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ADLC has worked for more than 50 years for animal welfare and animal rights. Through newspaper ads, information flyers and our website we raise public awareness of humans' oppression of animals and how to prevent and alleviate animal suffering. We oppose all forms of animal exploitation, cruelty and neglect as occur in biomedical experimentation, factory-farming for food or fur, trapping, hunting, sealing and whaling except for subsistence, and we oppose zoos, circuses, rodeos and aquariums.

We promote a vegetarian or vegan diet, encourage spaying and neutering of cats and dogs to prevent animal homelessness. We have established a non-animal-using Alternative Research Fund (ARF) which has issued 7 grants to date. The ARF supports excellent biomedical research projects which rely on ethical clinical research with humans, human tissue and organ culture, simulators, computer science, film education, epidemiology and other non-animal-using methods. In support of compassion and ethical considerations for animals, we submit recommendations to government for better legislation to protect animals, contact news media including Letters to the Editor, and publish this Bulletin twice annually about our activities and current issues.

Your donations to the Spay/Neuter Fund, Animals in Distress Fund and Alternative Research Fund promote and make possible their objectives.

General donations pay for media advertisements, information flyers and publications, part-time office help, accounting, office equipment and supplies.

***YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND DONATIONS ENABLE ADLC TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS
ON BEHALF OF THE ANIMALS.*** (See page 11 for Donation/Membership form.)

CANADA'S ANIMAL CRUELTY LAWS NEED UPDATING: July 4, 2016 we faxed the letter below to **Prime Minister Trudeau**, with a copy to the **Hon. Jody Wilson-Raybould**, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, and to **MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith** who is sponsoring Bill C-246, with a second reading in the House of Commons in May 2016. No reply so far.

RE: Bill C-246 – An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Fisheries Act, the Textile Labelling Act, the Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Inter-provincial Trade Act and the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act (animal protection)

We urge you and your party to please support Bill C-246 in its entirety. Canada's animal cruelty laws are shamefully weak and lacking. Bill C-246 would create a new section of the Criminal Code called "Offences against animals".

There are so many reasons to support this Bill:

- would toughen penalties for repeat animal abusers;
- would close legal loopholes that let animal abusers go unpunished;

- would crack down on dog fighting;
- would protect animals from sexual abuse;
- would prohibit shark finning in Canadian waters and ban the import of shark fins into Canada;
- would ban the import of dog and cat fur (most comes from China that has no animal welfare laws), and require that fur be labeled with the animal species and country of origin.¹

A 2015 **Environics Research Group** survey found that 92% of survey participants agreed that the Criminal Code should be updated to make it easier to convict those who commit acts of cruelty to animals.²

Please support the overwhelming number of Canadians who want to see our laws improved and strengthened to protect animals against cruelty.

We await to hear your thoughts on this, and hope that you agree with us.

Atch: - "Briefing Note: Bill C-246, Modernizing Animal Protections Act"¹
- "Fast Facts: Bill C-246, Modernizing Animal Protections Act"³

¹"Briefing Note: Bill C-246, Modernizing Animal Protections Act", *Animal Alliance of Canada's* website: www.animalalliance.ca/campaigns/bill-c-246-modernizing-animal-protection-act/, Toronto, Ontario.

²Ibid.

³Bill C-246 "The Modernizing Animal Protections Act", *Animal Alliance of Canada's* website: www.animalalliance.ca/campaigns/bill-c-246-modernizing-animal-protection-act/, Toronto, Ontario.

CANADA'S DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE'S (DND) USE OF ANIMALS: May 17, 2016 we sent the letter below to the **Hon. Harjit S. Sajjan**, Minister of National Defence, with copies to **Prime Minister Trudeau**, **MP Elizabeth May** and opposition party DND critics: **MP James Bezan**, **MP Randall Garrison**, and **MP Michel Boudrias**.

Re Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Training

We are writing you in hope that you can accommodate our concern for human and animal wellbeing in the above-noted matter.

Currently, 23 NATO countries provide excellent human-based Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) training to medical personnel using modern "human" mannequin simulators. Canada is fortunate to have the **University of Ottawa Skills and Simulation Centre (uOSSC)**, a **worldwide leader in simulation-based education**, and the largest simulation training centre of its kind in Canada, to provide vitally needed human-based ATLS training.

uOSSC provides training on sophisticated "human" mannequin simulators which are fully interactive, with heartbeats, breath sounds, vital signs and special capabilities **to facilitate first-rate human-based ATLS training.** (www.uossc.ca)

So we ask why, in view of this, is **Canada's Department of National Defence (DND)** part of the six NATO countries which provide inferior training by choosing instead to severely injure and kill pigs, goats, and other animals for this purpose. These animals are anatomically vastly different from humans and do not provide appropriate human-based training.

Please let us know if and when we could expect **DND** to provide ATLS training on "human" mannequin simulators and stop causing this extreme and futile animal suffering.

Thank you for your kind consideration of the above. We look forward to your reply.

We received a reply from the **Minister** of DND and he stated they are complying with the **Canadian Council on Animal Care's** policies and guidelines "to ensure the ethical and humane treatment of animals used in training." DND's Advanced Trauma Life Support training is provided by a third-party, and as far as they are aware "no Canadian institution teaching ATLS uses live animals as part of its curriculum."

DANGEROUS STREET DRAINS: April 4 (and again on June 15, 2016) we sent the letter below to **Councillor Deans**, Chairperson, Community and Protective Services Committee, Ottawa City Hall. No response yet.

This past winter we received a call from an Ottawa resident who saw a squirrel crossing a residential street as a car came by, and she was horrified to see the scared squirrel run into the large 6" high x 28" wide opening of the new street drains that are now being installed on the walls of sidewalk curbs. The squirrel dropped down into the sewer and was trapped and likely died.

These new street drains are everywhere. Recently I saw two that were very close to corners where people cross the road. At night, or crossing while distracted, a person could easily catch their foot in these street drains and be hurt.

Was animal or human safety a consideration when switching to this new way of clearing Ottawa streets of run-off water? Can/will anything be done to fix the problem of added risk to small domestic animals, wildlife and humans?

HELP STOP CANADA'S CRUEL EAST COAST COMMERCIAL SEAL SLAUGHTER: Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans set a quota of 400,000 harp seals in 2016.

International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) on-line article "Save seals. End Canada's commercial seal hunt." (www.ifaw.org/canada/get-involved/future-seals-and-sealers): "... Every spring, seal pups between 3 weeks and 3 months of age are brutally shot, clubbed and skinned. Their carcasses are left to rot on the ice or dumped into the ocean.

Seals are dying needlessly for an industry that wouldn't exist but for government subsidies. Most of the world no longer needs or wants seal products. Still the killing continues. ...

[WHAT YOU CAN DO:] Tell Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Dominic Leblanc to develop a plan to buy out commercial sealing licenses, and end the commercial seal hunt now. ... [*IFAW* has] prepared a template email for you to send as is, or with your own respectful comments. ...

Dear Prime Minister and Minister of Fisheries and Oceans,

It's time to end the commercial, non-aboriginal seal hunt in Canada. Since 1996, this industry has received over \$50 million dollars in government funding, and continues to require financial support to operate today.

The world has said 'no' to seal products, and 35 countries have already banned them. The world doesn't need seal products, and Canada doesn't need a commercial seal hunt.

Canada can do better. I am calling on you to buy out sealing licenses, and provide real support for fishermen and communities in rural Newfoundland and Labrador.

I'm not alone in my opinion: 75% of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians agree that it's time to help sealers transition into other employment. Support for fishermen and rural communities should not be dependent on the continuation of the commercial seal hunt.

The previous government left sealers high and dry as markets for seal products disappeared. It's time for a change. It's time to stop propping up this dying industry, and help communities share in Canada's bright future. ..."

Please let your federal **Member of Parliament** and **Senators** know you support a legislated end to the horrifyingly cruel annual east coast commercial seal hunt. Urge them to support a federal sealing industry buyout. By compensating fishermen for their sealing licenses and developing economic alternatives to help the communities that would be affected by ending Canada's cruel commercial seal hunt, this would cost much less than the Canadian government spends to keep the annual commercial hunt going. If you cannot electronically submit your letter, **PLEASE WRITE TO: Prime Minister Trudeau**, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A2; **Fisheries and Oceans Minister**, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6. For **Members of Parliament/Senators** names and contact information visit the **Government of Canada** website: **www.Senators and Members – Parliament of Canada** or telephone 1-800-622-6232. No postage required when mailed in Canada.

PETITIONS ADLC IS SUPPORTING: House of Commons Electronic Petitions: **e-1** (Cruelty to animals) – This Petition was seeking a ban on the sale and use of electric shock devices on any pet and recognize that their use as a teaching tool is cruel and unnecessary. **e-167** (Cruelty to animals) – requesting an end to the captivity of whales and dolphins: "... they suffer unjustifiably when kept in display tanks; and • The practice of keeping them in display tanks is plainly cruel. ..." **e-191** (Hunting) – Petition requesting "... a law or regulation within the calendar year banning the importation of all animal parts originating from Africa into Canada for the purpose of trophy ..." **e-229** (Hunting) – similar Petition calling upon the Canadian Government "... to ban the importation of animal 'trophies', mounted or unmounted." **e-266** (Cruelty to animals) – Amend Bill C-246 [See page 1 of this Bulletin.] – Seeking fines and/or jail time for anglers who break the law under Offences Against Animals, section 182.1(1) and (a), (b) and (e). **e-333** (Use of animals in research) – a Petition requesting "... an immediate ban on any scientific research on animals that falls under **Canadian Council on Animal Care** Categories of Invasiveness D & E. These experiments involve the highest levels of pain and distress to the animal. We further urge Parliamentarians to call for a re-evaluation of the use of animals given the availability and superiority of modern technological alternatives. ..." **e-355** (Animal transportation) – a Petition to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food requesting improvements to how food animals are transported.

ADLC ADVERTISING: "**BE KIND TO ANIMALS. Don't exploit them.**" is the heading of an ad we have been placing in *The Ottawa Citizen* once a month since January 2016. Excerpt of our ad text follows:

Help us support non-animal-using biomedical research to replace experiments on dogs, horses, goats, pigs and other animals. We promote vegetarianism, comprehensive legislation to protect animals, and spaying/neutering of cats/dogs to prevent their homelessness.

Become a supporter/member. ...

We also placed this ad in the annual *Vancouver Jewish Seniors Directory*, the *Marketplace Newsletter* that went out to different areas of Ottawa in May, June, July and August 2016 (by mail to 13,000 addresses monthly, and in May 26,000 addresses). July 8, 2016 (during Ottawa's Bluesfest) we placed our BE KIND TO ANIMALS ad in the *METRO* Ottawa daily newspaper, and again on August 12.

ADLC Ad on a Recycle Bin, on Somerset near Bank Street, Ottawa, for a second year starting August 15, 2016. Along with our name, logo and contact information the message reads: "**BE KIND TO ANIMALS. Don't exploit them. Become a supporter/member.**"

ADLC'S SPAY/NEUTER FUND AND ALTERNATIVE RESEARCH FUND: A full page ad was placed in the *FIFTY-FIVE PLUS* magazine in March/April 2016 and was distributed in the Greater Toronto area, Ottawa Valley, Peterborough/Lindsay, Kingston/Quinte area. It also appeared in the Spring 2016 *Ottawa Family Living* magazine and the annual 2016 *Ultimate Guide to Retirement Living*. Our ad promoted our Spay/Neuter Fund and our non-animal-using Alternative Research Fund.

Spring/Summer 2016 *Seniors Activities & Services Directory*: We placed our combined 2/3 page advertorial and 1/3 page ad in this Directory which is distributed in the Lanark, Leeds and Grenville area in Ontario. The advertorial

was about our Spay/Neuter Fund and non-animal-using Alternative Research Fund, while the 1/3 page ad was a general write-up about the *ADLC*.

"**MEATLESS MONDAYS**" is the heading of an ad we have been placing once a month in *The Ottawa Citizen*. Below is an excerpt:

In Canada, 700 million land animals are slaughtered annually. The majority are raised on factory-farms in windowless buildings, where they suffer greatly under confinement, overcrowding, mutilation (agricultural practices: castration, tail docking), stressful transportation and finally the terror of slaughter.

Large scale animal agriculture is extremely inhumane to animals, and is an inefficient food production method which uses more plant protein (average of 6 kg) and water (100 times more than it does for 1 kg of plant protein) to produce 1 kg of animal protein. Animal based agriculture significantly contributes to environmental destruction, such as greenhouse gasses, global warming, air/water pollution, deforestation.

By cutting down on or eliminating meat from your diet, you can greatly reduce the suffering and death of many animals raised for food while improving your health and the environment. ...

To request a copy of *ADLC's* "Vegan Cookbook" or the *Vancouver Humane Society's* "Meatless Monday" flyer see page 12.

OTTAWA SPAY/NEUTER DAY: At our request, **Mayor Watson** proclaimed Tuesday, February 23, 2016 OTTAWA SPAY/NEUTER DAY. February 18, 2016 we placed ads in the *Nepean/Barrhaven News*, the *Ottawa West News* and *Ottawa East News* (local *Metrolandmedia* community newspapers) to publicize the day, and encourage the public to spay/neuter their cats and dogs. Once again we approached the *Community Veterinary Outreach* organization in Ottawa (they hold pro bono veterinary clinics at homeless shelters, drop-in centres and community centres) about the possibility of our paying for spays/neuters completed close to February 23. We paid for 5 cat neuters/2 cat spays and 1 dog neuter/2 dog spays done on February 23, 2016. (Statistics were included in the SPAY/NEUTER FUND write-up below.)

SPRING/SUMMER SPAY/NEUTER ADS: Our "TOO MANY HOMELESS CATS AND DOGS" ad was placed at the end of April and the end of July in the *Orleans News* and *Arnprior Chronicle-Guide*; end of May and the end of August in the *Kemptville Advance* and the *Stittsville News*; end of June in the *Smiths Falls Record News* and the *Perth Courier* (all local *Metrolandmedia* weekly community newspapers).

HOW TO SPONSOR ONE OF ADLC'S SPAY/NEUTER ADS: We place newspaper ads reminding people about the importance of spaying and neutering their cats and dogs. Sponsoring requires a minimum \$130.00 contribution. Co-sponsoring requires a minimum \$65.00 contribution. Sponsor's/co-sponsors name appears on the ad if desired. See membership/donation section at the bottom of page 11.

ADLC'S SPAY/NEUTER FUND AND ANIMALS IN DISTRESS FUND: *ADLC* does not subsidize cats/dogs with poor veterinarian's prognosis – but we cover the cost of euthanasia in some cases. *ADLC* does not subsidize if there is no committed foster/permanent home or caretaker. From January to August 2016 we contributed towards the spaying/neutering of 4 dogs and 28 cats (12 were feral cats). We helped cat rescue groups with the cost of examinations/treatment of 6 cats, flea/tick treatment and vaccination of another cat, and the euthanasia of 3 cats. In response to an urgent plea for financial help we sent an AID donation to *Quagga Stray-Cat Rescue* (Winnipeg, Manitoba) to help with their ongoing costs to care for abandoned cats. We continue to do our monthly cat/dog food

deliveries to **Parkdale Food Centre, St. Joe's Women's Centre** and have now added **St. Joe's Supper Table**, all in Ottawa. **Without your support this financial assistance would not have been possible. We thank you.**

CAT FOSTER HOMES NEEDED (OTTAWA AREA): *CAT RESCUE NETWORK:* Several feral colony caretakers and others who rescue homeless cats in the Ottawa area formed *Cat Rescue Network*. Foster and permanent homes are always needed. Also needed: outdoor cat shelters, outdoor runs and humane cage traps. If you have humane trapping experience or can transport cats to foster homes or veterinary appointments, please call 613-820-7088.

ADLC'S WEBSITE: Our sincere thanks to Brenda Campbell who has spent a great deal of time redesigning and updating our National Capital FreeNet website. We invite you to check it out at: ncf.ca/animal-defence.

MINUTES OF THE ANIMAL DEFENCE LEAGUE OF CANADA'S AGM, March 20, 2016: President R. Farley chaired the meeting. A quorum of members was present. Paraphrased/excerpted reports follow:

MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 29, 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM): *MOTION:* The March 29, 2015 AGM minutes be accepted as presented. *MOVED* by R. Farley. *SECONDED* by R. Bélair. *CARRIED* with no objections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: J. Bélair presented the audited financial statements prepared by Collins Barrow Ottawa LLP for the year ending December 31, 2015. *MOTION:* Accept the Audited Financial Statements prepared by Collins Barrow Ottawa LLP for the year ending December 31, 2015. *MOVED* by B. Bernhardt. *SECONDED* by R. Farley. *CARRIED* with no objections.

Appoint a Public Accountant: *MOTION:* The Directors of *ANIMAL DEFENCE LEAGUE OF CANADA* appoint Collins Barrow Ottawa LLP to remain our accountants for the 2016 financial year. *MOVED* by J. Bélair. *SECONDED* by B. Bernhardt. *CARRIED* with no objections.

Have Appointed Public Accountant Conduct a Year-End Financial Audit for 2016: *MOTION:* The Directors of *ANIMAL DEFENCE LEAGUE OF CANADA* are authorized to have Collins Barrow Ottawa LLP conduct an audit for 2016 and prepare our Financial Statements Report and tax forms for 2016 on behalf of the *ANIMAL DEFENCE LEAGUE OF CANADA*. *MOVED* by J. Bélair. *SECONDED* by R. Farley. One member abstained and one was opposed. *CARRIED* by a majority vote.

J. Bélair presented an outline of *ADLC's* 2016 Budget (prepared by *ADLC*) which had been previously approved by the Board.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT: 2016-2017 ADLC Directors: R. Farley presented the list of candidates to serve as Directors of the *ADLC* for 2016-2017: J. Bélair [Treasurer], R. Bélair [General Secretary], B. Bernhardt, N. Evans, R. Farley [President]. *MOTION:* The list of candidates be accepted as presented. *MOVED* by J. Bélair. *SECONDED* by R. Farley. *CARRIED* with no objections. [Our thanks to outgoing Director J. Burke who served on our Board for 2 years.]

COMMITTEE REPORTS: COMPANION ANIMALS: Animals in Distress and Spay/Neuter Assistance: From January to December 2015, we helped with the cost of 8 feral cats being spayed/neutered, and 2 shelter cats and 3 individuals' cats being spayed/neutered.

We approached the *Community Veterinary Outreach (CVO)* program (Ottawa's *CVO* holds pro bono veterinary clinics at homeless shelters, drop-in centres and community centres) about our paying for spays/neuters done close to Ottawa Spay/Neuter Day, February 24, 2015. An arrangement was worked out and we paid for 3 dog neuters/1 dog spay, 1 cat neuter/2 cat spays done on February 25, 2015.

We contributed towards the euthanasia of an individual's elderly dog, and 5 shelter cats' euthanasia, the examination of 4 shelter cats and medications for two. An Ottawa cat rescue group needed financial help with a cat whose eye needed to be removed and we contributed to that. On several occasions we helped a cat shelter with the cost of cat food. We helped with animal feed/veterinary care of animals at a refuge. We continued our support of one of *Quagga Stray-Cat Rescue's* (Winnipeg, Manitoba) Feline Immune Deficiency Virus (FIV) cats plus a little extra towards their costs to care for abandoned cats.

Cat/Dog Food Deliveries: In April 2015 we started doing once a month cat/dog food deliveries to **St. Joe's Women's Centre** in downtown Ottawa (operates a day program for disadvantaged women, emergency grocery program; operates a soup kitchen); and to the **Parkdale Food Centre** in Ottawa's Hintonburg area (food bank, cooking workshops, used clothing exchange). Both Centres have clients who have companion animals, and there is a need for this help, and it is greatly appreciated by both Centres.

Ads: February 19, 2015 we placed a spay/neuter ad in the *Nepean/Barrhaven News* and the *Ottawa West News* (weekly community newspapers in the Ottawa area) publicizing that **Mayor Watson** proclaimed Tuesday, February 24, 2015 OTTAWA SPAY/NEUTER DAY. We had asked the Mayor to proclaim the day. We placed a full page ad in the March/April, September and November/December 2015 *FIFTY-FIVE PLUS* magazine that was distributed in the Greater Toronto area, Ottawa, Ottawa Valley, Peterborough/Lindsay, Kingston/Quinte. This ad combined information on our Spay/Neuter Fund and our non-animal-using Alternative Research Fund. The ad was turned into a one page flyer and 5,000 copies were distributed in show bags at the Fifty-Five Plus Lifestyle Show held in Ottawa on September 11-12, 2015. The same ad also appeared in the Spring 2015 *Ottawa Family Living* magazine with a distribution of approximately 30,000, and in the 2015 *Ultimate Guide to Retirement Living*. A full page ad was also placed in the Spring/Summer 2015 and Fall/Winter 2015 *Seniors Activities & Services Directory* which consisted of a combined 2/3 page advertorial and 1/3 page ad. The advertorial was about our Spay/Neuter Fund and non-animal-using Alternative Research Fund, while the 1/3 page ad was a general write-up about the *ADLC*. Ontario distribution area includes 32 communities such as: Ottawa, Kanata, Arnprior, Perth, Merrickville, Brockville, Gananoque and Kingston. We began placing our monthly "NOT ENOUGH HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS" spay/neuter ads (some sponsored/co-sponsored): April 23, 30 and July 23 - *The Renfrew Mercury* and the *Manotick News*; May 28 - *Arnprior Chronicle-Guide* and *Perth Courier*; June 25 - *Almonte/Carleton Place* paper and *Perth Courier*; August 20 - *Almonte/Carleton Place* paper and the *Arnprior Chronicle-Guide* (weekly *Metrolandmedia* newspapers distributed in communities not far from Ottawa).

"**BE KIND TO ANIMALS. Don't exploit them.**" was the heading of an ad we placed in *The Ottawa Citizen*, once a month from September to December 2015. We placed the same ad in the annual *Toronto Jewish Seniors Directory* the Fall of 2015. It was a brief, general ad that touched on vegetarianism, spay/neutering and non-animal-using biomedical research to replace experiments on animals. Our recycle bin ad inspired this message.

ADLC Ad on a Recycle Bin, on Somerset near Bank Street, Ottawa, for one year starting August 15, 2015. Along with our name, logo and contact information the message reads: "**BE KIND TO ANIMALS. Don't exploit them. Become a supporter/member.**"

Bill 54 - An Act to Improve the Legal Situation of Animals, Province of Quebec: We missed the National Assembly's September 29, 2015 deadline for public input, but we sent our comments anyway (on October 6, 2015) to six Quebec MPP's and to the **President of Quebec's National Assembly**, with a copy to **Alana Devine, Montreal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**. We knew from a newspaper article that the *Montreal SPCA* had concerns about dogs being tethered 24/7 and we agreed that we too would like a ban on all-day tethering.

"... your '**PERMIT HOLDERS**' section, page 12:

'22. No pet shop permit holder may sell a companion animal or allow a companion animal to be sold to a person under 14 years of age, unless the person is accompanied by the person having parental authority. ...'

In our opinion, we would not like even 15 to 16 year-olds being able to purchase an animal unless accompanied by

the person having parental authority. We have concerns for their ability to properly and responsibly care for the animal or pay for the costs associated with their care without the support of parents. ...”

We added our support for the need for adequate funding to SPCA’s and humane societies that have inspectors or agents to enable them to provide efficient investigative services and access to facilities for housing and caring for the animals rescued from abusive situations. A December 4, 2015 *Montreal SPCA* Press Release reported that Bill 54 was passed that day. [For more information about this issue please see *ADLC* Bulletin #187, page 2.]

EXPERIMENTATION: Currently there are Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Programs being carried out in Canada and other countries. They train medical personnel to care for severely injured people with extremely traumatic injuries such as occur in war and natural disasters due to explosions, exposure to chemicals, burns, penetrating and gunshot wounds and related injuries.

23 NATO countries provide excellent human-based ATLS training on modern “human” mannequin simulators. **These mannequin simulators are fully interactive, with heartbeats, breath sounds, vital signs and required special capabilities which facilitate first-rate human-based ATLS training.** But Canada is part of the six NATO countries which provide inferior training by choosing instead to deliberately severely injure pigs, goats and other animals for this purpose. Much more relevant, human-focussed training is provided by using the sophisticated “human” mannequin simulators in Advanced Trauma Life Support Programs.

So this year we are very pleased to report that the *ADLC* non-animal-using Alternative Research Fund (ARF), established in 1982, has supported the University of Ottawa Skills and Simulation Centre (uOSSC) Advanced Trauma Life Support Program (ATLS) with ARF grant No. 7 for \$25,000, to continue developing and improving the lifelike, highly sophisticated state-of-the-art “human” mannequin simulators used in their ATLS Program. These mannequin simulators, fully interactive, with heartbeats, breath sounds, vital signs and required special capabilities, facilitate first-rate human-based ATLS training and spare countless animals from severe suffering and death.

uOSSC is a worldwide leader in simulation-based education, and the largest simulation training centre of its kind in Canada. Their ATLS Program provides vitally needed human-based trauma training.

The *ADLC* urges Canada’s Department of National Defence (DND) to stop deliberately injuring animals, and work with the uOSSC ATLS Program instead. They could then join the 23 NATO countries which use “human” mannequin simulators to train their ATLS medical personnel and so put an end to its inexcusable abuse of animals for this purpose.

FOOD ANIMALS: We ended 2015 by placing for the first time our MEATLESS MONDAYS ad in *The Ottawa Citizen* on Friday, December 11, 2015. Our ad had three photos in it to help explain our message that “By cutting down on or eliminating meat from your diet, you can greatly reduce the suffering and death of many animals raised for food while improving your health and the environment.” We are placing a modified version of that ad once a month in 2016. We have been getting some requests for our Vegan Cookbook. We also have some Meatless Monday flyers from the *Vancouver Humane Society* which we distribute with our cookbook.

ADOPT-A-PARK: In 2015 we spring and fall cleaned St. Paul’s Park in east-end Ottawa (a dog friendly park). We picked up litter, raked leaves, swept the wading pool and sidewalks. In return, the city posts a permanent sign in the Park with the *League’s* name on it. The City also issues to us a certificate of recognition for cleaning the park.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER BUSINESS, GENERAL DISCUSSION AND ADJOURNMENT: General discussion relating to Business Arising from the Committee Reports and other animal-related issues and *ADLC* issues followed. **MOTION:** The meeting be adjourned at 3:05 pm. **MOVED** by R. Farley. **SECONDED** by J. Bélair. **CARRIED** with no objections.

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IN MEMORIAM

We recently received a Bequest from the Estate of Gladys Mary Male, Hamilton, Ontario. The compassion and generosity of such bequests provides much needed support for our efforts on behalf of the animals. It is greatly appreciated.

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BEQUESTS: Persons wishing to help the work of the **League** could put this provision in their wills: “I bequeath to the **Animal Defence League of Canada**, Ottawa, Ontario, ___ % of the residue of my Estate to be applicable to the general purposes of the organization.” Another way of wording this could be: “I bequeath to the **Animal Defence League of Canada**, Ottawa, Ontario, ___ % of the residue of my Estate to be applicable to the Spay/Neuter Fund, [and/or] ___ % of the residue of my Estate to be applicable to the Animals in Distress Fund, [and/or] ___ % of the residue of my Estate to be applicable to the Alternative Research Fund, [and/or] ___ % of the residue of my Estate to be applicable to the general purposes of the organization.”

DONATIONS IN MEMORIAM: When donations in memory are sent to the **League**, if the donor would like it mentioned in our bulletin that they (donor’s name) gave a donation in memory of (name of person or animal), we will publish this in our news bulletin. We will not automatically do this for In Memoriam donations; it must be requested in writing. The family of the deceased will be notified of your In Memoriam donation to the **League**.

DONATIONS IN HONOUR OF ...: When donations to honour someone are sent to the **League**, we will notify the honouree of your donation.

MEMBERS: Is your membership renewal due? Please check your card, and renew!
We regret that financial considerations do not allow us to continue mailing bulletins to non-members.

To be a member in good standing, for the purpose of voting, the individual is required to have paid the membership fee at least six months prior to the date of the vote being taken. If any annual membership fee is not paid within four months of their renewal date, the individual shall automatically cease to be a member.

KNOWLEDGE IS STRENGTH – BE INFORMED: To keep up with issues and developments worldwide in the animal-concerned movement, we strongly recommend that our readers check out the six website listings below.

ANIMALS 24-7, edited by Merritt Clifton, is a comprehensive animal-concerned issues and news on-line publication. Website: www.Animals24-7.org, e-mail: Animals24.7@frontier.com, Telephone: 360-678-1057 or 360-969-0450; **Animals 24-7**, P.O. Box 101, Greenbank, WA 98253.

WORLD ANIMAL PROTECTION (is now the operating name of World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA).): *Through field projects, education campaigns and representation at government level, World Animal Protection works worldwide to eliminate the suffering and exploitation of animals.* It is UN affiliated, with headquarters in the UK. Telephone: 1-800-363-9772. Websites: www.worldanimalprotection.ca and www.worldanimalprotection.org.uk.

CANADIANS FOR ETHICAL TREATMENT OF FARMED ANIMALS (CETFA): This excellent group “is a volunteer society whose purpose is to promote the humane treatment of animals raised for food. ... CETFA’s goal is to provide accurate, factual information about Canada’s Food Industry and to educate the public about the horrendous cruelty which has become ‘accepted practice’ in the factory farming industry.” Contact CETFA at: Box 18024, 2225 West 41st Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V6M 4L3, Website: www.cetfa.org.

CANADIAN COALITION FOR FARM ANIMALS (CCFA): Excellent group working to raise awareness about factory farming and its impact. Contact CCFA at: 131 Bloor Street West, Ste. #200/140, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1R8, Telephone: 416-920-4984, Website: www.humanefood.ca.

PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS (PETA): A very active, courageous and effective organization. Request their publication: 501 Front Street, Norfolk, VA 23501, Website: www.PETA.org.

PHYSICIANS COMMITTEE FOR RESPONSIBLE MEDICINE (PCRM): To learn about activism for animals, good, ethical health promotion for humans, research and education which does not exploit animals, we recommend that you subscribe to “*GOOD MEDICINE*”. Contact PCRM at: 5100 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Ste. 400, Washington, DC 20016, Telephone: 202-686-2210, Website: www.pcrm.org.

“CAUTION: SOME WILDLIFE GROUPS SUPPORT KILLING [ANIMALS]”, from *The Fur Bearers* Newsletter, June 6/2002, No. 109, Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals, Vancouver, BC: “... Watch for phrases like ‘wise use’, ‘sustainable use’ or ‘conservation’ in reference to wildlife. These often mean killing is part of the plan.”

CAUTION: If you are considering buying **Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF)** merchandise or a membership: The **CWF** originated as the umbrella organization for Provincial and Territorial hunter and angler associations. To our knowledge, their support of hunting and trapping is unchanged.

CAUTION: WORLD WILDLIFE FUND (WWF) POSITION STATEMENT ON HUNTING, September 1999, Toronto, Ontario: Excerpt – “... **WWF** does not oppose the sustainable consumption of wild animals, **including regulated sport hunting [ADLC emphasis]**.” In a March 23/2000 letter from **WWF**: “It is true that **WWF** does not take a stance against hunting, unless that hunt is expected to affect the survival of a population or species. We are a conservation organization In most cases hunting is an animal welfare issue” To our knowledge, their position is unchanged.

DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA – WHOSE SIDE ARE THEY ON? DUCKS OR HUNTERS?: **Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC)** on their ‘We’ll teach you to hunt’ web page (ducks.ca/resource/hunters/mentoredhunt.html) states: “... Since the 1970’s the number of Canadian waterfowl hunters has dropped by more than 70 per cent. To support waterfowlers, **DUC**, along with our partners, deliver a program to teach novice waterfowlers how to hunt. Our primary goal is to have new waterfowlers learn and enjoy the waterfowling tradition and thereby increase the number of responsible conservation-minded hunters. ... **DUC** invites all youth ages 12 to 17 who have successfully completed the Hunter Safety course to learn how to hunt.”

“ONTARIO WILDLIFE FOUNDATION [OWF]: An Important Notice”, *Take Action*, Spring 2001, Vol. 10, #1, **Animal Alliance of Canada**, Toronto, Ontario: “... the leaders of [OWF] are or have held leadership positions with the **Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters** and/or **Ducks Unlimited** (both of these groups are pro-hunting). ... The **OWF** describes itself as being involved in wildlife conservation. On their web page ... they state: ‘Fish, wildlife, and their habitats ... are the sources of ... recreations such as bird watching, **fishing, hunting [ADLC emphasis]**, The **Foundation** will work to ensure that Canadians continue to have ample opportunity for such recreations in all corners of the province.’”

“Know where your gifts go”, from *Animal People*, December 1997, Vol. VI, #10, Clinton, WA: [Editor’s NOTE: For many years *Animal People* has been monitoring the spending (“... where the money goes, how much goes to further fundraising, and how much goes into their pockets”) of major animal and habitat protection groups, and publishing their findings.]

RAISE MEDIA SENSITIVITY TO ANIMAL ISSUES: Keep near your phone a list of TV and radio station phone numbers and addresses. When something bad for animals is on the air, phone in your protest immediately; follow up with a letter or e-mail.

Now that you have finished reading this Bulletin, why not pass it on to a friend!!

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(We are a non-profit organization.)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ Prov. _____ Code _____

NEW Your e-mail address if you would like paperless bulletins in the future: _____

Membership: Life \$75.00
Annual \$15.00
Senior \$ 5.00
Student \$ 5.00

Donation: General _____
Spay/Neuter Fund _____
Animals in Distress Fund _____
Alternative Research Fund _____

I would like to sponsor a Spay/Neuter Ad (\$130.00). My cheque for \$130.00 is attached. _____

I would like to co-sponsor a Spay/Neuter Ad (\$65.00). My cheque for \$65.00 is attached. _____

As a Spay/Neuter Ad sponsor or co-sponsor, I would like my name and town/province to appear in the ad.

YES _____ NO _____

PLEASE NOTE – As we are NOT a registered charity, we cannot issue receipts for income tax purposes.

- () Mail me an acknowledgement receipt
- () Save the postage, don't send me a receipt

To request information flyers and stickers, please see page 12.

Please send me:

- ADLC** Vegan Cookbook – limit of 3 per address (Cost to **ADLC**: \$2.60 each.)
- Vegetarian Option Paper Meatless Monday flyer
- List of Hidden & Obvious Animal Derived Products & By-products
- The Pig Paper Intensive Poultry Farming
- ADLC** Comments on the DRAFT Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Pigs
- rBGH information package Rethink the Way We Live ...
- The Meat Industry's Cover-Up: Canada's Most Censored Story?
- Farming and Animal Rights Genetic Engineering and the Threat to Farm Animals
- Working for Animal Rights on Lobbying and Ethics
- Animal Rights Versus Human Rights *The inherent right of all living beings to freedom from oppression*
- Bookmark: one side promotes **ADLC's** Alternative Research Fund, the other side promotes Spay/Neutering
- Discussion Paper on the Use of Animals in [Biomedical] Research
- Cosmetics testing information package and testing protest postcards
- Testing Protest Postcards
- Paper on Pharmaceuticals and Vivisection Ethical Biomedical Research
- Clear the Cages Plan information package
- Clear the Cages/Alternative Research Fund Postcards
- ARF compassion button Brief on Pound Seizure, June 1983
- Brief RE: Disposal of Primate Colony (Cost to **ADLC**: \$3.32 each.)
- ~~PMU~~ Non-Animal Using Hormone Replacement Therapy flyer [Bio-identical Progesterone]
- Humane Alternatives to Dissection Package
- Xenotransplantation: **ADLC** Opposes Animal-to-Human Organ Transplants
- Circus Animals flyer Circus Colouring Book
- The Wolf Paper Bullfighting Paper
- Angling – The Neglected Bloodsport, and Fish Farming
- Policy Statement: Native People and the Fur Trade Trapping flyer
- Wildlife Mismanagement package Anti-trapping posters
- Groundhog/Gopher Killingfest Pigeons in Cities flyer
- Support for the **Wild Bird Care Centre**, Nepean/Ottawa, Ontario, City Hall Presentation
- Ottawa's Proposed Animal Care and Control By-Law, City Hall Presentation
- Cat Control & the Community Brief Spay/Neuter Brief to Ottawa City Hall - 2006
- Why You Should Spay/Neuter Your Cat or Dog
- Position Statement: Euthanasia and Spay/Neutering of Cats and Dogs
- Feral Cat Information
- ADLC** Letter to BC Municipality of North Cowichan re Feral/Unwanted Cats
- Proposed Bylaw Concerning Companion Animals and Other Animals Kept Outside
- Position Paper on Pet Shops Puppy Mill package
- All Animals Need Legal Protection (Cost to **ADLC**: \$2.00 each.)
- ADLC** Submission re: Ontario Bill 50, Provincial Animal Welfare Act, 2008
- Children Helping Animals Through Understanding I CARE button

DECALS: (Please don't place stickers on public property or on other people's property.)

- Food Animals
- Murder of Animals
- Are You Really that Hungry?
- LOBSTER Boiled Alive Served Dead Join the Vegetarians
- WARNING: Animal flesh can be dangerous to your health Join the Vegetarians
- BE KIND TO ANIMALS DON'T EAT THEM Join the Vegetarians
- Thank You for Not Wearing Fur
- What Price Did They Pay for Your Fur Coat?
- Furs are Beautiful ONLY on Animals – bumper sticker
- "SAVE THE ANIMALS!" "DON'T BUY FUR!" – set of 2 bumper stickers
- EMERGENCY "Animals to Rescue" Window Decal (To alert rescuers in emergencies that animals are inside.) (Cost to **ADLC** to produce the EMERGENCY decal - .80 cents each.)
- SPAY/NEUTER = Less cats/dogs having to be destroyed
- Spay/Neuter
- TOO MANY CATS AND DOGS – NOT ENOUGH HOMES
- SPAY/NEUTER YOUR CAT AND DOG (Cost to **ADLC** - .55 cents per bumper sticker.)

Have your cats and dogs spayed or neutered. This reduces the number of cats and dogs being euthanized or dying on the streets because there aren't enough homes for them. This will HELP stop the killing.

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