THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE

BY-LAW NO. 15/2023

Being a By-law to Amend By-law 60/2022 being a By-law for the Regulation, Registration, Keeping and Licensing of Dogs, Prohibiting the Running at Large of Dogs and Prohibiting Cruelty to Domestic Animals Within the Municipality of Port Hope

WHEREAS Section 11 (3) of the *Municipal Act 2001*, S.O. c.25, as amended, municipalities have the authority to pass by-laws to regulate animals;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 391 (1) of the *Municipal Act 2001*, S.O. c.25, as amended, authorizes a municipality to impose fees or charges on persons for services or activities provided or done or on behalf of it;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Port Hope has entered into an agreement with the Northumberland Humane Society to provide the Municipality with certain animal control services;

AND WHEREAS Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting held on March 21, 2023 considered Staff Report CS-04-23 and authorized the execution of an agreement with the Northumberland Humane Society to implement the DocuPet dog licensing program;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Port Hope enacts as follows:

1. That Section 2 – Definitions be amended to add a new definition as follows and everything following be renumbered accordingly:

   c) “DocuPet” is an on-line service provider that handles every aspect of the dog licensing process.

2. That the definition of “Dog Tag” in Section 2 – Definitions be amended to read:

   “Dog Tag” shall mean a metal tag that bears an identification number and is suitable to be securely fixed on an animal for the purpose of identification that is issued by ~~the Municipality, Officer or Animal Services.~~ Animal Services.

3. That the following sections under Section 3 – Licensing Provisions be amended accordingly:

3.1 No person shall own, retain, possess, harbour or keep any dog within the Municipality for longer than fourteen (14) days without obtaining a license from ~~the Municipality, or its agent~~, Animal Services in accordance with the provisions of this By-law. Licenses will be valid for a period of 1 year (365 days).

3.2 Dog tags may be obtained from Animal Services through the online service provider ~~the Municipality, the Animal Control Officer or Animal Services~~ DocuPet Inc. as outlined in Fees and Charges By-law. All information collected by Animal Services via the online service provider DocuPet Inc. for the purpose of animal control licensing and enforcement shall not be re-purposed without consent.

3.4 Every dog tag shall bear the serial number and year in which it was issued and a record shall be kept by Animal Services via the online service provider ~~the Municipality~~ DocuPet Inc. showing the name and address of the Owner and the serial number of the tag.

3.9 The Municipality hereby designates Animal Services or their authorized designate or agent (DocuPet Inc.) for the purpose of licensing animals within the Municipality and all fees shall be remitted as per the agreement with the Northumberland Humane Society.

4. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect upon the final passing thereof.

READ a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and finally passed in Open Council this 21st day of March, 2022.

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Olena Hankivsky, Mayor

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Brian Gilmer, Clerk