Municipal Election 2018 Candidate Animal Welfare Survey

Conducted by Windsor/Essex County Humane Society (WECHS)

Windsor

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 care about? (Yes / No / Need more information to answer)

Q2: Do you support municipal vouchers to assist resident with spaying and neutering free-roaming (feral, unowned) cats? (Yes / No / Need more information to answer)

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 problem? (Yes / No / Need more information to answer)

Q4: Do you support municipal by laws that limit the time that dogs can be tethered unattended outdoors? (Yes / No / Need more information to answer)

Q5: Do you support municipal by laws that limit the time dogs can be left outdoors unattended? (Yes / No / Need more information to answer)

Q6: Do you believe that municipal By laws should set limits on the number of animals people can have? (ck all that apply) (Yes, for dogs / Yes, for cats / Yes, for reptiles & pocket pets / No, should be requirement that all pets adequately cared for regardless of number / Need more information to answer)

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? (Yes / No / Need more information to answer)

Q8: Do you support municipal by laws that restrict the ownership of certain breeds of dogs? (Yes / No / Need more information to answer)

Q9: Do you support municipal by laws that restrict the ownership of "exotic" pets? (Yes / No, although limits should be placed on potentially dangerous pets / No / Need more information to answer)

Q10: Do you support allowing residents in urban areas to have backyard chickens? (Yes / No / Need more information to answer)

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? (Yes / No / Need more information to answer)

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 a place to bring stray cats? (Yes / No / Need more information to answer)

Windsor Candidates Only - Q13: In 2017, City staff proposed shifting the municipality's pound services from the Humane Society to Lakeshore Dog Pound as a cost-saving measure. The shift would have eliminated all pound services for cats in Windsor. Do you believe that services for sheltering stray cats should continue to be provided, regardless of what service provider is chosen by the City in the future? (Yes / No / Need more information to answer)

Q14: Do you support municipal by laws that restrict performances of exotic animals (i.e. circuses)? (Yes / No / Need more information to answer)

Q15: Do you support municipal by laws that prevent drivers from driving with a dog loose in the back of a pickup truck? (Yes / No / Need more information to answer)

Q16: Do you support municipal by laws that prohibit residents from causing or permitting distress (including mental distress) in their pets? (Yes / No / Need more information to answer)

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

Candidate	Q17: Why should resident who care about animals vote for you?
MAYOR	
Drew Dilkins	
Matt Marchand	I believe residents who care about animals should vote for me because I am caring and compassionate. I had a dog growing up and would also take care of my neighbour's dog while they were away. I know these issues are important to a significant percentage of people in the community. I would like to work with the Humane Society and other groups in a collaborative manner on these issues going forward, engaging the experts in this field to provide the best ideas and solutions.
COUNCILLOR by WARD	
WARD 1	
Krysta Glovasky-Ridsdale	I believe that companion animals can enhance quality of life for all of us. Compassion and care for all living things is important!
Wiquar Husain	I am an animal lover and have three pets 1- Rabbit 2- Fishes 3- Love birds (buggies) I also believe god has provided sustenance for every living being that god created. One of the living being is HUMAN so we should not interfere with god created system and harm animal. Living in harmony with all is my believe and all the animal lovers have same believes so, they should vote for me. I will support the policies for creating Harmony between human and animals at Windsor City Hall.
Matt Ford	I have three dogs two were with rescue organizations.
WARD 2	
John Elliott	I have had pets my entire life and currently have a cat and dog. I am truly an animal lover.
WARD 3	
Helmi Charif	
Steve Palenkas	I lived with three cats when I was younger and my mother has always been a cat and dog lover. Before I was born, my mother and grandfather always had dogs, but when I was a newborn baby (grandfather died shortly before I was born), there was a special black cat that kept an eye on me and alerted my mother when I was in danger. My mother recently had a registered "therapy pet" cat that died and she's been sad about it ever since.
WARD 4	
Janice Campbell	I am an animal friendly candidate. I support modernized animal rights and their appropriate protections through funding and public policy and am learning every day to expand my appreciation, understanding and responsibilities in this area. As Ward 4 Councillor I will support, legislate and seek to improve upon the existing animal protections and advocate for the humane treatment of animals in our city/region.
Chris Holt	
WARD 5	
Adam Castle	As a fur dad to 3 rescues in my life (2 from the Windsor Essex humane society, and as a past volunteer working to socialize shelter animals, my most acute priority is working towards building a Windsor that works for everyone. That doesn't just include our human residents. Creating new opportunities for pet friendly public spaces and ensuring we maintain the highest standards of animal welfare in our civic policy all falls under that core principal and pillar of my platform.
Martin A. Utrosa	Residents who care about animals should vote for me because as a long time dog owner I understand the challenges of having a pet in the city. As well, I believe in the ethical treatment of all animals, whether they be pets, farm animals or wild. Finally, I feel strongly that animals can enhance our lives and that we in turn should do all we can to do the same for them. Thank you.
Joey Wright	As a pet owner myself I know how big of an impact pets can make on our lives. They provide companionship, love, and sometimes the occasional headache from a squeaky toy. They greet us when we come home and look out the window as we leave. It is important that we provide a safe environment for our pets to ensure they are treated with the love and compassion they give to us. Our Humane Society is a vital partner in the fight to reduce feral cat populations and as an organization that provides information and services to our city. We must continue this partnership if we hope to create a pet safe city, so that all of us can experience the joy having a pet gives us.
WARD 6	
Josh Jacquot	Because I my self have a animal as well I am dedicated to progress.
Terry Yaldo	I respect the role that pets play in people's lives and pet owners deserve to raise animals in an environment that is safe and preserves the integrity of their lives. The welfare of animals is part of the greater welfare of society.
WARD 7	
Angelo Marignani	We live in a beautiful city with some great people. I am here to help our residents enjoy the quality of life that they deserve. Our pets are a big part of that quality of life. As your voice for ward 7 I will advocate for this improved quality of life that will make Windsor the place to be. My cat's name is zu-zu, and we love her.
WARD 8	
David Sundin	
Kathryn MacDonell	I strongly opposed the skunk slaughter and expressed my views directly to council. Skunks and feral cats help keep the rat and mouse population at bay. I believe that we should find ways to live with the wildlife around us. I also believe that there is nothing humane about the destruction of healthy animals. My support for laws protecting animals from abuse is unwavering. A vote for me is a vote to protect animals of all kinds.
Gemma Grey-Hall	I care about animals, and want to see an end to puppy mills. Pet stores should only promote local strays from the humane society.
Patti Hayes	I am a pet owner myself and I care about the well being of all animals. We as a municipality have to ensure that our animals a kept safe and that by-laws are put in place to enable us as pet owners to live in harmony with all residents people and pets.
Lisa Valente	I am a pet owner, I love ALL animals, this is why I've been a vegetarian for over 10 years. I've been an advocate for animal safety and have stood in protest against any circuses and animal abuse. I've spoken up on issues of any store selling puppies and puppy mills, ALWAYS ADOPT! I want to thank you for all you do, you are an amazing organization and help so many pets that don't have a voice.
Giovanni (John) Abati	I consider pets to be family I've had Cats & Dogs never disciplined by hitting (used squirt guns, loud voices & treats) I've always been compassionate and shown attention (walks, petting and playing) keeps pets well disciplined. Thank you for your interest and concern for animals
WARD 9	
Alex Aggarwal	I care for animals and I want them to be treated humanely. I think that the animals are living beings except that they seem to be dumb to us. Due to love for animals, I am completely vegetarian. I am totally against any inhuman treatment to all animals and I highly appreciate the good work that the Humane Society is doing.
Kieran McKenzie	I am a strong supporter of animal welfare policies. In my professional experience, I have developed public policy table in the House of Commons focused on improving animal protection & would work to continue this work a the municipal level.
WARD 10	
Michael Patterson	I proudly support a 3 dog home, Mugsy the 5th, Jazzy and Scarlett. I would consider myself to be a huge animal lover and continue to support the great work the Windsor/Essex County Humane Society provides to all of us. I have on numerous occasions used this service with stray animals in danger. Being in the Service industry I use our roads often and have experienced dangerous situations always offering assistance. I do believe the perfect pet owner adopts their pet, although I am understanding of pet lovers purchasing pets from a responsible/reputable pet store. Proudly and strongly support stronger enforcement of any and all abuse or neglect. I haven't forgotten about Justice nor will I. I know the above are just words but I will promise,vow,guarantee, etc. that the animals of Windsor will not have a more loyal friend at City Council than I.
SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE	
Cathy Cooke - Public (Ward 5 to 8)	
Patrick Hannon - Public (Ward 1, 2 & 9)	I believe those who care about and for animals understand the relationships that we all have with each other and our environment. I am of like mind. We need to have a safe and welcoming environment for animals, our pets and fur kids, and each other generally. I believe this mindset is important for an elected official to have.
Beau Helbert - (Ward 3, 4, & 10)	As an animal lover who has adopted many pets in my life I feel as though it is our responsibility to educate our youth about the appropriate care of pets and the importance of adoption. In the words of Bob Barker, "have your pets spayed or neutered"
Kevin Homick - Catholic	They are very comforting or children and families going through difficult times.
Bernard Mastromattei - Catholic (Ward 3 & 4)	

Question-Related Comments

Q2:
D. Dilkens: I think we need to define appropriate metrics to determine whether our voucher program is working and whether we need to expand or decrease the funding for the program. Right now there is no way for city council to know whether this investment is meeting its objective.
G. Abati: Feral cats can be a health concern for household cats and large populations can harm native bird #s
K. MacDonell: I would like to enhance the voucher program - extending the number of vouchers provided. Additionally I would like to have different promos offering spay/neuter services for $30/cat. This could be done two or three times per year for the next few years to reduce the feral cat population. I support additional funding for this purpose.

Q3:
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Q4:
G. Abati: YES - Climate change leads to extremes in temps

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Q6:
L. Valente: The question concerning amount of pets that would be within reason

Q7:
A. Castle: pet shops yes, absolutely. But not for breeders who operate an ethically sound business.
G. Abati: YES - shelter pets are wonderful

Q8:
G. Abati: NO - Owners are problem

Q9:
A. Castle: I also believe in protecting and enhancing the quality of life for all residents , I would also take into consideration complaints and concerns from neighbours as a limiting factor to how many pets are owned.

Q10:
G. Grey-Hall: Are backyard chickens predominantly pets or food sources?
M. Ultrosa: I believe that chickens in the city should be done on a trial basis with data collected regarding any complaints as well as any positive feedback from owners and their neighbours in order to test the viability of such a plan in Windsor.
G. Abati: City needs to monitor for cleanliness
P. Hannon: Owners of chickens in urban areas should be licensed so as to ensure that the owners are aware of the care chickens need as well as to protect them from becoming preyed upon by other animals. This process should include education to people so that barriers to chicken ownership are removed as much as possible.

Q11:
G. Abati: Need a place to take ALL UNWANTED Pets

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Q13:
L. Valente: I hope I answered 15 right. I would want services to stay in Windsor.

Q15:
W. Husain: Leaving dog loose in the truck can lead to accidents. The dog can distract the driver.
M. Patterson: I can't support a bylaw because due to the size of certain breeds the only means of transportation could be the back of a pickup. I experienced this when at a clinic I witnessed a Saint Bernard being transported in the back of the pickup because it couldn't fit in the truck.
G. Abati: Pets in cages in vehicles

Additional Comments by Candidate

Candidate	Comment
Matt Marchand	On many of these issues, I would want to contact front line workers for animals to see what their best guidelines would be. I would want to give thoughtful consideration to what the organizations feel are best based on their own everyday experiences.
Krysta Glovasky-Ridsdale	I also support TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) for stray/feral management rather than pick-up and destroy methods.
Matt Ford	More information is required on some issues because government slices and dices terms in bylaws. Take a animal performance…what is the legal definition? Playing catch with a dog. Police demonstrating a police dog to the public?
Steve Palenkas	Most of my "need more info" entries means I need to know is the specific animal a danger to others and is it being abused or properly cared for.
Terry Yaldo	Many of the questions I answered, requires me to have more information, like statistics or research to give a definite Yes or No answer.
Kevin Homick - Catholic	We should have more comfort puppies/dogs in our schools.