



## **Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review - Summary of Phase Two Engagement** Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard in Phase 2 Engagement – Executive Summary November 29, 2020

The Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw aims to foster a positive relationship between pets and people and helps create a safe environment for Calgary. The City of Calgary is reviewing this bylaw to better understand how it reflects community values and meets the needs of all Calgarians.

Engagement activities for phase two included:

- 1 website
- 2 presentations
- 4 targeted workshops
- 6 internal workshops

Engagement focused on reaching different stakeholders, including pet owners, people who do not own pets, City staff and pet industry representatives. For the topics listed below, we heard from the public:

- Cats – investing in spay-neuter programs for feral cats is largely supported
- Wildlife – a proposed bylaw section prohibiting feeding and teasing wildlife on private property is supported with some suggested exceptions
- Dogs – measures to reduce bite incidents focused on addressing problems with nuisance behaviour are largely supported and breed specific legislation is discouraged
- Tribunal – there is general support for the proposed tribunal system
- Bite and Run – a proposed bylaw section that would require a dog owner to remain at the scene of a dog bite incident is widely accepted
- Livestock – listed criteria for potential approval of other livestock in Calgary is largely supported
- Pigeons – majority support 1-10 pigeons on a residential property and there is mostly equal support for proposed new rules around enforcement of properties that own pigeons
- Dog Early Warning System (DEWS) – large public support for a voluntary dog early warning system with some concerns raised by internal and targeted stakeholders
- Fine amounts – increasing fines for ‘dog causing death to animal’ and ‘animal damages another animal or property’ has the most public support. All stakeholder groups supported fines for children and adults being the same amount
- Fees (Livestock as Emotional Support Animal (LESA) and low-income) – general support for waiving LESA fees in special circumstances and offering a lower fee for people with low and reduced incomes
- Pet limit – general public support for introducing a limit on the number of pets per household
- Vendors – general support for licence sales from local vendors

A large range of ideas, suggestions and considerations from targeted and internal stakeholders is located in the [What we Heard report](#).