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Hau, Lucy

Subject: FW: Motion Re: OSPCA Animal Killing

Importance: High

From: Barbi Lazarus

Sent: May 11, 2010 1:13 PM

To: Scarpitti, Frank; Burke, Valerie; Shapero, Erin; Heath, Jack; Landon, Gord; Chiu, Alex; Jones, Jim; Virgilio, Joseph; Hamilton, Don; Moretti, Carolina; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; lkanapthi@markham.ca

Subject: Motion Re: OSPCA Animal Killing

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to urge you to support a motion at council tonight to send a strong voice of protest against the OSPCA's decision to kill every animal in their Newmarket shelter due to an outbreak of ringworm.

Ringworm is an entirely treatable fungal infection - it is nothing to panic over. The OSPCA is looking for a quick fix rather than caring for the animals in their shelter. This is distressing news for residents of Markham who have trusted the OSPCA to handle animal control and care for the Town of Markham.

The OSPCA is paid large sums of money for their animal control services, and it would be disgraceful to have Markham resident's tax dollars used to fund the killing of animals, when rescue groups and OSPCA volunteers have already given an outpouring offer to rehome the animals with ringworm at the shelter.

Although some of the killing has already started, the OSPCA has a contractual obligation to keep impounded animals for five days; those animals can still be saved.

Please, I urge you to pass a motion tonight to quickly voice your opposition to these plans and demand that the OSPCA respects the town of Markham as a client, and not kill any more animals.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbi Lazarus

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Subject: FW: OSPCA shelter

-----Original Message-----

From: Sara K. Copley

Sent: May 11, 2010 3:01 PM

To: Scarpitti, Frank; Heath, Jack; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Horchik, Dan; Hamilton, Don; Moretti, Carolina; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Webster, John

Subject: OSPCA shelter

Dear Mayor Scarpitti and councillors,

I understand that there will be a mass euthanasia of approximately 350 animals at the OSPCA shelter in Markham due to an outbreak of ringworm. I am horrified, shocked and appalled by this decision.

Although the shelter has been endeavouring to get the parasite under control, which is commendable, euthanizing is absolutely not the answer. This does not constitute probable grounds for euthanizing, morally or ethically.

Ringworm is a treatable condition and there are vast alternative resources. Other possible solutions include closing down temporarily, quarantine, foster care for the animals (which is quite available) to treat them and get the situation under control. Rescue organizations are offering assistance in temporary placement of many animals so that they may be treated and their health can be managed outside of the shelter environment. However, the shelter has not responded favourably, if at all.

I hope that this decision is not final and an alternative solution is found.

I believe it would be very unfortunate and detrimental to have this mass killing 'on your hands' as it will certainly hurt the OSPCA's image, especially at a time when shelters are in great need of more public support. The OSPCA has already suffered through its relationship with the THS, and is now under increased public scrutiny. Shelter management will be held responsible for any wrong doing, and killing these animals would most certainly be very wrong! Shelters need to be working for the animals, not killing those that are otherwise healthy, not suffering from a terminal illness, and who could be otherwise brought back to good health again with time, treatment, and temporary foster care.

You have the power to make a difference in this situation.

I look forward to your response.

Yours truly,

Sara K. Copley

**Hau, Lucy**

Subject: FW: Markham Council Needs to Take Immediate Action To Stop The OSPCA**From:** Diane Reilly**Sent:** May 11, 2010 2:56 PM**To:** Scarpitti, Frank**Cc:** Moretti, Carolina; Heath, Jack; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Burke, Valerie; Shapero, Erin; Hamilton, Don; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex**Subject:** Markham Council Needs to Take Immediate Action To Stop The OSPCA**Importance:** High

Mayor Scarpitti:

As a citizen of Markham I am outraged at the OSPCA action against the innocent victims being held in their shelter who will be killed because of a very treatable fungus infection. If this is the caregiver of our lost pets, we need to rethink who we are contracting for their care until their owners can be located. How would any member of Council like their family pet to be treated in such a manner. Many of these pets are lost and should be reunited with their owners, not killed. Many small children as well as adults will be devastated by this loss. Others can be treated and easily cured so that they can be matched up with a loving family. Gandhi said that the people of a nation can be judged by how they treat their animals. Is this how Markham wants to be perceived in the media?

I understand that there is a Council meeting tonight. By tonight many innocent lives will be lost. I am urging you to take immediate action and instruct the OSPCA to cease the killing. I am sure that many Markham Veterinarians and Registered Veterinary Technicians would be willing to donate their time to clear up this outbreak and resume peace and wellbeing within the shelter that Markham has contracted to do a service on our behalf. Citizens will be watching to see what action Council is prepared to take to save these innocent victims. I urge you all to take positive steps to save these poor, unfortunate pets today. These are our pets, not garbage to be so callously exterminated.

Diane Reilly

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Subject: FW: Needles killing of Animals at the York Region OSPCA

From: Rejean Quesnelle

Sent: May 11, 2010 2:34 PM

To: Scarpitti, Frank

Cc: Heath, Jack; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Horchik, Dan; Hamilton, Don; Moretti, Carolina; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Webster, John

Subject: Needles killing of Animals at the York Region OSPCA

Dear Mayor Scarpitti,

It has come to my attention that there will be a mass euthanization of approximately 350 animals at the OSPCA shelter in Markham, due to an outbreak of the parasite, ringworm. I find this to be appalling and deplorable! I hope that this decision is not final and an alternative solution is found.

Mayor Scarpitti, your office has the power to turn this decision around. Ringworm IS treatable and therefore there may be some other less extreme options to euthanasia, which I truly hope are being considered. While it is true that this is a serious outbreak of ringworm, there ARE other options available than killing these innocent animals, i.e. closing down the shelter temporarily, quarantine, foster care for the animals to treat them- these actions would surely be the best management of this situation.

Rescue organizations are offering assistance in temporary placement of many animals so that they may be treated and their health can be managed outside of the shelter environment.

I believe it would be very unfortunate and detrimental to have this mass killing 'on your hands' as it will certainly hurt the OSPCA's image, especially at a time when shelters are in great need of more public support. The OSPCA has already suffered through it's relationship with the THS, and is now under increased public scrutiny. Shelter management as well as local government will be held responsible for any wrong doing, and killing these animals would most certainly be very wrong! Shelters need to be working for the animals, not killing those that are otherwise healthy, not suffering from a terminal illness, and who could be otherwise brought back to good health again with time, treatment, and temporary foster care. Please reconsider this decision and do the right thing by sparing these animals lives. I would hope that the mayor's office can show some compassion and leadership towards, this dear cause.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Reg Quesnelle
Innisfil, Ontario

Hau, Lucy

Subject: FW: Killing of animals

-----Original Message-----

From: Jocelyn McPhail

Sent: May 11, 2010 2:19 PM

To: Scarpitti, Frank; Hamilton, Don

Subject: Killing of animals

Dear Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Scarpitti

I am a resident of Unionville. I was mortified to hear about the killing of 350 animals at the Newmarket shelter. Until this am, I didn't realize that this was also the facility used by Markham.

I am quite new to this area having moved here from Montreal. To date, I have been impressed with the values and attitudes of the local people, Gov and leaders....however the needless slaughter of these animals is unforgivable...and indeed so inconsistent with the conscience this community seems to have.

Are there not ways to engage in people's help to billet the animals and bring them back to health instead? Once healthy, they could be returned to the facility. (I have a dog who had ring worm. It's not a lethal disease...and just needs some relatively inexpensive medication, time and caring to cure it.)

We need to intervene and act as the leaders that this community has become known for.

Regards,

Jocelyn N. McPhail
Unionville, Canada

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Subject: FW: OSPCA to kill 350 animals starting today?!

From: Juli Kaiss

Sent: May 11, 2010 1:52 PM

To: Scarpitti, Frank

Cc: Heath, Jack; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Horchik, Dan; Hamilton, Don; Moretti, Carolina; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Webster, John; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex

Subject: OSPCA to kill 350 animals starting today?!

Importance: High

Dear Mayor Scarpitti,

It has come to my attention that there will be a mass euthanasia of approximately 350 animals at the OSPCA shelter in Markham, due to an outbreak of the parasite, ringworm. I find this to be appalling and deplorable! I hope that this decision is not final and an alternative solution is found. Mayor Scarpitti, **your** office has the power to turn this decision around.

Ringworm IS treatable and therefore there may be some other less extreme options to euthanasia, which I truly hope are being considered. While it is true that this is a serious outbreak of ringworm, there ARE other options available than killing these innocent animals, i.e. closing down the shelter temporarily, quarantine, foster care for the animals to treat them- these actions would surely be the best management of this situation.

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Please reconsider this decision and do the right thing by sparing these animals lives.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Juli Kaiss

Animal Rescue and Advocacy

Toronto, ON

5/11/2010

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Subject: FW: OSPCA

From: Bob Newman

Sent: May 11, 2010 10:24 AM

To: Stephen and Carolaine Lane; Bernice; denielle5@rogers.com; jandrews@toronto.ca; Burke, Valerie; Terri Daniels; tarasermer@gmail.com; Yusoka; Andrea Sims; dr.musson@markhamheritagevetclinic.com; fscarpitti@maarkham.ca; Heath, Jack; Shapero, Erin; Wiles, Bill

Subject: RE: OSPCA

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are appalled at the announcement that OSPCA (York Region) intends to kill some 350 animals some of which surely came from Markham!

Ring worm is usually a factor of over crowding and poor sanitation and can certainly be treated.

OSPCA (York Region) has tripled their client base with no increase in infra structure. The result is an outbreak of ring worm.

We were directly involved with Toronto Humane Society when the OSPCA attacked. The end result again was that hundreds of animals were "killed".

It appears that OSPCA is very reluctant to spend money on sick animals and finds it cheaper to just kill them.

We would suggest this is a very strong reason why the Town of Markham should have it's own shelter and that it not be managed by OSPCA.

Long time residents of Markham and animal right activists,

Sincerely,

Barbara and Bob Newman

Hau, Lucy



Subject: FW: Killing of Animals at the York Region OSPCA

From: AMY C

Sent: May 11, 2010 12:39 PM

To: Scarpitti, Frank

Cc: Heath, Jack; Moretti, Carolina; Jones, Jim; Webster, John; Landon, Gord; Horchik, Dan; Virgilio, Joseph; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex; Burke, Valerie; Shapero, Erin; Hamilton, Don

Subject: Killing of Animals at the York Region OSPCA

To the Mayor & Councillors of Markham:

I am outraged to learn of the York Region OSPCA's decision to KILL 350 animals because of a ringworm outbreak. I thought it was the duty of the OSPCA to protect animals & to treat them not to kill them (the reason I am using the word KILL as opposed to EUTHANIZE is because this is NOT humane) Ringworm was not their fault it is the fault of the OSPCA (who I believe expanded their area but did not expand their shelter size) this was to receive more funding but by cramming more animals in the same size space this is what you get. I have donated funds to the OSPCA and will no longer do so and I know a lot of other people who are outraged by this and are not willing to except the fact that the OSPCA is going to take the EASY WAY OUT & not try and treat these animals or reach out to other rescues that may be able to help out. Ringworm is treatable with medication so I am not sure what the problem is.

I have been informed that you will be holding a meeting regarding the animals this evening & I hope that you will all vote against killing these innocent animals. I know if they could talk they would not want to be killed over a skin problem that CAN be treated.

I hope you will do the right thing.

Kind Regards,
Amy Hughes
Markham, ON

Hau, Lucy



Subject: FW: RE: OSPCA Ringworm situation - URGENT

From: Terry Lazarus

Sent: May 11, 2010 2:04 PM

To: Heath, Jack; Jones, Jim; Burke, Valerie; esharpero@markham.ca

Subject: Fw: RE: OSPCA Ringworm situation - URGENT

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to urge you to support a motion at council tonight to send a strong voice of protest against the OSPCA's decision to kill every animal in their Newmarket shelter due to an outbreak of ringworm.

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Please, I urge you to pass a motion tonight to quickly voice your opposition to these plans and demand that the OSPCA respects the town of Markham as a client, and not kill any more animals.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Terry Lazarus

5/11/2010

**Hau, Lucy****Subject:** FW: Mass euthanasia of approximately 350 animals**From:** Jamie Nolan**Sent:** May 11, 2010 3:35 PM**To:** Scarpitti, Frank**Cc:** Heath, Jack; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Horchik, Dan; Hamilton, Don; Moretti, Carolina; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Webster, John**Subject:** Mass euthanasia of approximately 350 animals

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Please reconsider this decision and do the right thing by sparing these animals lives. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Jamie Nolan

5/11/2010

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Subject: FW: Killing of Animals at the OSPCA's Facility

From: Janet Andrews

Sent: May 11, 2010 3:28 PM

To: Heath, Jack

Subject: Killing of Animals at the OSPCA's Facility

Deputy Mayor Heath:

As an animal lover and a member of the Town's Animal Care Committee, I was both shocked and saddened this morning upon hearing of the OSPCA's intention to kill 350 defenseless animals due to a ringworm outbreak at their facility. According to the media reports, the outbreak was caused by "human error", and has been going on since March. Ringworm can be treated, although it is a long and costly process. Obviously, the OSPCA has chosen to take the cheap and easy route and just kill the animals! While some animal charity groups have offered to take the animals for treatment, the OSPCA has refused to surrender any of the animals.

As the OSPCA is under contract to the Town to provide animal control, some of these animals may belong to Markham residents who do not know their dearly beloved pet is about to be killed or has already been killed. To make matters worse, Town staff did not learn until today when the media broke the story that this was happening, even though the OSPCA performs a contracted service for the Town. Town staff have been trying to get in touch with the OSPCA to instruct them to leave any Markham animals alone until they have been assessed. I understand the OSPCA has not responded to Town staff's request - accordingly, a Town staff person is on route to the OSPCA's facility.

I would ask that Council at its meeting tonight pass a resolution to request the OSPCA to stop the needless killing of these 350 animals and to explore alternative solutions. Based upon the comments I have read today on the various news stories on this matter, many people are offering money to help these animals out.

On a go forward basis, the Town of Markham needs to build its own animal shelter to ensure events like this never happen again.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Janet Andrews

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Subject: FW: URGENT - O.S.P.C.A. crisis

-----Original Message-----

From: Denise Harkin

Sent: May 11, 2010 5:16 PM

To: Scarpitti, Frank; Heath, Jack; Jones, Jim; Landon, Gord; Virgilio, Joseph; Burke, Valerie; Shapero, Erin; Hamilton, Don; Moretti, Carolina; Webster, John; Horchik, Dan; Kanapathi, Logan; Chiu, Alex

Subject: URGENT - O.S.P.C.A. crisis

Hello!

My name is Denise Harkins. I am President of an Animal Rescue organization called Action Volunteers for Animals, (A.V.A.) that is very active in the Markham area. We adopt many of our animals out of Markham PetSmart on Highway 7 in Unionville, rescue strays in Markham and Toronto areas, and feed, and trap and sterilize feral animals in the Markham area.

I am appalled at the proposed actions of the O.S.P.C.A. to euthanize 350 animals because of a ringworm outbreak. While it may be difficult to control the spread in a shelter of this size at this time, ringworm is basically a fungus infection. Animals are usually never lethargic, feeling ill, off their food etc. It does take some time to get over usually 2 months to clear any and all lesions. It is totally treatable. Children who get ringworm are usually advised by a doctor to go to school, adults are usually advised to go to work.

I would agree that a shelter situation is much more difficult to get under control but having dealt with this with many foster animals on 2 occasions, once very severe with several litters of kittens, I am appalled that mass euthanasia is even being considered.

I am aware that the Town of Markham currently has a contract with the O.S.P.C.A. for Animal Control Services so many of your animals are affected as well.

Please voice your concerns about this situation. It is not acceptable. There is no need for it. I hope that you can recommend temporary closure of the facility, and a stop to adoptions while the infestation can get under control. Many, many of the animals in this facility do not even have ringworm... they may just have been exposed to it... as you may have been walking down the street... sitting in a restaurant... or going about your business at City Hall.

Sincerely,

Denise Harkins

Action Volunteers for Animals

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Subject: Please help!

From: Chey

Sent: May 11, 2010 5:04 PM

To: Scarpitti, Frank

Cc: Heath, Jack; Jones, Jim; glandon@markham.c; Virgilio, Joseph; Horchik, Dan; Hamilton, Don; Moretti, Carolina; Shapero, Erin; Burke, Valerie; Webster, John

Subject: Please help!

Importance: High

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Please reconsider this decision and do the right thing by sparing these animals lives.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Lorri Noble

5/11/2010