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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Subject Correction of terms contained in March 29th letter sent yesterday

Meeting (if known)

Comments Resubmitting letter of March 29th with correction of several terms

Attachments

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March 30, 2021
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City Hall
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Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Attention: Mayor and Council
c/o City Clerks Office

I am writing this letter to defend all animals not only in Saskatoon but also in the entire province of Saskatchewan.

It is my understanding under the current laws if an animal is provided with food, water and shelter this is all that is required to guard their safety even though they may be distressed and feel abandoned.

We recognize that water rapidly freezes in frigid temperatures. How then are these innocent creatures expected to quench their thirst during our bitter winters here in Saskatchewan?

I have become aware of horrific, heartbreaking situations where pets have been left alone for long periods of time in the owner's yards tolerating the blazing heat of summer, together with suffering the anguish of being cast aside and neglected during our harsh Saskatchewan winters. Comments have been made that some dogs are tied to a tree on their guardian's property, waiting long hours for their owners to return home. They have been shunned, abandoned and are terrorized having no idea of when their guardians will appear to rescue them.

It has been my experience that the SPCA and Animal Control here in Saskatoon have limited power to rescue these helpless animals due to the present mandate that is in place.

This past winter at approximately 10:30 PM on a bone chilling 25 degrees below zero evening, I was sickened to hear a dog barking in my neighbourhood for well over an hour and a half in her fenced yard. The owners were absent.

I first contacted the SPCA. The message on their answering machine advised me to call Animal Control, which I did. Animal Control then informed me they could offer no assistance as long as the animal had food water and shelter and was not running at

large. Furthermore, even though I emphasized the animal was barking in distress alone, frightened and desperate, action could not be taken just because of the barking!

They (Animal Control) offered to send me a form to fill out detailing the time and duration of the barking. This was to be done over a period of four to five days, charting each fifteen minutes of consecutive barking, and/or one hour of intermittent barking, as the case may be.

Under current rules, barking is considered a nuisance from 11:00 PM to 6 AM on weekdays and from 11 PM to 8 AM on weekends. I ask how on earth does this law and information help an animal that requires immediate attention as this precious dog did that evening.

If these rules were applied to a child, would these laws apply? Never!

To have the gift of being a pet guardian requires a huge investment in terms of finances, time, energy and care. Pets are social animals who need to have play time, guidance and interaction with their families as a member of the family. If one cannot provide these necessities of life, then do not have a pet.

I recognize there are many outstanding animal lovers in Saskatoon who are not aware of the laws of this mandate and would be shocked, as I was, that they are in effect today.

Therefore, simply stated, I am requesting that this mandate be totally revised immediately to erase the sorrow, agony and torment towards all animals in this city and province. It is my personal belief that the present by-laws are barbaric and unconscionable.

I would like to close with a simple animal plea. Referencing a card I received from Jacquie Lawson which can apply to all animals as our pets:



A Doggie Prayer

A master who is firm and kind and understands a doggie mind.

A walk-in and a meal a day.

That is all I ask for when I pray.

Below are my words as to my belief regarding the plea of pets towards their people and masters.

“Please love and be with me every day, like you would a little child, because I need you. I can only hope that you will love me enough to say, “we need each other”. Please accept my loyalty and devotion I will never leave you and will always protect you because “you are my world.”

My appreciation for your attention to the above information. I look forward to your response.

Most Sincerely.

Donna Jean Gerrier

