Municipal Election 2018 Candidate Animal Welfare Survey

Conducted by Windsor/Essex County Humane Society (WECHS)

Essex

Candidate Name
by Position Sought*
**only those candidates who participated in the survey are listed*

Q1: Do you see animal welfare as an issue the municipal government should address?

Q2: Do you support municipal vouchers to assist resident with spaying and neutering their pets?

Q3: Do you support municipal vouchers to assist low-income residents with spaying and neutering their own pet cats with a goal of reducing the future free-roaming cat population?

Q4: Do you support municipal by laws that limit the time that dogs can be outside unsupervised?

Q5: Do you support municipal by laws that limit the time dogs can be left outside unsupervised?

Q6: Do you believe that municipal By laws should set limits on the number of animals a resident can own?

Q7: Do you believe that municipal by laws should prohibit the sale of dogs and cats, requiring stores to work with shelters and rescues to rehome adoptable animals instead?

Q8: Do you support municipal by laws that restrict the ownership of certain breed of dog?

Q9: Do you support municipal by laws that restrict the ownership of exotic animals?

Q10: Do you support allowing residents in urban areas to keep hens as pets?

Q11: Do you support municipal by laws allowing the owner of a vehicle used to abandon an animal to be ticketed for abandonment, even if they are not driving the vehicle at the time?

Q12: If municipalities don't restrict cats from being at large, they are not mandated to provide residents with a place to bring stray cats, although many do so voluntarily as a service their residents want. Do you believe that your municipality should provide residents with this service?

County Candidates Only - Q13: As noted in Q12, many municipalities are not legally mandated to provide animal control services for animals other than dogs. That means, for example, that while your municipal animal control provider would pick up a stray dog hit by a care on public property, most would not pick up an injured stray cat or raccoon. Do you believe that your Town's animal control provider should be required to pick up sick or injured stray cats?

Q14: Do you support municipal by laws that restrict performances of exotic animals?

Q15: Do you support municipal by laws that prevent drivers from driving with a dog on their lap?

Q16: Do you support municipal by laws that prohibit residents from causing or permitting distress (including mental distress) to animals?

Q17: Why should resident who care about animals vote for you?

MAYOR

Kelsie Nelligan

Ron Rogers

I've raised family and see should have compassion for those.
I believe all creatures should be treated with a level of compassion. Humans have the responsibility to be good stewards of our planet and the creatures that share it with us. I believe in the welfare of our animal companions and a reasonable expenditure and focus must be made to that end.

DEPUTY MAYOR

Richard Meloche

I am a good listener and will work hard for the residents of Essex.

COUNCILLOR WARD

WARD 1

Fred Groves

Recently I started my door-to-door campaign in Essex Centre and I was impressed to notice how many people have dogs and/or cats! I believe that pets are a great way to reduce stress and mental health issues.

TOWN COUNCIL

WARD 2

Sherry Bondy

I believe the residents I represent know they can count on my to be a voice for those who don't have a voice and that includes animals. I have brought fundraisers to Harrow for animals in the area and for the Humane Society. Our community recently raised 100 dollars for the care and treatment of a kitty with a bot fly infection. I can called from people all over the region for advice on how to pass animal welfare initiatives in the council chambers. I worked hard to get improvements passed with my council colleagues that didn't always think similar. I believe I am part of the change that is bringing animal rights to the forefront. It has been one of my passions. I have lobbied the province the stop the hunt of snapping turtles. I have worked with the county to get more turtle crossing signs. I push the voucher program here in my town and email other councillors to support it as well. I believe animals need a voice and I believe I have been that voice.

Comments by WECHS

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R. Rogers I have known a number of "pit bull" type dogs that have been extremely lovable and docile. I believe the wrong person can make any breed vicious and hateful Laws need to focus on the humans behind the problems.

Additional Comments by Candidate

K. Kelly	I would like to see an increase in the number of animal control officers in the town as well as more by-laws in place for the protection of animals. We have a town with a lot of animals and people and I would like to see