CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 14-121

To Amend By-law No. 12-031, a By-law for Responsible Animal Ownership

WHEREAS Council enacted a by-law for responsible animal ownership being City of Hamilton By-law No. 12-031;

AND WHEREAS this By-law provides for amendments including an amendment with respect to accreditation by Canada’s Accredited Zoos and Aquariums;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. Part 10 of By-law No. 12-031 is amended by adding the following new section 10.6:

10.6(1) For the purposes of subsection 10.6(2) “institution” and “facility” have the meaning given to those words by Canada’s Accredited Zoos and Aquariums.

(2) Despite section 10.1, an institution whose facility is accredited by Canada’s Accredited Zoos and Aquariums may keep an animal prohibited under section 10.1 if:

(a) the institution maintains its Canada’s Accredited Zoos and Aquariums accreditation;

(b) neither the institution nor the facility sells or offers for sale animals;

(c) the facility is on premises zoned under a City zoning by-law permitting the use;
(d) the facility is on premises where there is no residential use;

(e) the facility:

(i) shares no common wall with any other use or is self-contained in accordance with its Canada’s Accredited Zoos and Aquariums accreditation;

(ii) shares no HVAC system and no plumbing system with any other use; and

(f) signs are posted in the facility at all public entrances/exits and in each room where animals are displayed that:

(i) include the statements:

- caution: the animals on display are unpredictable and may be dangerous;

- after touching the animals or their living areas wash your hands; and

(ii) can be easily read by any person approaching.

(3) Despite sections 10.4 and 10.5, animals kept on premises that meet the requirements of subsection 10.6(2) may be kept outside of an escape-proof enclosure or a suitable enclosure for educational purposes.

2. This By-law comes into force on the day it is passed.

PASSED this 14th day of May, 2014.

R. Bratina                                  R. Caterini
Mayor                                    City Clerk