

Brampton's Committee of Council

I'm submitting a request to attend the January 19 2022 council meeting.

I am unable to talk loud enough to be heard. Is there a way I can submit my letter and have someone else read it out loud?

My appearance here today is in regards to Brampton's by-law that states we are only permitted 3 dogs. That does not address the concern it was originally intended for which was to curb puppy mills. With the onset of Covid and more people wanting to have a dog, I understand there has been an increase of puppy mills.

The City of Brampton By-law 250-20 reads as follows:

"Number of Animals: You can keep as many as three dogs and six cats – but no more than those numbers – in a residence in Brampton."

This by-law does not address the issue it was originally intended for which was to curb/stop puppy mills. An additional fact is that one cat can birth as many as five litters a year. So you can have 6 cats and each cat has a litter. That's 30 cats, assuming each cat only gives birth to one kitten. Of those cats, each can have 1 kitten as they reach sexual maturity at 4 months. So 6 cats is ok?

This by-law requires multiple revisions:

*If you can provide proof you can give a dog a good life, you can apply to have an exception to this by-law. The following proof is required:

*Proof of spaying or neutering. Proof to be supplied to Brampton Animal Services. . Maximum age for sterilization should be one year or less. For each month after that one year, impose a fine. (All of my dogs are way over the age of 10. No one is having puppies anytime soon)

*Standard of care for all dogs:

*regular yearly shots and proof of same (rabies incl) Documentation to be submitted to Brampton Animal Services

*Grooming

*flea/tic treatment

*Yearly vet visit for physical examination

*socialization

*Nutrition

*daily adequate physical exercise to the dog's ability

*Adequate bedding (old dog old bones)

* must be trained to the level of basic commands. (Sit, stay, down, lay down, no, off, etc) This will also enhance the safety of Brampton residents and other dogs.

*The adoptive person must have the financial means support the dog's care medically, and physically

Animal Control could spend some time holding classes about this? Subsidized or free. They could set up appts with people and have those people run thru the basic commands with their dog. If they haven't done so, find out why, provide assistance/guidance.

How many dogs are sent off to shelters/rescues because the owner has no idea how to train the dog or can't afford to take lessons?. This should be a requirement to owning a dog and there are many ways to get the education to train a dog. I am self taught and have trained all 4 of my dogs. As well, I have assisted others with training them and their dogs. For free. A well behaved dog is likely going to stay in a permanent home if the owner isn't constantly struggling with controlling the dog.

The number of dogs you own isn't relevant. What's relevant is are they well taken care of. I'm not the only person who has multiple dogs and for those who do, it would be a welcome relief to know that the "new" litmus by law would ensure dogs receive adequate and appropriate care.

Be it one dog or four

Please see below

In Mississauga, you are permitted to have 4 pets.

Kingston requests you apply for an Excess Animals Permit

<https://www.greatersudbury.ca/live/animal-services-and-wildlife/animal-care-and-control-by-law/pet-limit/>

Thank you for your time

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