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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 10 for Donation/Membership form.)

HELP STOP CANADA'S CRUEL EAST COAST COMMERCIAL SEAL SLAUGHTER: Below is the March 27, 2018 letter we sent to **Prime Minister Trudeau** and to the **Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans**:

It just makes good financial sense for the Canadian government to stop funding the struggling east coast commercial sealing industry. Global markets have been disappearing for the last decade. *Fisheries and Oceans* scientists have stated that harp seals are not impacting cod recovery.

Fishermen who still hunt and slaughter seals make an average of \$1,700 according to recent statistics.

Our government should be legislating an end to this horrifyingly cruel annual east coast seal hunt. It would cost much less for our government to compensate fishermen for their sealing licenses, and to focus on developing economic alternatives to help the communities that would be affected by ending the commercial seal hunt.

Do you really believe that financially propping up this cruel industry that causes such great suffering to many seals prior to their deaths is in the best interests of hardworking, taxpaying Canadians, or our global image?

We would be interested to hear your point of view, and ask that you please respond.

We received a reply, dated April 6, 2018, from the Manager of Executive Correspondence Services on behalf of the Prime Minister: "... Please be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed. In your correspondence, you raise an issue that falls within the portfolio of the **Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard**. I have therefore taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence to the Minister for his information and consideration. ..." The Fisheries and Oceans Minister never bothered to write to us.

From the *International Fund for Animal Welfare's (IFAW)* website, <https://action.ifaw.org/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=1720&ea.campaign.id=104391&ms=...>: "End the Atlantic commercial seal hunt ... **Cruel:** Independent veterinary review has consistently shown that the commercial seal hunt is inhumane. ... **Wasteful:** 92% of the meat from the hunt is wasted, according to Canada's *Department of Fisheries and Oceans*. And in the last five years, the landed value has been 9 million, but the government has spent 20 million to prop it up. There is so much more we could be doing with this money, from libraries to schools to healthcare funding. ..."

Every spring, in Canada, seals are dying needlessly during the brutal east coast commercial seal hunt. Seal pups between 3 weeks and 3 months of age are shot, clubbed and skinned. 35 countries have banned seal products. Our federal government continues to subsidize this cruel industry despite disappearing global markets for seal products. **WHAT YOU CAN DO:** 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. **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 go to: **www.Senators and Members – Parliament of Canada** or telephone 1-800-622-6232. No postage required when mailed in Canada.

TOP NAME DESIGNERS BAN FUR FROM COLLECTIONS: From the *Humane Society International's (HSI)* website: www.hsi.org/news/press_releases/2018/03/versace-no-fur-031418.html, "Versace turns its back on fur": Versace is the latest designer to join the list – Calvin Klein, Hugo Boss, Armani, Stella McCartney, Ralph Lauren, Vivienne Westwood, Tommy Hilfiger, Gucci, and more. *HSI* is campaigning for a UK fur imports ban. "... Fur farming has been illegal in the UK since 2000, but since then Britain has imported more than £650 million worth of fur from countries such as China and Poland, where animals are typically bred in appalling conditions on fur farms. ..."

INHUMANE GLUE TRAPS: The *Vancouver Humane Society's* Spring 2018 *Animal Writes* newsletter asked readers to write letters urging some of the larger retailers to stop selling cruel glue traps. April 4, 2018 we sent the letter below to: **Alex Robertson**, Senior Director, Corporate Affairs, *Walmart Canada Corporation*, 1940 Argentia Road, Mississauga, ON, L5N 1P9; **Susan O'Brien**, Senior Vice-President, Marketing, *Canadian Tire Corporation*, 2180 Yonge Street, PO Box 770, Station K, Toronto, ON, M4P 2V8; **Sylvain Prud'homme**, Chief Executive Officer and President, *Lowe's Canada*, 5160 Yonge Street, Suite 200, Box 25, North York, ON, M2N 6L9; and **Paul Berto**, Director, Corporate Communications, External Affairs and Sustainability, *The Home Depot Canada*, 900 – 1 Concorde Gate, North York, ON, M3C 4H9. Not one person wrote back. **PLEASE WRITE YOUR OWN LETTER OF PROTEST.**

We are quite concerned that [NAME OF COMPANY] continues to sell inhumane glue traps to catch rodents. Mice and rats become stuck and die long, slow, horrific deaths due to glued eyes, mouths and noses, and starvation, dehydration and exhaustion.

Also, these inhumane glue traps can indiscriminately catch birds, squirrels and other small animals.

New Zealand and the state of Victoria in Australia banned the sale and use of glue traps because of concerns about cruelty.

SOME MORE HUMANE OPTIONS:

A) Live trapping in commercial devices, without the glue paper, catches them, but the box traps need to be checked often so the caught rodent can be released right away. Extra care is required to avoid being bitten when releasing rats.

For mice, sometimes something as simple as a smooth surfaced wastebasket, tilted at a sharp angle, will catch a mouse that is not able to climb up the slippery side to escape.

B) Remove outside food sources such as spilled bird seed or pet food.

C) Store food products in rat-proof and mouse-proof containers.

D) Ensure that rodents and other wildlife cannot access your garbage containers.

- E) Exclude rodents from buildings by looking for possible outside entry points, and plugging any cracks around possible entry points – mice can squeeze through any opening no larger than a dime, and for rats an opening as small as one inch wide.

Having in-store pamphlets listing some non-lethal solutions, near where humane traps are located, would be helpful.

We urge you to please remove all glue traps from your stores and instead promote humane non-lethal methods to deal with rat and mice infestation problems.

We look forward to hearing from you concerning the above.

“SWITZERLAND BANS LIVE BOILING OF LOBSTERS”, *AWI Quarterly*, Spring 2018, *Animal Welfare Institute (AWI)*, Washington, DC: “The traditional method of cooking lobsters is to boil them alive. In January, the *Swiss Federal Council* passed a law deeming this practice inhumane and requiring that lobsters and other crustaceans be stunned, rendering them insensible to pain, before being killed. The new law also prohibits transportation of crustaceans on ice or in ice water because it causes unnecessary suffering; they must now be transferred in their natural aquatic environment. **The decision follows several studies suggesting that lobsters and other crustaceans can feel pain** [ADLC emphasis]. Switzerland is the second country to outlaw boiling lobsters alive – New Zealand did so in 1999, and there is also a regional effort in Western Australia to ban the practice.”

PREVENTING BARN FIRES BY MAKING BARNS SAFER: June 28, 2018 we sent the letter below to the **Honourable Navdeep Bains**, Minister, *Innovation, Science and Economic Development* and to the **Honourable Lawrence MacAulay**, Minister, *Agriculture and Agri-Food*:

Too many farmed animals are dying in barn fires in Canada – more than 470,000 between January 2015 and November 2017.¹ For a list of barn fires², where more than 3,000 animals died in each fire in Canada since 2015, see attached. [List not attached to this Bulletin.]

Sprinkler systems, smoke/fire detectors that are monitored 24/7, and fire walls need to be added to new and existing barn structures. “... Since almost all barns now have automatic watering systems, the sprinkler systems could easily be linked. ...”³

Valuable time can be lost waiting for fire departments to respond while animals die and not much remains of the barn to save.

According to **William Eppich**, *Protectowire, Inc*: “... annually more than 1,200 barn fires, most of them preventable, occur each year in the United States and result in nearly \$33 million dollars in property damage. To date, only a few states have mandated fire codes for their agricultural community and barn structures, and the science of fire protection still remains as a necessary evil for too many owners of barns who think ‘it can’t happen to me.’ ...”⁴

“... Barn fires are devastating to the farmer due to the loss of livestock, crops, buildings, equipment and income. In 2014, the *OFMEM [Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management]* reported 150 barn fires with estimated losses of over \$28.4 million for buildings and equipment. ...”⁵

¹E-1452 (Building Code), House of Commons E-Petition to the Minister of *Innovation, Science and Economic Development*, 2018.

²“Preventing Barn Fires – The worst fires since January, 2015”, Canadian Coalition for Farm Animals, Toronto, Ontario, www.humanefood.ca.

³“Stop the Live-Burnings! Trapped in Canada’s barn fires” flyer, (organization now known as) **Canadians for Ethical Treatment of Farmed Animals**, Vancouver, BC, www.cetfa.org.

⁴“Barn Fire Protection – Opinion” by **William Eppich**, Vice President of International Sales, *Protectowire, Inc. Fire Safety In Barns*, Chicago Falls, OH, <http://firesafetyinbarns.com/articles/barn-fire-protection/>, 2018.

⁵“Electrical Systems in Barns” factsheet, Ontario’s *Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs*, www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/engineer/facts/16-043.htm.

Regular, mandatory fire inspections would also help catch potential problems. There are also a number of things barn owners and farm staff can do to lower fire risk such as: "... • Consider running electrical wires through conduits to prevent rodent damage ... • Clean cobwebs and dust from electrical equipment ... • If hay is stored in the barn, test the temperature for spontaneous combustion ..."6

Barn structure improvements are going to cost money but fires cost more and can result in a horrible death for the animals trapped inside burning buildings.

We urge you to please improve fire safety in existing and new barn buildings, and we await your response.

6"Preventing Barn Fires", **Canadian Coalition for Farm Animals**, Toronto, Ontario,
www.humanefood.ca.

We received a response from **Iain Stewart**, President, *National Research Council of Canada*, dated July 30, 2018. Excerpt follows: "... The National Model Codes, published by the *National Research Council*, set the standards for building construction and fire safety across the country. They are overseen by the *Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes (CCBFC)* – an independent committee of experts. The *CCBFC* develops the Codes, however, it is the Provinces and Territories who are responsible for adopting and enforcing them. An updated National Building and Fire Codes, including barn safety measures, will be released to the Provinces and Territories in 2020.

The 1995 National Farm Code (fire safety, structural safety, etc.) is being incorporated into the National Building and Fire Codes. Under certain circumstances, the safety measures being considered include protection features such as sprinklers, fire alarms, and fire separations. Although this might not directly protect the animals in barn fires, the building safety measures have been updated and improved which are expected to benefit the animals.

... As concerned citizens, you can submit your suggestions through the code change request process and the *CCBFC* will take into consideration your recommendations.

[WHAT YOU CAN DO:] ... I would encourage you to connect with the *National Research Council's* Program Director for Construction Research, **Philip Rizcallah**, who could speak to you about the *CCBFC's* process, and how to go about submitting a formal code amendment. He can be reached at **Philip.Rizcallah@NRC-CNRC.gc.ca**. ..."

E-1452 (BUILDING CODE), House of Commons E-Petition: May 14, 2018 we signed on to this petition to the Minister of *Innovation, Science and Economic Development*. "Whereas: • More than 470,000 farm animals have died in barn fires in Canada between January 2015 and November 2017; • It is very difficult to evacuate animals who are contained in cages and stalls from a burning barn; • Barn fires are usually attended by rural fire departments whose response time is longer than those in urban areas and barns are often engulfed in flames on their arrival; • The *National Research Council* is currently updating the National Farm Building Code; and • The current plan for the updated National Farm Building Code does not include protection for animals.

We ... call upon the Minister of *Innovation, Science and Economic Development* to direct the *National Research Council* to revise its policy and add protection of animals from fire as an objective in the updated National Farm Building Code."

ADLC'S SPAY/NEUTER FUND AND ANIMALS IN DISTRESS FUND: *ADLC* does not subsidize cats/dogs with poor veterinarian's prognosis – but we help with the cost of euthanasia in some cases. *ADLC* does not subsidize if there is no committed foster/permanent home or caretaker. From January to July 2018 we helped two rescue groups with the cost of neutering 4 cats, two cat colony caretakers with spaying/neutering 5 semi-wild cats and euthanizing 2 feral cats, and two individuals with having their sick dogs examined/treated, and a third with the euthanasia of their sick dog, and another individual with their cat's injured paw pad, one cat rescuer with the cost of flea treatment and medications. We continue to do our monthly cat/dog food deliveries to **Parkdale Food Centre**, **St. Joe's Women's Centre** and **St. Joe's Supper Table**, all in Ottawa. The **Supper Table** shares with a second centre they run on Wiggins Private. **Without your support this assistance would not have been possible. We thank you.**

SPAY/NEUTER PROJECT: We are now covering the cost of spaying/neutering cats and dogs of Ottawa residents who live in Ottawa Community Housing, or are receiving help through the Ontario Disability Support Program or Ontario Works

and go to the **City of Ottawa Spay/Neuter Clinic**. From January to July 2018 we have paid for a total of **73** cat spays/neuters and **65** dog spays/neuters through this latest spay/neuter project. We continue to help with the spay/neuter cost of cats being sheltered/cared for by *SafePet Ottawa*. *SafePet Ottawa* contributes \$50.00 towards each surgery and we pay the balance. So far this year we have helped with the cost of **2** *SafePet Ottawa* cat neuters. Our thanks to the **Ottawa Spay/Neuter Clinic** staff for all their help in making this project possible.

To DONATE to ADLC's Spay/Neuter Fund or Animals in Distress Fund, see page 10.

OTTAWA SPAY/NEUTER DAY, February 27, 2018: Once again, we wrote to Ottawa's **Mayor Watson** asking him to proclaim the day which he did. We placed an ad in *The Ottawa Citizen* on February 23, 2018 thanking the Mayor for declaring the day, and we encouraged the public to spay and neuter their cats and dogs. On that day we also paid for the neuter of one cat, the spay of 5 cats and 2 dogs of individuals who are clients of the *Community Veterinary Outreach* organization in Ottawa (See page 6 for more information about this organization.).

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.

CAT DECLAWING: March 15, 2018 Nova Scotia became the first Canadian province to ban declawing a cat. As of May 2018, British Columbia became the second province to ban it. According to a May 8, 2018 *National Post* Internet article (<http://nationalpost.com/news/canada/cat-declawing-ethically-problematic-and-now-bann...>), declawing is also banned in Australia, New Zealand, Israel, Brazil, the United Kingdom, parts of Europe and some cities in California.

"... The *Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA)* opposes elective and non-therapeutic Partial Digital Amputation (PDA), commonly known as declawing or onychectomy, of domestic cats. ... 1. Scratching is a normal feline behaviour. It is a means for cats to mark their territory both visually and with scent, and assists with nail conditioning and whole body stretching. Nails are used by cats to assist with balance, climbing, and self-defence. ..." [See *CVMA's* complete Position Statement at: www.canadianveterinarians.net/documents/partial-digital-amputation-onychectomy...]

ADLC ADVERTISING: "BE KIND TO ANIMALS. Don't exploit them." is the heading of an ad we placed in *The Ottawa Citizen* on June 1, 2018. It also appeared in the January/February, February/March and Spring 2018 editions of *The Leveller*, a *Carleton University* newspaper serving the Ottawa/Gatineau area.

ADLC'S SPAY/NEUTER FUND AND ALTERNATIVE RESEARCH FUND: A full page ad was placed in the March/April 2018 *FIFTY-FIVE PLUS* magazine that was distributed in various Ontario cities and towns such as Greater Toronto area, Ottawa, Ottawa Valley, Peterborough/Lindsay, Kingston/Quinte. This ad also appeared in the Spring 2018 *OTTAWA FAMILY LIVING* magazine and the annual 2018 *ULTIMATE GUIDE to Retirement Living*. Our ad promoted our Spay/Neuter Fund and our non-animal-using Alternative Research Fund. Spring/Summer 2018 *Seniors Activities & Services Directory:* We placed our combined 2/3 page advertorial and 1/3 page ad in this Directory which is distributed in areas in Ontario such as Kingston, Merrickville, Lanark, Almonte. 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*.

SPAY/NEUTER: We placed an ad in the *Arnprior Chronicle-Guide* the week of April 26 that was co-sponsored by a member, and in the *Smiths Falls Record News* that was sponsored by a member. May 24 ads in the *Almonte/Carleton Place-Canadian Gazette* and *Renfrew Mercury* were sponsored/co-sponsored by a member. We placed an ad in the *Kemptville Advance* on June 28, and a second ad placed in the *Perth Courier* was sponsored by a member. (*Star Metrolandmedia* weekly community newspapers in the Ottawa area).

"MEATLESS MONDAYS" is the heading of an ad we placed in *The Ottawa Citizen*, April 26, 2018. We are trying to get the public thinking about how millions of food animals are raised (on factory farms), and 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.



MINUTES OF THE ANIMAL DEFENCE LEAGUE OF CANADA'S AGM, March 25, 2018: President R. Farley chaired the meeting. A quorum of members was present. Paraphrased/excerpted reports follow:

MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 26, 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM): *MOTION:* The March 26, 2017 AGM minutes be accepted as presented. *MOVED* by R. Farley. *SECONDED* by B. Bernhardt. *CARRIED* with no objections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: 2017 Financial Statements: J. Bélair presented the audited financial statements prepared by Collins Barrow Ottawa LLP for the year ending December 31, 2017. *MOTION:* Accept the audited Financial Statements prepared by Collins Barrow Ottawa LLP for the year ending December 31, 2017. *MOVED* by J. Bélair. *SECONDED* by R. Bélair. *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 2018 financial year. *MOVED* by J. Bélair. *SECONDED* by B. Bernhardt. *CARRIED* with no objections.

Have Appointed Public Accountant Conduct a Year-End Review Engagement for 2018: *MOTION:* The Directors of *ANIMAL DEFENCE LEAGUE OF CANADA* are authorized to have Collins Barrow Ottawa LLP conduct a Review Engagement for 2018 and prepare our Financial Statements Report and tax forms for 2018 on behalf of the *ANIMAL DEFENCE LEAGUE OF CANADA*. *MOVED* by J. Bélair. *SECONDED* by R. Farley. *CARRIED* with no objections.

J. Bélair presented an outline of *ADLC's* 2018 General Operating Budget and Projects Budgets (prepared by *ADLC*) which had been previously approved by the Board.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT: 2018-2019 ADLC Directors: R. Farley presented the list of candidates to serve as Directors on the *ADLC's* Board for 2018-2019: 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 R. Farley. *SECONDED* by R. Bélair. *CARRIED* with no objections.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: COMPANION ANIMALS: Animals in Distress and Spay/Neuter Assistance: *ADLC* does not subsidize cats/dogs with poor veterinarian's prognosis – but we help with the cost of euthanasia in some cases. *ADLC* does not subsidize if there is no committed foster/permanent home or caretaker. From January to December 2017 we helped several individuals with the cost of 11 cat spays/neuters; another individual with spay/neutering 5 outdoor cats, towards dental work for one adoptable cat, and with the treatment of one of the cats that had an upper respiratory infection. We helped an individual with a dog neuter and another individual with the cost of the examination/treatment of a dog that was having a difficult labour; a dog with a neck injury and two individuals with having their sick dogs examined/treated, cat rescuers with: the spay/neuter of 8 cats, dental work for a couple of cats, plus treatment of a cat with an ear infection, and evaluations and medications for several cats, and 3 euthanasias. Food for the rescued birds and cleaning supplies were delivered to Ottawa's *Wild Bird Care Centre*. We continue to do our monthly cat/dog food deliveries to **Parkdale Food Centre, St. Joe's Women's Centre** and **St. Joe's Supper Table**, all in Ottawa. The **Supper Table** shares with a second centre they run on Wiggins Private. [Additional Spay/Neuter Statistics below.]

Ottawa Spay/Neuter Day: At our request, Ottawa's **Mayor Jim Watson** proclaimed Tuesday, February 28, 2017 "OTTAWA SPAY/NEUTER DAY". February 23, 2017 we placed ads in the *Nepean/Barrhaven News*, the *Ottawa East News* and *Ottawa West 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 28. We paid for 5 cat neuters/5 cat spays and 2 dog neuters done on February 28, 2017.

New Spay/Neuter Project: We covered the cost of spaying/neutering cats and dogs of low income residents who were living in Ottawa Community Housing, Cumberland Housing Corporation units, or were receiving help through the Ontario Disability Support Program or Ontario Works and went to the **City of Ottawa Spay/Neuter Clinic**. From January to December 2017 we have paid for a total of **441** cat spays/neuters and **175** dog spays/neuters through this latest spay/neuter project. We continue to help with the spay/neuter cost of cats/dogs being sheltered/cared for by *SafePet Ottawa*. *SafePet Ottawa* contributes \$50.00 towards each surgery and we pay the balance. They foster "companion animals for women and their children who need to exit from domestic violence into the safety of local *Violence Against Women (VAW)* shelters." January to December we helped with the cost of **8** *SafePet Ottawa* cat spays/neuters plus **1** dog spay/**1** dog neuter.

ADLC 2017 Advertising: ADLC'S SPAY/NEUTER FUND AND ALTERNATIVE RESEARCH FUND: A full page ad was placed in the March/April, September and November/December 2017 *FIFTY-FIVE PLUS* magazine that was distributed in

various Ontario cities and towns such as Greater Toronto area, Ottawa, Ottawa Valley, Peterborough/Lindsay, Kingston/Quinte. Our ad promoted our Spay/Neuter Fund and our non-animal-using Alternative Research Fund. This ad also appeared in the Spring 2017 *OTTAWA FAMILY LIVING* magazine and the annual 2017 *ULTIMATE GUIDE to Retirement Living*. Spring/Summer 2017 and Fall/Winter 2017 *Seniors Activities & Services Directory*: We placed our combined 2/3 page advertorial and 1/3 page ad in this Directory which is distributed in areas in Ontario such as Almonte, Brockville, Carleton Place, Gananoque, Kemptville and Smiths Falls. 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.

SPAY/NEUTER: In 2017 we placed monthly spay/neuter ads in the: *Orleans News* and *Arnprior Chronicle-Guide* in April (a member sponsored and co-sponsored these ads), the *Almonte/Carleton Place-Canadian Gazette* and *Kemptville Advance* in May, *Perth Courier* and *Smiths Falls Record News* in June, *Kanata Kourier-Standard* and *Ottawa South News* in July, and *West Carleton Review* and *Ottawa East News* (member co-sponsored one ad) in August.

“[Inter]NATIONAL FERAL CAT DAY – October 16, 2017”, heading of an ad we placed October 12 to 18, 2017 in the *Nepean/Barrhaven News*, *Kanata Kourier-Standard*, *Stittsville News*, *West Carleton Review* and *Ottawa East News*, weekly *Metrolandmedia* community newspapers in the Ottawa area.

“BE KIND TO ANIMALS. Don’t exploit them.” is the heading of an ad we placed in *The Ottawa Citizen* once a month in 2017. As well, this ad appeared in the *Metro Ottawa* newspaper once a month, January to June, and a second time in June and once in September and November. This ad also appeared in the annual 2017 *Toronto Jewish Seniors Directory* and the *Vancouver Jewish Seniors Directory*. It appeared in the Spring, September/October, October/November and November/December 2017 editions of *The Leveller*, a *Carleton University* newspaper serving the Ottawa/Gatineau area; also September and December in *Young at Heart*, a newspaper for those who are fifty-plus, distributed in Ottawa and the Ottawa Valley.

ADLC Recycle Bin ad, on Somerset near Bank Street, Ottawa, for a third year in 2017. Along with our name, logo and contact information the message reads: **“BE KIND TO ANIMALS. Don’t exploit them. Become a supporter/member.”**

FOOD ANIMALS: “MEATLESS MONDAYS” is the heading of an ad we placed once a month (2017) in *The Ottawa Citizen*. Millions of food animals are raised indoors on factory farms, and 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 placed a new ad in *The Ottawa Citizen*, September 29, 2017: A tribute to: WORLD VEGETARIAN DAY – October 1, WORLD FARM ANIMALS DAY – October 2 and WORLD ANIMAL DAY – October 4.

ANIMAL EXPERIMENTATION: We were invited to talk about animal experimentation to *University of Ottawa* students at a class on Animal Studies. President R. Farley was a guest speaker. He described ADLC’s mandate, our work and our non-animal-using Alternative Research Fund and grants. Retired Director and past President E. Klein was also present, and she spoke about how unnecessary it was to use animals in experiments.

ADOPT-A-PARK: In 2017 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 2:25 pm. **MOVED** by R. Farley. **SECONDED** by J. Bélair. **CARRIED** with no objections.

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IN MEMORIAM

We received a Bequest from the Estate of Rosemary Doyle, 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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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.

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.’”

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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Alternative Research Fund _____

PLEASE NOTE – As we are NOT a registered charity, we cannot issue receipts for income tax purposes.
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To request information flyers and stickers, please see page 11.

Please send me:

- ☐ **ADLC** Vegan Cookbook – limit of 3 per address (Cost to **ADLC**: \$2.60 each.)
- ☐ Vegetarian Option Paper ☐ Live Well Booklet
- ☐ 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.