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**ADLC Website:** [www.ncf.ca/animal-defence](http://www.ncf.ca/animal-defence)

**ADLC'S MARCH 2020 AGM RESCHEDULED:** Due to the serious COVID-19 outbreak near the end of March 2020, most of Ottawa started to close down, including the Community Centre where we had booked our March AGM, and we were unable to find another location to hold the meeting. See below:

**ADLC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

Will be held TENTATIVELY on Sunday, October 25, 2020, 1:30 pm,  
Meeting Room C, at the McNabb Recreation Centre, 180 Percy Street  
at Gladstone Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario.

**You can call us to confirm the date and location at 613-233-6117.**

**MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.** If you hold a current membership card please bring it with you. Voting eligibility requires your membership fee to have been paid at least 6 months prior to the AGM date.

Election of Directors, approve 2019 AGM minutes and 2019 Financial Report, appoint a public accountant, vote on having a Review Engagement of our 2020 financial records done and our 2020 Financial Statements Report (and tax forms) prepared; and Committee Reports.

This meeting is open to the public. We look forward to seeing you.  
Protective face masks in public spaces may still be a requirement.

**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 8 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 9 for Donation/Membership form.)

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING US COME AND SPEAK** to your students, group or event please contact us by telephone: [613-233-6117](tel:613-233-6117), or email: [animal-defence@ncf.ca](mailto:animal-defence@ncf.ca). We will travel up to 50 km from Ottawa to you.

**HELP STOP CANADA'S CRUEL EAST COAST COMMERCIAL SEAL SLAUGHTER:** 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.

The ***International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)*** has an on-line petition to **Prime Minister Trudeau** that you might like to support (Type in: **End the Atlantic commercial seal hunt – Take Action / IFAW**). We have reprinted it below:

"It's time for the *Government of Canada* to change course, stop funding the commercial seal hunt and instead invest in sustainable economic alternatives for those few remaining fishermen who still participate.

The commercial seal hunt is cruel, unnecessary, and wasteful.

Cruel: Independent veterinary review has consistently shown that the commercial seal hunt is inhumane.

Unnecessary: Products from the East Coast commercial seal hunt are not needed. Seal fur coats, purses, and sneakers are luxury goods whose consumption is encouraged as a status symbol. Seal and fishery scientists have unanimously agreed that killing large numbers of harp seals will not help cod stocks recover, and could have unexpected, negative consequences for the ocean ecosystem.

Wasteful: Since the collapse of global markets for seal products in 2009, the Canadian government has wasted millions of dollars on trying to find justifications for killing seals. Decades-long efforts by the industry and government to sell seal meat to China have failed, and most of the meat continues to be wasted. Despite spending hundreds of millions of dollars to try and revive the commercial seal hunt, it is currently at its lowest level since the 1980s, with no future prospects in sight. It's time to change course.

It's time to create an alternative. I urge the *Government of Canada* to end government support for the commercial sealing industry, and instead create economic opportunities in Atlantic Canada such as supporting efforts to remove, recycle, fishing gear and plastic marine debris.

It is time to stop subsidizing the largest slaughter of marine mammals on earth. Canada can do better."

According to news provided by ***IFAW***, published on-line by ***PR Newswire***, May 29, 2020, "Number of seals killed in Canada's annual hunt falls dramatically during COVID-19 pandemic", **[www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/number-of-seals-killed-in-canadas-annual-hunt-falls-dramatically...](http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/number-of-seals-killed-in-canadas-annual-hunt-falls-dramatically...)**: "... According to preliminary figures on the website of Canada's *Department for Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)*, only 388 seals have been reported killed to date in this year's hunt in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, which would usually run from mid-April through late May. In all of 2019, the number of seals killed numbered 32,071. While still a significant number, this was only 8% of the 2019 quota of 400,000. ..."

***ADLC:*** The Covid-19 pandemic in Canada also resulted in the cancellation of the 2020 Calgary Stampede, which in past years has caused the deaths of animals at this annual event.

**CRUEL LEG-HOLD TRAPS BEING USED TO CATCH FOXES:** January 20, 2020 we sent the following letter to the Nova Scotia Minister of *Lands and Forestry*, **The Honourable Iain Rankin**, and to his opposition critic **Tory Rushton**, PC, MLA:

Regrettably, foxes are being trapped and killed in your province because of a human-fox conflict. People are causing the conflict by feeding foxes and other wildlife – conditioning the wildlife to keep returning to the area where they are being given food.

Several foxes have already been trapped and killed in Englishtown, NS. Animals caught in traps can suffer from injuries trying to free themselves. They may break teeth, bones, suffer from incredible agony, extreme mental anguish and fear. Sometimes trapped animals will chew off a foot or leg. Endangered species, birds, pets and sometimes people can also fall victim to these inhumane traps.

According to *The Fur-Bearers*, North Vancouver, BC: "... Implementing coexistence measures such as active hazing or aversion conditioning, education on the costs of feeding wildlife and enforcement of feeding wildlife laws at the site is a long-term solution that is scientifically valid and ecologically responsible. ..."1

The *Fur-Bearers* would welcome the opportunity to assist you in developing policy or educational materials to increase the visibility of this issue and the effectiveness of communications to protect residents and visitors.

**BY TRAPPING AND KILLING THE FOXES YOU ARE NOT DEALING WITH THE CAUSE OF THE HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICT.** Long-term humane solutions are urgently needed to stop the cycle of trapping and killing animals to temporarily solve a human-animal conflict problem.

We look forward to your response regarding the above.

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<sup>1</sup>*The Fur-Bearers*, Suite 701, 718 – 333 Brooksbank Avenue, North Vancouver, BC, V7J 3V8, email dated January 6, 2020.

We received a reply from **Minister Iain Rankin**, dated February 6, 2020. He defended the use of leg-hold traps: "... We have attempted to live trap the foxes with no success. The decision to use leg hold traps to capture the foxes was made so that any non-target animal caught could be released unharmed and with ease. The leg hold traps used met specifications outlined in the fur harvesting regulations and are legal for fox. ...

Although we are no longer trapping in Englishtown, we will continue to circulate education materials to residents and tourists. ..."

[**ADLC:** We know that animals caught in leg-hold traps will be injured in the traps when they clamp down on them, or by struggling to free themselves.]

**CRUEL ANIMAL TRAPS ARE NOT THE SOLUTION FOR DEALING WITH WILDLIFE:** January 20, 2020 we sent the letter below to the BC Minister of *Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development*, **The Honourable Doug Donaldson**, and to his critic **John Rustad**, MLA. No reply received.

We urge you to please make common-sense updates relating to the safety of trapping, including allowing municipalities to manage dangerous trapping activities within their borders, enforcement through by-laws, public education, mandatory trap warning signs, etc.

"Numerous municipalities, including Nanaimo, Surrey, White Rock, Sechelt, and Vernon have created by-laws or requested permission to create by-laws that would allow them to effectively educate residents about traps and protect wildlife and families from danger. Even the Union of BC Municipalities has put forward resolutions in the past several years that include:

1. [The *Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development* should] be encouraged to develop and promote educational programs on alternatives to trapping and the importance of trapping signage, particularly within urban interface areas;
2. [The *Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development* should] prohibit the sale of wildlife traps to individuals without a license or permit;
3. The Province investigate ways to prevent domestic animals from being injured in traps; and,
4. Trap lines not be allowed in recreational areas close to communities. ..."1

Traps cause immense suffering to endangered species, birds, pets and other unfortunate animals, and sometimes people, that fall victim to these inhumane traps.

Wildlife conflicts do not always have to be dealt with by cruel methods.

We look forward to your response regarding the above.

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**REMEMBERING MAGDALENA WESTEN:** Sadly she passed away on April 7, 2020. Magda was a long time Director of **ADLC**. She also held the position of General Secretary for a number of years and served on Committees, attended peaceful protests and helped out at **ADLC** garage sales. Even after retiring from the Board in 2012 she kept in touch. She loved animals, and took in many abandoned cats during her lifetime. She was a delight to be around and will be forever missed. Animal welfare has lost a great ally.

**TETHERING DOGS (OR CATS) OUTSIDE:** July 21 and 22, 2020 we sent the letter below to the 10 provincial and 3 territorial premiers, as well as to each provincial/territorial Minister of Justice or Solicitor General or Attorney General. In a few instances, we received notice that our letter was forwarded by the receiver to another government department minister.

We are concerned about dogs who are tethered outside to a doghouse or fixed object, unattended and ignored 24/7 or for shorter periods of time.

Sometimes these animals die frozen and still chained to their doghouses. If they become sick, frostbitten or collapse from heatstroke, it may go unnoticed because the person “caring” for them does not have much concern or understanding about the animal’s physical or mental well-being. Tethered, unsupervised dogs are vulnerable to attacks by other animals or cruel acts towards them by people, unable to escape their aggressors.

Caring people, who live in neighbourhoods where dogs (or other animals) are constantly tied up, are understandably stressed and depressed at having to witness this abuse with no means of alleviating it. In many communities, there is no law to prevent this type of abuse. In Quebec dogs can be tethered indefinitely.<sup>1</sup> Dogs outside in Oshawa, ON, and Mississauga, ON, are required to be provided with weather-proofed, insulated shelters.<sup>2</sup> According to the **BC SPCA** in Vancouver, BC: “Many dogs in B.C. are left tied up outside. Some just during the day, others for their entire lives. ... In Lions Bay and New Westminster, one may **not** tether **unattended dogs**. ...”<sup>3</sup> Calgary, Alberta’s “Bylaws related to dogs” states: “... Dogs may not be left unattended while tethered. ...”. Some communities allow time limits on unattended tethering which is difficult to monitor and enforce.

“Over the years, the **Washington Humane Society** has gained a firsthand knowledge of the problems which the chaining or tethering of dogs (<https://www.peta.org/issues/animal-companion-issues/cruel-practices/chaining-dogs/>) cause. ... Eventually the dog will break the chain and will escape the yard. Bite cases come in regularly where a dog has broken or got off [the] chain and has bitten someone while running loose. Chaining also creates a hazard for dogs, because they can become tangled and/or hang themselves.’ -- **Adam Parascandola**, former director of humane law enforcement for the **Washington Humane Society**, Washington, D.C.”<sup>4</sup>

A province-wide ban on unattended dog tethering for ANY length of time would be the enforceable way that makes sense. A law would enable humane societies and police to take legal action. This law should include working dogs and sled dogs as well.

Our laws need to change to reflect society’s growing abhorrence and condemnation of inhumane treatment of animals.

We look forward to your reply concerning this serious form of animal abuse.

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<sup>1</sup>“There is no justification for leaving an animal tied up alone outside”, February 3, 2018, *CBC News* on-line article: [www.cbc.ca/news/dog-tethering-1.4517235](http://www.cbc.ca/news/dog-tethering-1.4517235).

<sup>2</sup>Ibid.

<sup>3</sup>“B.C.’s MUNICIPAL ANIMAL BYLAWS TETHERING STANDARDS”, [bylaws@spca.bc.ca](mailto:bylaws@spca.bc.ca), **BC SPCA**, Vancouver, BC.

<sup>4</sup>“On the Front Lines: Chaining Ordinances Work”, *PETA*, Norfolk, VA, on-line article: [peta.org/issues/animal-companion-issues/cruel-practices/chaining-dogs/chaining-ordinances-work/](https://www.peta.org/issues/animal-companion-issues/cruel-practices/chaining-dogs/chaining-ordinances-work/).

We received a disappointing reply from **David Marit, Saskatchewan's Minister of Agriculture**, dated July 29, 2020. He stated: "... The **Animal Protection Act, 2018** (the Act) includes a broad definition of distress to ensure that animal welfare concerns can be dealt with appropriately. The definition of distress includes animals that are deprived of food, water, care or shelter. The definition also defines distress as animals being kept in conditions that are unsanitary, that will significantly impair the animal's health or well-being over time, or cause the animal extreme anxiety or suffering. ... [T]hese provisions allow animal protection officers to intervene and relieve animals that are in distress or that may become distressed should their current state of care remain unaltered. These general provisions also allow animal protection officers to intervene without the need to create a ban on tethering. **[ADLC: The addition of "extreme anxiety" in their Animal Protection Act may help some animals who are tethered outside, unattended and ignored 24/7, and spotted and reported by someone, and then checked by an animal protection officer, but it is not good enough. This cruel tethering practice should be illegal.]**

... The **Animal Protection Regulations** list standards, codes of practice, and guidelines, including the Mush with Pride Sled Dog Care Guidelines. These guidelines are based on scientific evidence and can be utilized by sled dog owners to ensure that they are following best practices for the care and management of sled dogs. ..." **[ADLC: The Mush with Pride Sled Dog Care Guidelines are not opposed to tethering, but it also states on their page 12: "... Tethering systems are controversial and when used inappropriately have been associated with circumstances that are detrimental to the welfare of dogs. ..."]**

July 31 we received the following from **Bloyce Thompson, Minister, PEI Department of Agriculture and Land** (excerpt): "... Animal abuse is intolerable and no animal should be held in a situation where they could freeze to death or be vulnerable to attack. ...

Prince Edward Island regulates the tethering of dogs. Currently, the tethered dog shall be provided access to food, water, a place to lie down that provides protection from the elements, and sufficient tether length to move around the area. The tether must also be configured to prevent entanglement, injury, strangulation and distress. Included with this, tethering is limited to 30 minutes during the period from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. **[ADLC: It is just too difficult to monitor whether an animal has been tied outside for 30 minutes or longer, has been brought inside and tied outside again, and even more difficult to monitor in the late evening and overnight. What about the hours after 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.?)**

Our opinion is that the current regulatory framework provides a balanced approach to tethering, but, as you stated, Society's views are changing. We are trying to understand and respond to this evolution. The *Department of Agriculture and Land* is planning to conduct a public survey to improve our awareness of Society's understanding and position regarding enforcement of animal welfare laws. ..."

August 4, we received a disappointing reply from **Jonathan Roy, Political Consultant, Quebec's Office of the Justice Minister**, drawing our attention to article 898.1 of the Quebec Civil Code: "Animals are not things. They are sentient beings and have biological needs. In addition to the provisions of special Acts which protect animals, the provisions of this Code and of any other Act concerning property nonetheless apply to animals."

Yet another disappointing reply from **Gerry Byrne, Minister of the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources, Newfoundland and Labrador**. August 5 he wrote: "... The *Government of Newfoundland and Labrador* and the residents of this province value the health and welfare of our domestic animals, both companion and farm animals. **Newfoundland and Labrador's Animal Health and Protection Act (AHPA)** and regulations are enforceable by law and aim to protect all animals from harm and neglect, especially from the extreme, life threatening examples of animal abuse that you have described.

The **Basic Standards of Dog Care (Schedule B)** within the **Animal Protection Standards Regulations** have detailed minimum requirements that include daily access to exercise that is adequate and appropriate, and unfettered from a fixed object. ..." **[ADLC: The Basic Standards of Dog Care (Schedule B) state that dogs in pens/enclosures or tethered are not to be kept in locations that "pose a high risk of injury or other distress to the confined dog. ..."]** The **Basic Standards of Dog Care (Schedule B)** provide "Basic requirements for a pen or enclosure", and for "Tethering": "... 33. A dog that is tethered, unsupervised, outside shall be provided (a) daily social interaction with people or animals or both; (b) toys and other enrichments that are appropriate for the dog's well-being; and (c) daily access to exercise that is adequate and appropriate for that dog and that is unfettered from a fixed area. **[ADLC: Section 29 requirements for penned/enclosed dogs are similar to requirements in section 33.]** 34. A dog that is young, aged or infirm shall not be tethered, unsupervised, outside for an extended period of time."

August 11, 2020 we received a reply from **Jeff Carr**, Minister of *Environment and Local Government*, New Brunswick (excerpt): "... New Brunswick was the first province in the country to legislate tethering related laws. Section 4(1.01) of the **Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act** states that a person who has ownership, possession or care and control of a dog shall not tether the dog outdoors for more than 30 minutes between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., unless the person is outdoors and within 25 m of the dog. ..." [**ADLC**: Time frames make it difficult to monitor the length of time and being able to see if a person is also outside with the dog. What about the hours after 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.?)

August 31, 2020 we received a reply from **Lana Popham**, British Columbia's *Minister of Agriculture* (excerpt): "... British Columbia has some of the toughest penalties in Canada, and action can be taken against anyone who causes distress to an animal in the province. Under the **PCAA [Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act]**, a person found guilty of causing an animal distress can be sentenced with a fine of up to \$75,000 or imprisoned for up to two years. A judge may also prohibit a person found guilty of causing animal distress from owning an animal for any term.

The definition of 'distress' in the **PCAA** includes being deprived of adequate shelter, exercise and care; or not being protected from excessive heat or cold, sickness, pain, suffering, or neglect. Section 9.1 of the **PCAA** also ensures that any person responsible for an animal must protect that animal from distress or causing/permitting it to continue to be in distress. ..."

**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 the end of August 2020 we helped a cat rescue group with some of the cost of different medications, fluids, special cat food, 2 neuters and the euthanasia of one cat; and another cat rescue group with the neutering of a feral cat and treating its nasal infection, plus 1 spay and 3 neuters and deworming/defleaing treatment; one individual with having their cat evaluated and treated, another with spaying 2 cats and neutering 2 cats, and one person with some of the cost of euthanizing their sick cat. We had to temporarily stop the monthly cat/dog food deliveries in March, resuming only in July 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.**

**To DONATE to *ADLC's Spay/Neuter Fund or Animals in Distress Fund*, see page 9.**

**OTTAWA SPAY/NEUTER DAY, February 25, 2020:** 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 21, 2020 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 3 dogs/2 dog spays and 1 cat neuter/2 cat spays of individuals who are clients of the *Community Veterinary Outreach* organization in Ottawa.

**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 ADVERTISING:** "**BE KIND TO ANIMALS. Don't exploit them.**" is the heading of an ad we placed in the January/February, February/March 2020 editions of *The Leveller*, a **Carleton University** newspaper serving the Ottawa/Gatineau area. It also appeared in the annual *Toronto Jewish Seniors Directory*. **ADLC'S SPAY/NEUTER FUND AND ALTERNATIVE RESEARCH FUND:** A full page ad was placed in the annual Spring/Summer 2020 ***ULTIMATE GUIDE to Retirement Living***, Ottawa edition. Our ad promoted our Spay/Neuter Fund and our non-animal-using Alternative Research Fund. Spring/Summer 2020 *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**.

**ONTARIO'S BILL 156, SECURITY FROM TRESPASS AND PROTECTING FOOD SAFETY ACT, 2019:** In our last Bulletin we reported that the *Government of Ontario* was considering passing a law so that distance "animal protection zones" could be created to curtail peaceful protests on public property near trucks transporting animals to slaughter, and to prevent a farm or slaughterhouse employee from being a whistleblower to cruel practices involving animals in their workplace.

Sadly on June 17, 2020 Bill 156 was passed. In 2019, Alberta passed an ag-gag law.

It is unlikely the animal abusers will turn themselves in. Without the public and the whistleblowers speaking out, who is left to be the voice of the voiceless? Fines range from up to \$15,000 for the first offence and up to \$25,000 for subsequent offences.

**AG-GAG LAW RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL IN KANSAS, *AWI QUARTERLY*, Spring 2020, Volume 69, Number 1, *Animal Welfare Institute*, Washington, DC:** "On January 22, 2020, a federal district court in Kansas struck down a majority of the state's ag-gag law for violating the First Amendment. The law, enacted in 1990, banned individuals from going undercover to film at agricultural operations within the state. Laws such as this protect industrial agriculture operations by criminalizing investigations into how animals are raised. Undercover investigations, which often involve activists photographing and filming the miserable conditions at factory farms, are critical for the public to gain an understanding of farm and slaughter practices in the United States, and are often the only way for cruel practices to be revealed.

Similar ag-gag laws have been struck down across the country, including laws in Idaho, Iowa, and Utah. Challenges to Arkansas's and North Carolina's ag-gag laws are ongoing, but the success in Kansas and other states is encouraging."

**USA'S FDA BEING TRAINED ON REPLACING ANIMAL TESTS, *Good Medicine*, Summer 2020, Vol. XXIX, No. 3, *Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine*, Washington, DC:** "The *Physicians Committee* was invited by the *Food and Drug Administration* to help regulators avoid animal testing requirements by using data from nonanimal methods to clarify chemical risks.

**Kristie Sullivan**, MPH, vice president of research policy at the *Physicians Committee*, led about 75 U.S. *FDA* scientists through a three-hour training session. They discussed the importance of replacing animal tests for drug safety and examples of how Adverse Outcome Pathways could be used to assess the safety of drugs and chemicals that may cause cancer or reproductive harm. The *FDA* has invited the *Physicians Committee* to continue to collaborate to create training lectures on nonanimal test methods."

**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](http://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 and Beth Clifton, is a comprehensive animal-concerned issues and news on-line publication. Website: [www.Animals24-7.org](http://www.Animals24-7.org), e-mail: [Animals24.7@frontier.com](mailto: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. Websites: [www.worldanimalprotection.ca](http://www.worldanimalprotection.ca) and [www.worldanimalprotection.org.uk](http://www.worldanimalprotection.org.uk). Telephone: 1-800-363-9772.

**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 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V6M 4L3, Website: [www.cetfa.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.pcrm.org).

**CHECK OUT THE GROUPS THAT YOU CONSIDER SUPPORTING:** We suggest you write to them and ask for a written statement of their position on hunting, fishing, whaling, zoos and aquariums, vivisection, vegetarianism. Depending on what they reply to you, you can decide whether you wish to support them.

Various groups raise money for people suffering from physical or mental problems. One may wish to support efforts to provide services, counselling or care to patients, but not want to financially support research which involves the use of animals. Below is sample text which could be sent to soliciting organizations:

Your organization has requested my financial support. I would like to support your cause, but ONLY if you can write to me with assurance that you do not financially support any research using animals.

Apart from services of various kinds provided directly to patients, I support only ethical clinical research with humans, epidemiology, and in-vitro research.

Your early reply would be appreciated.

**“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](http://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!!

**THE ADLC DOES NOT MAKE ITS MEMBERSHIP LIST AVAILABLE TO ANYONE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

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**ANIMAL DEFENCE LEAGUE OF CANADA**  
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**(We are a non-profit organization.)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Your e-mail address if you would like paperless bulletins in the future: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Membership:</b> Life     \$75.00 Annual     \$15.00 Senior     \$ 5.00 Student     \$ 5.00	<b>Donation:</b> General _____ Spay/Neuter Fund _____ Animals in Distress Fund _____ Alternative Research Fund _____
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**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 10.**

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.**