

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF MAPLE RIDGE

BY-LAW NO. 5755-1999

A by-law to prohibit performances involving wild or exotic animals

WHEREAS, the Council may, pursuant to Section 680(a) of the Local Government Act, 1996 R.S.B.C. C.323, prohibit the operation of a public show, exhibition, carnival or performance of any particular kind or in any particular location or both;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to prohibit the exhibition of wild or exotic animals;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the District of Maple Ridge, in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) This By-law shall be cited for all purposes as “Maple Ridge Exotic Animal By-Law No. 5755-1999.
- 2) In this By-law “Wild or Exotic Animal” means an animal as listed in Schedule “A” of this By-law.
- 3) Subject to Section 4, no person shall operate or carry on a circus, public show, exhibition, carnival or performance in which wild or exotic animals accompany or are required to perform tricks, fight or participate in performances for the amusement or entertainment of an audience.
- 4) Nothing contained in the By-law shall prohibit or restrict the operation of an aquarium or zoological park as accredited by the Canadian Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums.
- 5) Any person who contravenes the provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and on summary conviction is liable to a fine of not more than \$2,000.

READ A FIRST TIME the 23rd day of February, 1999.

READ A SECOND TIME the 23rd day of February, 1999.

READ A THIRD TIME the 23rd day of January, 2001.

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED the 13th day of February, 2001.

MAYOR

CLERK

Maple Ridge Exotic Animal By-law No. 5755 – 1999.

Schedule “A”

The following list of animals constitutes “wild or exotic animals” for the purposes of the By-law to which this Schedule is attached. The list includes all such animals whether bred in the wild or in captivity and also includes all their hybrids with domestic species. The words in parentheses are intended to act as examples only and are not to be construed as being an exhaustive list or to otherwise limit the generality of each group of animals.

- 1) Non-human primates (such as gorillas and monkeys).
- 2) Felids, except domesticated cats.
- 3) Canis, except domestic dogs.
- 4) Ursids (bears).
- 5) Elephants.
- 6) Pinnipedia (such as seals and walruses).
- 7) Crocodylians (such as alligators and crocodiles).
- 8) Marsupials (such as kangaroos and opossums)
- 9) Poisonous & venomous animals (such as reptiles, tarantulas, scorpions, blue winged octopus, stone fish).
- 10) Ungulates, except domestic horses, mules, asses, goats, sheep, pigs, cattle, llamas and alpacas.
- 11) Hyaenas.
- 12) Mustelines (such as skunks, weasels, otters and badgers) except the domestic ferret.
- 13) Procyonidae (such as raccoons and coatis).
- 14) Edentates (such as anteaters, sloth and armadillos).
- 15) Viverrines (such as mongooses, civets, and genets).
- 16) Chiroptera (bats).
- 17) Rodentia (such as porcupines, prairie dogs, capybaras) except for domesticated rodents such as mice, rats, guinea pigs & gerbils.
- 18) Erinacidae (such as hedgehogs).
- 19) Cetacea (Beluga whale, Orca whale, dolphin).
- 20) Testudines (turtle, tortoise, terapin).
- 21) Snakes.