



## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PET OWNERS

**Bill 32- an Act to amend the Dog Owners' Liability Act, came into effect August 29, 2005.** The amendments include broader powers to deal with dangerous dogs in general, as well as a ban on pit bulls. The definition of a pit bull includes:

- Staffordshire Bull Terrier
- American Staffordshire Terrier
- American pit bull terrier
- **Or a dog that has an appearance and physical characteristics substantially similar to any of the above.**

For residents of Ontario who have owned a pit bull, the legislation contains a “grandfathering” clause allowing existing pit bulls to remain in Ontario provided the owner can prove the pit bull resided in Ontario prior to August 29, 2005 or was born within 90 days of August 29, 2005. **The most effective way to ensure proof of ownership is for dog owners to have their dog registered with the municipality.** Registration provides a means by which any pet can be identified and returned home safely if it becomes lost, as well as ensuring compliance with the new legislation.

**Any pit bull, or pit bull mix, born after November 29, 2005 is considered Prohibited under this legislation.**

**Additional regulations require pit bulls to be leashed and muzzled in public and spayed or neutered.**

For information on how to register or license your pet, or for more information on the pit bull restrictions, visit us at 919 Farewell Street South, or call us at 905 723 3488.

### Office Hours

Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Adoption hours 10:00 am to 4:30 pm

Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Adoption hours 10:00 am to 3:30 pm