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Mayor & Council – Northern Rockies Regional Municipality

Cost report for residential pet care during our May 2024 evacuation

During the recent evacuation of Fort Nelson and surrounding areas due to the Parker Lake wildfire, it became abundantly clear in the first 48 hours of the event that many people left the community in a hurry and a large number of pets remained here. Many thought they would be back in a matter of a few days.

I and another individual along with [REDACTED] (who evacuated) realized that these pets needed to be cared for in terms of food, habitat cleaning, bathroom hygiene (litter boxes etc.) and human company.

There were 38 households (not counting chicken coups) consisting of pets who were left behind. A majority of the pets were cats, but we also cared for and fed dogs, birds, fish, hamsters, gerbils, a hedgehog, newborn puppies, newborn chicks, and chicken coups (X3). The costs to handle these pets exceeded my cost expectations. I have included in this correspondence, an itemized list (in retail\$) of the product that was provided by Pet Pa's for your perusal. I have included the total cash donations amount received as well.

The additional cost of \$3464.30 above and beyond the regular business losses (rent, wages, loss in revenue) is significant and will add to the time it will take the business to recover. I appreciate any consideration given by our municipality. Note that my insurance companies advise they cannot cover my costs in this regard. Had I lost product to destruction by the wildfire, some compensation would be considered.

Best regards,

K. Johnson – Owner/Operator Pet Pa's Food & Accessories.



Here is an outline of the products dispensed from Pet Pa's to assist left-behind-animals between May 11 and May 23, 2024.

Cats:

7 X 18kg bags of Regal premium cat food @ \$139.95 ea. Total: \$979.65

5 X 18kg bags of Supreme cat food @ \$149.95 ea. Total: \$749.75

48 cans Nutro premium (soft) cat food @ 3.95 ea. Total: \$189.60

26 X 15kg bags of EnviroMagic cat litter @ \$30.00 ea. Total: \$780.00

Dogs:

4 X Multi Value dry dog food @ \$54.00 ea. Total: \$216.00

5 X Multi Menu Lamb @ Rice dry dog food @ \$89.00 ea. Total: \$445.00

4 X Advantage Chicken & Brown Rice 16kg dry food @ 69.00 Total: \$276.00

2 X ProNature Chicken & Oatmeal dry dog food @ 79.00 ea. Total: \$158.00

Small animal:

10 Bags Timothy Hay @ \$29.95 ea. Total: \$299.50

8 X 5lb bags of premium rabbit food @ 29.95 ea Total: \$239.60

4 X 2lb bags of cockatiel food @ 10.00 ea. Total: \$40.00

2 X 5lb bags of premium hamster food @ 29.95 ea Total: \$59.90

Fuel cost: \$131.30 to date. (Have receipts)

Grand total of product out the door (retail prices) and fuel: \$4564.30 - \$1,100 (Cash donations) = \$3464.30

Also paid full rent & normal wages even though we were closed for 2 weeks. (Not included in total).

**Note: We received \$1,100.00 in cash donations.