

# Corporate Policy

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## Policy

The City of Port Moody prohibits Mobile Live Animal Programs and Performances, including but not limited to those intended for entertainment, education, or sport (e.g. Rodeos). The intent of this policy is to protect and promote the rights of animals on City-owned land.

## Definitions

“Animal” means any mammal, reptile, amphibian, bird, invertebrate, or fish, but does not include humans. This includes exotic animals, farm animals, and wild animals.

“Mobile Live Animal Programs” means a mobile operation, facility, animal performance or place where live animals are brought to a location on a temporary basis and, whether segregated from persons by fixed barriers or not, are made available for exhibit, observation, recreation, entertainment, and any degree of physical or other interaction with such persons, other than those persons charged with the custody of the animals, or any other purpose. Includes petting zoos, travelling exhibits, live animal shows, agricultural fairs/exhibits, presentations, circuses, carnivals, animal fights, and traveling horse/pony rides or demonstrations.

“Rodeos” means an exhibition or contest for such events in which skills such as (but not limited to) riding, roping, and wrestling are demonstrated, using an animal such as (but not limited to) horses, cows, calves, steers, and/or bulls, and for the purposes of this policy, includes rodeo practices.

## Procedures

No person shall operate or carry on a Mobile Live Animal Program, whether temporary or permanent, in which animals are travelling with or otherwise accompanying the show and are required to perform tricks, fight, or participate in performances by the show for the education, amusement, or entertainment of an audience.

### Event Permits

The City’s Festival and Special Event Handbook will be updated to reflect this Policy. All event applications will be reviewed by staff to ensure that they adhere to the Policy.

### Business Licences

During a future update of the Business Licensing and Regulation Bylaw, updates will be made to ensure consistency with this Policy (e.g. updates to sections 5.13 and 5.15(c)). In the interim, if a business licence application is made for a Mobile Live Animal Program, e.g. Rodeo, Circus, or Mobile Live Animal Education Program, it will be reviewed in the context of this Policy and only issued if it adheres to the Policy and/or Council supports issuance of the licence.

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### **Mobile Live Animal Programs**

#### Public Education

Staff will develop communications material to educate the public about the animal welfare concerns associated with Mobile Live Animal Programs.

## **Excluded Activities**

This policy does not apply to activities involving domestic dogs and cats, including but not limited to:

- adoption events operated by registered animal shelters/rescues;
- owner gatherings, such as training classes, meetups, or events;
- health and/or welfare services provided by trained and qualified professionals; and
- support animal activities, such as emotional support animal visits, or licensed guide and service dog activities.

## **Monitoring/Authority**

This policy is to be administered and monitored by the General Manager of Community Services and the General Manager of Community Development.