Hi Sue,

I saw that you were the one to comment to regarding the new animal bylaw.

I would love to see chickens be allowed in urban settings in Hamilton. There would of course need to be law about how close they can be to a neighbour, but having urban chickens makes sense in so many ways:

1- They are not loud (compared to a dog).
2- They allow us to be in touch with where our food comes from. I have 3 young children and right now we have to drive to a friend who lives in the country so they can learn about where their meat comes from.
3- Farmed chicken practices raise chickens in such a cheap, hurried way that the quality of eggs and chicken meat is very poor. Urban chickens would give much better quality because they aren't squished into a tiny space while they are raised.
4- In this tough economic time, urban chickens allows a cheaper, economic way to get protein in our diets.

I know that a lot of other urban cities have adopted urban chicken laws. I urge Hamilton to do the same!

I should also add that other people I have talked to have similar feelings to my own on this matter.

Thanks,
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