

Good afternoon everyone,

After reading through all your draft bylaw proposals regarding the selling of animals in pet stores, we are very disappointed to see you have chosen to allow all retail selling to continue rather than have a complete ban on selling cats and dogs.

Many municipalities have now passed such bylaws based on what the majority of animal lovers today consider the most moral option to protect any exploitation of animals for sheer greed.

We are also very disappointed to read you are considering Licencing and regulating local kennels in order to allow those animals to also be sold in your retail locations in future. This is also contrary to what the majority of animals lovers consider as exploitation of animals for sheer greed. Retail stores are still thriving without selling any animals, no reason Newmarket stores can't do the same.

We would suggest you propose a more ethical, moral, compassionate and politically correct bylaw that completely bans all retail selling of cats and dogs, and only allow animals to be occasionally featured in store that are for adoption only, from local shelters and legitimate rescue groups, as many municipalities have already enacted and what the majority of animal lovers demand today. This would also be more reflective of your survey results. No retail profit should be made from the exploitation of animals.

Thank you for taking the time to listen and consider changes,
Mr and Mrs J. Clark, Concerned animal lovers.