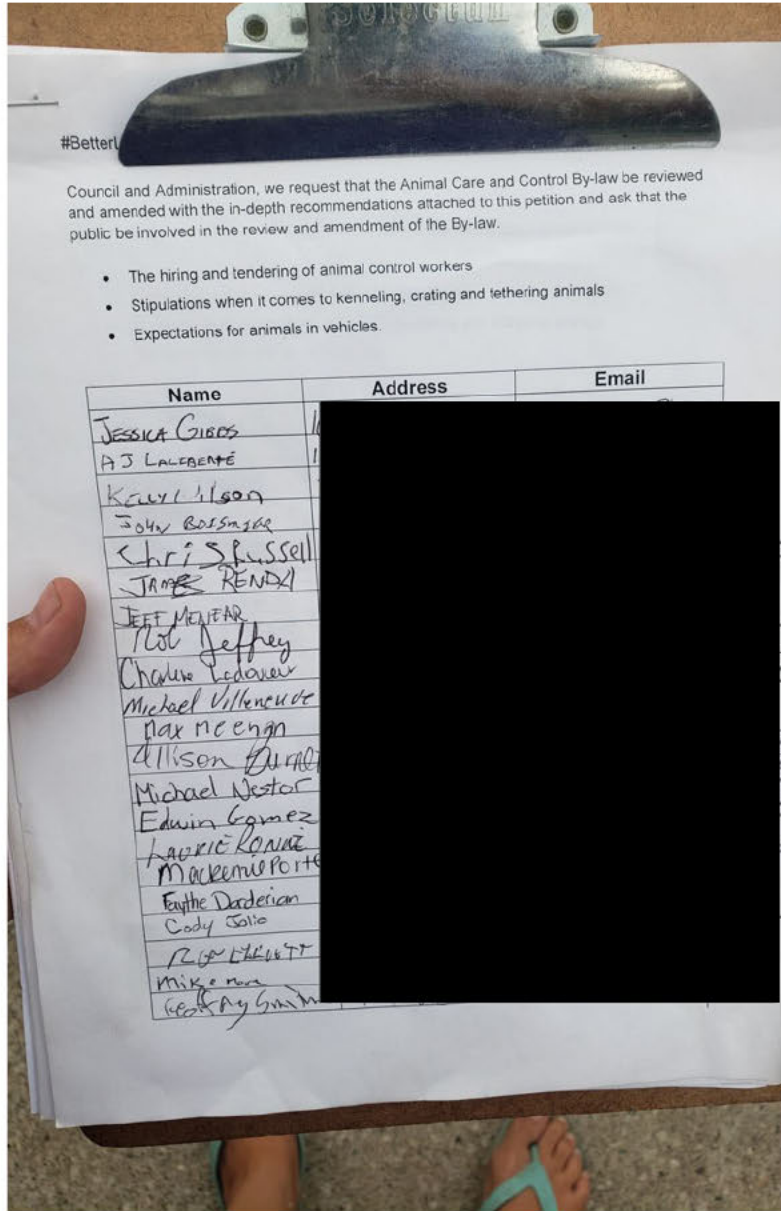
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The Town of  
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# WINDSOR PETITION





# ESSEX PETITION

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A light-colored puppy is lying on the ground next to a large yellow container. The puppy is looking towards the right. The ground is dark and has some dry leaves scattered on it. In the background, there is a white plastic bag and some green foliage.

**ANIMAL ENVIRONMENT**

**CANADIAN VETERINARIANS  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

<https://www.canadianveterinarians.net/documents/code-of-practice-for-canadian-kennel-operations>



# CANADIAN VETERINARIANS' RECOMMENDATIONS

## 1.1.1 Construction

### REQUIREMENTS

1. Construct interior walls and partitions of materials that are appropriately treated or coated to be rendered washable, sanitizable, impervious to moisture, smooth, and durable.
2. The facility meets local construction requirements including fire safety standards related to relevant local legislation.
3. Use only nontoxic materials in places in which dogs have direct contact.
4. Interior walls are in good condition, free of sharp edges or other potential causes of injury.
5. Walls and fences are sturdy, in good repair, and of sufficient height and small enough gaps to prevent escape.

### RECOMMENDED PRACTICES

- a. Render doors, window frames, and window sashes constructed of wood impervious to moisture and resistant to entry by insects, birds, and animals that may be harmful to the buildings or dogs. Treated wood may be toxic to dogs.
- b. Store combustible materials such as paper, wood chips, etc., in a fire-resistant area.

## 1.1.3 Roofs

### REQUIREMENTS

1. Roof coverings fastened to sheathing or directly to the roof joists are laid so as to prevent the entrance of insects, birds, and animals that may be harmful to the buildings or dogs into the facility.
2. The roof is covered with suitable materials in order to eliminate leakage and exposure of dogs to adverse weather conditions.

## 1.1.5 Floors

Kennelled dogs are in constant contact with the enclosure floor. It is vital for dog comfort and foot health that the surface provides good traction, safe footing, is kept clean and dry, and is free of hazardous debris or construction. Constant contact with rough surfaces can lead to foot and skin trauma. A variety of surfaces in an enclosure will allow dogs to select the areas they prefer for sleeping, elimination, and play.

### REQUIREMENTS

1. Ensure good foot health by constructing solid floors. Wire or slatted flooring is unacceptable. Ensure the floor supports the dog without sagging.
2. Construct floors of impervious materials, such as sealed concrete or other materials, which provides a smooth surface that is easy to clean and sanitize.
3. Floors are in good repair and with good traction to prevent slipping and injury.
4. Drain size is at least 10 cm.
5. Drain covers are used and designed to minimize the risk of dog injury.
6. Slope floors towards any drain(s) at a minimum pitch of 2.1 cm/m so that the dogs kept in the enclosure do not have continuous or extended contact with any part of the floor which is wet.

## 1.1.2 Temperature

Environmental temperature is managed by ventilation, sunlight, shade, appropriate insulation, and supplementary heating or cooling. Many breeds of dogs tolerate a range of ambient temperatures as long as they are dry, away from harmful drafts, have adequate bedding material, and have had time to adjust to the temperature. Consideration should be given to factors such as breed conformation, age, and overall health.

### REQUIREMENTS

1. Maintain a temperature in the kennel that optimizes dog comfort.

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10c to 25c depending on the breed and age of the dog

## 1.1.4 Ceilings

### REQUIREMENTS

1. Ceilings are constructed of impervious materials and subject to finishing comparable to those of the walls and partitions.
2. Ceilings, walls, and partitions abut tightly, preventing gaps which can lead to entry by insects, birds, and animals that may be harmful to the buildings or dogs.
3. Seal and treat corners of ceilings, walls, and partitions to render them completely washable and sanitizable.

## 1.1.7 Humidity

Adequate ventilation including use of air exchangers, dehumidifiers, humidifiers, and fans as appropriate will help control humidity.

Relative humidity levels less than 25% are associated with increased discomfort and drying of the mucous membranes and skin, which can lead to chapping and irritation. High humidity levels can result in condensation within the building structure and on interior or exterior surfaces with the subsequent development of moulds and fungi.<sup>2</sup> When combined with high temperature, high humidity can also increase the risk of heat distress.

### REQUIREMENTS

1. Control indoor humidity levels to maintain animal comfort, minimize the risk of transmission of animal disease, prevent damage to the structural integrity of the building and its contents, and prevent accumulation of excess moisture that can promote growth of mould.

#### REQUIREMENTS

1. Potable unfrozen drinking water is readily accessible indoors and outdoors.
2. Water is always kept in clean containers.
3. Snow is not a primary source of water.

Dogs benefit from a space of their own where they can feel secure. Dogs can vary in their selection of this space, which will allow a dog to self soothe when stressed and provide a safe place to take a rest after a training or exercise session. At times, a confined structure is best for the safety of the dog and humans. Puppies benefit through separation from their litter for short periods of time to help cope with the eventual separation when they are sold. Providing a high-reward treat in a secure space is one way to encourage this separation. The length of time they are alone may be gradually increased over time.

#### 3.3.4 Enrichment

Studies have shown that animals raised in an enriched environment are able to learn and retain more information. These animals are also more stable and cope with and recover from frightening or stimulating situations more effectively. The results of positive and varying stimuli in the environment are smarter, and more interactive and trainable dogs.



**CANADIAN VETERINARIANS' RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED**



- Work with Windsor Essex Municipalities to review and amend Animal Care and Control By-laws
- Continue Public outreach and Education
- PAWS Act Review and Amendment







Questions?