

PUBLIC NOTICE

RE: Changes to City of Dryden Animal Control By-law and Dog Registration Fees

On November 15, 2010, Council approved By-laws 3819-2010 and 3838-2010 which adopted a revised Animal Control By-law and Fee Structure for Animal Control effective January 1, 2011.

The following information summarizes some of the important changes pet owners should be aware of:

1. The Dog Tag/Registration Fee has been increased but the City of Dryden has also provided for certain fee reductions for owners who provide proof (certificate or veterinarian's receipt) for neutering and/or microchipping your dog.
2. The City wants to encourage all pet owners to neuter their pets not only for the health of the animal but to help control local pet population increases and the need to euthanize unwanted pets.
3. Microchipping of all pets is being encouraged as an additional tool to increase the success in reuniting owner and pet.
4. Restrictions on the number of cats per household have been added to the by-law to restrict the number of cats to three (3). Any household within the City of Dryden that currently has more than three (3) cats is grandfathered into the by-law until such time as the number of cats in that household is reduced to no more than three (3) cats. The onus of proof of which is upon the person owning such cats.
5. The City of Dryden Animal Control By-law now includes a requirement for the City to offer unclaimed animals to a local or regional animal rescue agency prior to being euthanized.

Those dog owners who currently have a City of Dryden Dog tag will be mailed a registration package in December 2010 for renewal.

For those registering their dog(s) for the first time or to obtain more information can please contact City Hall at 223-2225 or access the following information on the City of Dryden website www.dryden.ca under Public Notices or under City Services/Dryden Police Service/Animal Control:

By-law 3819-2010 – Animal Control By-law

By-law 3838-2010 – Amend Animal Control Registration Fees

2011 Dog Registration Package

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City Clerk
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