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Mrs. Donna Lopez
CAMBRIDGE CITY HALL
Office of the City Clerk
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

Dear Mrs. Lopez:

My warm conversation with you not only bolstered my feelings, it also gave me added conviction that, with your help, the leash laws will see vigorous enactment.

As a native-born citizen of Cambridge I would greatly appreciate the enforcement of aforementioned laws. Lack of enforcement, especially in the area of Cambridge in which I live, stands as a violation of Citizen rights in the protection of personal (self) property, and as a violation of a countervailing state [city] interest: protection of rights and health of all Cambridge Citizens. When one realizes that, in the heat of summer, disease can spread by dog droppings on sidewalks and at one's doors, such activity calls for vigorous enforcement of aforementioned laws. Also, like the postman, I, too, would enjoy not being barked at or chased by dogs let on the loose (with or without a license).

Every morning on my way to work I must walk in the streets as the sidewalks have become the domain of dogs and their owners. I am not against animals, per se. There is a place for them, but it is NOT THE SIDEWALKS when they must answer Nature's call. Cambridge has become OVERRUN WITH DOGS!!!!

I am also extremely sorry to see that City Hall Proper has become the domain of people sleeping on the lawn and their pets allowed to do their duty on said lawn. Is no place SACRED anymore? I am glad to see the Public Commons in Harvard Square returned to the citizens—the taxpayers!!!! Does not Cambridge Proper, itself, deserve the same treatment? I believe it does.

Enforcement could be brought about by the institution of fines: \$50 for first offenses, to be doubled on each continuing offense to a maximum of \$200, with persistent violators having their animals impounded, and made to CLEAN UP immediately after their animals! It is said that you must "hit" people where it hurts [the wallet] to bring about effective, meaningful change. I believe we must!!! Dogs let on the loose should be immediately impounded; more jobs opened for dogcatchers on a Civil Service basis, to bring about this POSITIVE change. The protection of the health of citizens of Cambridge demand swift action. We have delayed long enough. Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

Miss Marjorie L. Francis
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Miss Marjorie L. Francis
310 Harvard Street requesting
enforcement of Animal Control Laws.

In City Council,
June 26, 1978

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City Manager.
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