

Permitting process for animal related operations

Under the new *Animal Protection and Control Act*

Through past engagement we heard that Yukoners expect to see animal related operations regulated, and in fact believed that permits and inspections were already in place. Yukoners were clear that this would bring more comfort when leaving their animals in the care of these operations.

Under the new *Animal Protection and Control Act*, animal related operations such as pet stores, animal rescue organizations and boarding facilities will require a permit that may be subject to conditions. Existing operations will have one year from when the Act comes into force to obtain a permit.

Animal Protection and Control Officers will have the authority to inspect operations to ensure compliance with permits.

Under the *Animal Protection and Control Act*:

- An animal rescue organization means an organization operated by one or more persons that keeps animals on a temporary basis for the purpose of the protection, care, rescue or re-homing of the animals and includes an animal shelter, a pound, an animal rescue network and any other organization operated for a similar purpose.
- A boarding facility means a business that keeps animals in exchange for the payment of a fee.
- A pet store means a business that offers companion animals for sale to the public, but does not include an animal rescue organization, even if that animal rescue organization accepts donations or requires the payment of a fee for the adoption of animals.

Our purpose is to ensure the permit process is not overly burdensome and should not jeopardize these operations.

We are seeking your opinion about a suitable duration for permits and what fees are reasonable.

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