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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

October 23, 2000

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 00-83, regarding a report on the recent increase of rodents and skunks in the City, Animal Commissioner Director Mark McCabe reports the following:

Wildlife in the City is looking for food and shelter, both of which are plentiful. Skunks, raccoons and opossums live under houses, in chimneys, in vacant structures, etc. The Cambridge Animal Commission educates the public on how to exclude animals that do live on their property as well as recommendations on how to prevent wildlife from taking up residence. Only when food and shelter are not provided will we be able to have an impact on the population. The Cambridge Animal Commission will respond to sick and injured animals; however, property owners that have nuisance wildlife living on their property are given exclusion information.

Construction and development in various areas as well as sanitary issues can cause an increase in rodent population. The Inspectional Services Department will respond to notification of increased rodent activity that may be caused by these reasons. The Cambridge Animal Commission will respond to an injured rat; however does not provide extermination services.

Very truly yours,

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Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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**Relative to AW Rpt. #00-83,
regarding a report on the
increase of rodents & skunks.**

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