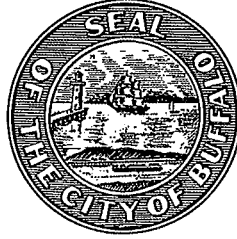


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## Buffalo Common Council Passes Law Protecting Dogs

Humane Society of the United States Applauds City Law

On Wednesday December 26<sup>th</sup> the Buffalo Common Council passed a law prohibiting tethering dogs for over an hour in extreme weather conditions (when temperature is over 90 degrees or below freezing). Councilmember Joel Feroletto sponsored the ordinance and worked with the SPCA Serving Erie County, University at Buffalo Animal Law Clinic, and City of Buffalo Law department.

"This common-sense legislation will protect dogs in extreme weather," said **Council Member Joel Feroletto**.

"**The Humane Society of the United States** applauds the City of Buffalo Common Council and, Council Member Joel P. Feroletto for passing this law, which protects animals during extreme weather conditions," said Brian Shapiro, New York State Director for the HSUS. "Buffalo joins the cities of Syracuse and Utica in passing such legislation and we encourage other upstate communities to follow their lead."

"I would like to thank Council Member Joel Feroletto for taking the lead on this initiative," said **South District Council Member Christopher Scanlon**. "As legislators, we consistently worry about the well-being of the men and women we represent. With this legislation, we are taking things a step further to ensure the well-being of man's best friend."

**Gary Willoughby, President & CEO of the SPCA Serving Erie County** said, "The SPCA appreciates the City of Buffalo's leadership in helping to protect its community's dogs, understanding their vulnerability in extreme weather conditions. Buffalo was the birthplace of North America's second-oldest Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and this latest protection effort highlights how Buffalo continues to be a wonderful place for people and their pets."

"The Student Attorneys at University at Buffalo School of Law's Animal Law Clinic provided the results of extensive research on both the underlying policy matters, and examples of similar laws from across the nation, to support the City of Buffalo in crafting the best possible legislation for Buffalo's human and canine citizens," said **Professor and Vice Dean Kim Diana Connolly, who directs UB's Animal Law Clinic**.

"The partnership between the City of Buffalo and the SPCA Serving Erie County has forged an important step forward in protecting companion animals in extreme weather. Dogs cannot be tied up outside in freezing weather or in extreme heat. This new law will protect hundreds, if not thousands, of dogs each year and will help set the standard for the rest of the state," said **Libby Post, Executive Director of the New York State Animal Federation**, the political voice of New York's animal shelters. "We will take this effort to other municipalities across the state to protect even more dogs."

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