



**Questionnaire for Candidates for HRM Election 2008**  
**regarding dog issues**

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Candidates Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**September 23, 2008**

1. Do you own a dog? Yes  No
2. Do you own more than one dog? Yes  No
3. Do you think that the HRM is dog friendly? Yes  No
4. Do you feel that you know enough about Bylaw A300 that you can comment on it? Yes  No
5. If you answered yes to question 4 – do you think that bylaw A300 puts dogs in danger in the HRM?  
Yes  No  No Comment
6. If you answered yes to question 5 – will you do anything to try and see that Bylaw A300 gets the controversial parts of it rewritten after you are elected? Yes  No  No Comment  (ie the section that states a dog attack only has to include a person needing to feel “threatened” to constitute an attack – no actual physical interaction needs to take place).
7. Do you think that the HRM Regional Council has focused too much on domestic animal issues in recent years? Yes  No  No Comment
8. As far as you’re concerned – would you like the mandate of the new Regional Council for the next four years to stay away from domestic animal issues? Yes  No  No Comment
9. Do you think that the City should spend several million dollars on a new Municipal shelter?  
Yes  No  No Comment
10. Have you read the 2005 report from Jim Badow and Associates that was recently declassified? You can read it online at [http://nshomelesspets.com/2008\\_04\\_24\\_10\\_17\\_51.pdf](http://nshomelesspets.com/2008_04_24_10_17_51.pdf) Yes  No  No Comment
11. Do you think there is sufficient off leash space currently in the HRM? Yes  No  No Comment
12. Do you know how many legal off leash parks there are currently in the HRM? How many of them are there? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Would you like to see some public space dedicated JUST for offleash exercise for dogs, rather than the multi-use parks that currently exist? Yes  No  No Comment

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14. What about dogs in public spaces in general – do you think there should be limits on that? Last year Yarmouth tried to impose a ban on dogs in their downtown core area – a public space ban on dogs in their downtown area – do you foresee anything like that ever happening in Halifax – WOULD you like to see any kind of a public space ban for dogs in the HRM for a certain space that they are currently allowed to go to – on leash or off? Yes  No  No Comment  And if you could impose a public space ban – where would you like to stop dogs being allowed to go to in your riding specifically, and HRM in general ?

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15. Do you think that dog owners are an important demographic in today's society that's growing – and a demographic that needs to be listened to? Yes  No  No Comment

16. How do you feel about licensing dogs, do you think the income generated from that money should go back into the Animal Control coffers to pay for that department's budget? Yes  No  No Comment

17. And what about the summary ticket offences that Animal Control officers issue? Do you think that fine income should also support the Animal Control budget? It currently doesn't. Yes  No  No Comment

18. If you answered no – why not?

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19. Do you think that HRM Animal Control Officers are currently sufficiently trained for the jobs that they are required to do? Yes  No  No Comment

20. Do you think that local private rescues should be given access to Municipal funding for the work that they're doing – ie applying for grants to start up and or maintain trap, neuter and release cats in the HRM? Yes  No  No Comment

21. Do you feel that **in-home** doggy day cares are an essential service for dog owners in the Halifax Regional Municipality – especially in your riding? Yes  No  No Comment

22. If you answered no to the above question – why not?

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Please email back completed questionnaires to [dogkisser@gmail.com](mailto:dogkisser@gmail.com)

The voting, tax paying dog owners of the Halifax Regional Municipality of Halifax sincerely appreciate you taking the time to answer these questions – thank you very much – and good luck on October 18<sup>th</sup>!!

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