



The voice of the Canadian pet industry  
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City of Oshawa  
Corporate Services Committee  
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**Re: Regulating the Keeping of Animals: Permitted and Prohibited Animals Lists**

Dear Corporate Services Committee Members,

On behalf of the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council of Canada, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned exercise. I would respectfully ask that our letter and presentation are shared with Corporate Services Committee members and any pertinent staff for consideration regarding *permitted and prohibited animal lists*.

PIJAC Canada is a not-for-profit trade association that represents the different sectors of the Canadian pet industry. Over the last 34 years, our expertise has been recognized in many areas of interest to pet owners and their companion animals. This expertise is regularly sought by municipalities across this country, as well as by agencies from the provincial and federal governments.

For the record, PIJAC Canada has always been supportive of regulations that address areas of concern, provided this is done in a fair and efficient manner. Responsible pet ownership, proper animal care, and husbandry are just a few of the areas our organization promotes, by providing information and training to a variety of stakeholders.

There is a movement afoot to change the pet classification models from PIJAC Canada's recommended prohibited species list to permitted species lists. We feel is a private campaign by anti-pet organizations to utilize Oshawa city council and staff to further their own agenda.

A permitted list removes your constituent's voice and choice. Banning animals results in not only dissatisfaction for elected officials within the community, but it could also bring years of litigation, as seen in the case of the Netherlands which was unable to come to a consensus after 37 years.





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The enforceability of a permitted list is also a costly one. The education and knowledge required of by-law enforcement is extremely high as they will need to be able to identify thousands of different species rather than the few prohibited species.

Our association is committed to working with the city of Oshawa to achieve a fair and effective bylaw outcome. One which benefits your citizens and your community's pets. We look forward to presenting to the committee on September 12, 2022.

Sincerely,

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