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ADLC THANKS EVERYONE who responded to our request for help to enable the **ADLC** to continue its work. As well, this summer we received a bequest (see page 14) that has saved us from closing down.

BILL C-247, NATIONAL BILL TO BAN FUR FARMS IN CANADA: February 25, 2022 we emailed the letter below to: Prime Minister Trudeau, Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture & Agri-Food, Liberal MP Jenica Atwin, NDP MP Rachel Blaney, Conservative MP Michelle Rempel Garner, Green Party MP's Elizabeth May and Mike Morrice. Excerpts of two replies follow our letter.

RE: Bill C-247. An Act to Prohibit Fur Farming. First Reading on February 8, 2022.

We wholeheartedly support Liberal MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith's new bill to ban fur farming in Canada. We are deeply concerned about the suffering that millions of fur-bearing animals endure while kept in tiny wire cages on fur farms and ultimately their violent deaths usually by gassing or anal electrocution, as well as the serious public health risks that fur farms pose during the COVID-19 pandemic.

November 2021 British Columbia announced it will phase out all mink farms in the province to protect public health, after several COVID-19 outbreaks in mink farms led to workers and animals becoming infected with the virus, and 1,000 mink were brutally killed at one farm in an effort to stop the spread. The week of February 7, 2022 a mink farming ban passed in the U.S. House, and at the end of 2021, the Italian Senate voted to ban fur farming nationwide.¹

Since the summer of 2020, when COVID-19 outbreaks began ravaging mink farms in Europe, scientists and health experts have been sounding the alarm about the health risks associated with the fur industry. Animal populations can act as a reservoir for COVID-19, offering the virus the opportunity to mutate as it spreads. Mutations could unleash dangerous new variants, which would be a devastating step backwards in our global effort to reach the end of the pandemic. The filthy and overcrowded conditions on fur farms are the perfect breeding ground for COVID-19 and other zoonotic diseases to grow and spread.

Sentient animals such as minks, foxes, and rabbits are miserably raised on fur farms. They are crammed together in tiny wire cages, and are denied of everything that makes life worth living. Undercover footage from fur farms has shown animals living in their own filth, performing troubling repetitive behaviours, and self-mutilating due to the stress of intensive confinement.

A new survey from Research Co. shows that 81% of Canadians oppose killing animals for their fur. With some of the biggest designers in the world going fur-free, fur prices plummeting in recent years, coupled with the public health risk associated with this industry, there's never been a better or more urgent time for Canada to end the cruel, unnecessary, and dangerous fur farm industry.

We hope you will make the ethical choice to support this legislation to ban fur farms in Canada, and we look forward to your reply.

¹***Animal Justice***, Toronto, Ontario, Blog dated February 12, 2022, [First-Ever National Bill to Ban Fur Farms Introduced in Canada.](#)

Source outline for this letter courtesy of ***Animal Justice***, Toronto, Ontario, Blog dated February 12, 2022, [First-Ever National Bill to Ban Fur Farms Introduced in Canada.](#)

We also emailed a thank you to Liberal MP **Nathaniel Erskine-Smith** and sent him a copy of the above letter and the names of the politicians we sent it to.

May 16 we received a reply from **Tom Rosser**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch, on behalf of the Minister of *Agriculture and Agri-Food*, **Marie-Claude Bibeau**. He pointed out that *Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada* does not have the legislated authority to ban fur farming, and that provinces and territories have laws with regard to animal welfare.

“... vaccines for SARS-CoV-2 have been developed for mink, one of which is already being distributed under a restricted experimental licence for use in mink in Canada.

With regard to the welfare of farmed mink, the industry has been operating in accordance with the national Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Farmed Mink. An on-farm animal care assessment program was developed in 2018. The resulting Mink Care Assessment Program is used to verify that mink farms across the country are consistent with the Code of Practice. ...”

July 14, 2022 response from NDP MP Rachael Blaney: “... New Democrats and I share your concerns. We have long been strong advocates of the ethical treatment of all animals and an equal opponent of cruel practices and the vanity fur business. ...”

I am in favour of phasing out these anachronistic and unnecessary businesses and assisting them in their transition to a healthier and more, ethical, productive enterprise. ...”

SENSELESS COYOTE KILLING CONTEST NEAR BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO, IN FEBRUARY: March 10, 2022 we emailed **Greg Rickford**, Ontario’s Minister of *Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources, and Forestry* and sent him the letter below. A similar letter was emailed to: **Lucille Collard**, Liberal MPP (Ottawa/Vanier); **Stephen Blais**, Liberal MPP (Orleans); **Joel Harden**, NDP MPP (Ottawa Centre); **John Fraser**, Liberal MPP (Ottawa South); **Jeremy Roberts**, PC MPP (Ottawa West – Nepean). The second last paragraph in the version emailed to Ontario MPP’s other than the Minister reads: We urge you to take action to ensure that the Ministry of *Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources, and Forestry* is investigating and enforcing section 11 of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. Besides being unethical, promoting the killing of wildlife for gain is in contravention of Ontario’s hunting and conservation law. No replies.

For a few years, Cheshier’s Outdoor Store, a Belleville area hunting outfitter store, has been holding an annual coyote hunting contest offering cash and prizes to hunters. This violates section 11 of the Ontario Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act:

- 11 (1) Except with the authorization of the Minister, a person shall not,
- (a) hunt for hire, gain or the expectation of gain;
 - (b) hire, employ or induce another person to hunt for gain;
 - (c) trap for hire, gain or the expectation of gain;
 - (d) hire, employ or induce another person to trap for gain; or
 - (e) pay or accept a bounty.

To our knowledge, “... neither the Minister nor the Store have indicated that written authorizations have been issued to the Store and contest participants as required by section 11 of the Act ...”¹

We urge you to take action to ensure that your Ministry is investigating and enforcing section 11 of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. Besides being unethical, promoting the killing of wildlife for gain is in contravention of Ontario’s hunting and conservation law.

These barbaric hunting contests need to STOP. We look forward to your response and hope you will ban all wildlife hunting contests.

¹“Lawsuit slams government for allowing coyote hunting contest”, *The Fur-Bearers*, North Vancouver, BC, email dated February 24, 2022.

GOVERNOR GENERAL’S FOOT GUARDS’ BEAR SKIN HATS: July 12, 2022 we sent the email below to Canada’s Governor General **Mary Simon**:

This year, the **Governor General’s** ceremonial foot guards are celebrating 150 years of service for Canada. In honour of that *Canada Post* is issuing a commemorative stamped envelope featuring the foot guards.

We wish we could also be celebrating the phasing out of the foot guards' bear skin hats. One to two Canadian black bears were killed to make each hat worn. Let's replace these iconic hats with a non-animal alternative. It is unfortunate that the switch to cruelty-free head gear was not done in conjunction with the foot guards' 150th anniversary. Many clothing designers have stopped using real fur (Prada, Versace, Armani, etc.).

Black bears, nor any other animals, do not deserve to end up as a ceremonial hat or part of a ceremonial uniform.

We encourage you to be the **Governor General** who makes the switch to a more acceptable, non-animal, cruelty-free alternative to animal fur, and await your response to our concerns.

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE CARE AND HANDLING OF DAIRY CATTLE: Thanks to a January 11, 2022 *Animal Justice* email, Toronto, ON, about this that included a link to the *Montreal SPCA*, Montreal, PQ, which had a button that you could click that brought up a survey that you could comment on this Code of Practice until January 27, 2022. We filled in sections of the survey on January 24:

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this latest updating of the **Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Dairy Cattle**. Our comments follow:

1) Section 2.2.1: Facilities and Housing – Calves Pre-Weaning.

End the unacceptable total solitary isolation of calves that can last several months. They are social animals and should not be kept in solitary confinement for any length of time. This can cause stress.

The draft Code of Practice now requires group housing of calves 2 to 4 weeks of age starting in 2033. Why eleven years before this is phased in? This is shameful. For some farm businesses, the longer the deadline means the longer they wait to make the change. Switch to group housing immediately.

2) Section 2.2.3: Facilities and Housing – Lactating and Dry Cows.

The practice of keeping cows permanently tethered indoors needs to end. Dairy cows should be given access to outdoor yards or pastures, and have the opportunity to graze and socialize with other cows.

Cows kept indoors should not be tethered. They should have freedom of movement, and be able to socialize with other cows (i.e. loose housing). Indoor tethered dairy cows frequently exhibit stereotypic behaviours, a result of being unable to freely move around, or to socialize and interact with other cows.

3) Section 2.11: Facilities and Housing – Emergencies and Safety.

Measures need to be in place to deal with natural disasters, such as occurred this past year in British Columbia, with so much flooding and loss of farm animal lives. As well as for possible labour disputes, human pandemics which may result in less staff, animal diseases outbreaks, fires, evacuation of animals. Emergency plans need to become a priority, and involve government authorities especially when natural disasters can happen any time, with the possibility of having to evacuate, house and care for many displaced farm animals.

4) Section 6.1: Preparations for Transportation – Pre-Transport Decision Making.

The Code of Practice should provide detailed guidance concerning steps to be taken prior to transport.

Animals that are injured, compromised or unfit, are pregnant or still lactating should not be permitted to be transported. This should be clearly stated in the Code.

Cows, especially those who may have been tethered and immobilized most of their lives may not be able to withstand being transported, and they should not be permitted to be transported. Weeks prior to transport, these cows should be allowed to exercise.

5) Early Separation of Mother Cows From Their Calves.

The practice of separating the calf from its mother shortly after birth needs to change. Cow-calf separations cause psychological suffering to the cows and their calves. There is scientific evidence of the importance of the animal welfare benefits of cow-calf cohabitation.

FINAL COMMENTS: How we raise food animals on factory farms is appalling and inhuman. Millions of animals suffer as a result, living and dying in horrible conditions. The whole cycle – from birth to death – of the factory-farm

experience for animals is a life of fairly constant stress. We urge you to please take into consideration the welfare and safety of the animals.

On-farm animal welfare is almost entirely unregulated, and there are no government inspections aimed at detecting abuse on farms.

We urge you to take swift action to protect cows and all other farmed animals in Canada. Please create legally-binding welfare regulations for animals on farms, conduct regular unannounced inspections at farms, and require that all farms and slaughterhouses install cameras that livestream to the internet so Canadians can see for themselves what happens behind closed doors at farms. These steps are essential to combatting the abuse that so many farmed animals continue to endure.

As well, too many farmed animals are dying in barn fires in Canada – more than 470,000 between January 2015 and November 2017.

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 because the lives of firefighters, farm workers and animals depend on it.

Fire chief Bill Hunter, Township of Perth East, Ontario: "... 'You hear the screams of the animals inside and see farmers reduced to tears right in front of you,' **Hunter** says. 'It's horrific, something you don't forget.'" ("Barn fires are brutal affairs", *Farm Credit Canada*, Sept. 16, 2016, www.fcc-fac.ca/en/ag-knowledge/knowledge/barn-fires-are-brutal-affairs.html.)

"... [T]he safest barns would be protected by an automatic sprinkler system and associated detection devices monitored by a control panel. Unfortunately, until barns become mandated to include an automatic fire detection system, the risk of total destruction will remain." ("Barn Fire Protection", *Fire Safety In Barns*, Chicago Falls, OH, 2018, firesafetyinbarns.com/articles/barn-fire-protection/.)

Transportation is one of the most stressful activities that farmed animals endure. By the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency's* own statistics, **approximately 14 million animals suffer injuries and 1.6 million die during transport journeys every year**. That is an alarming number of animals, and that should have the National Farm Animal Care Council and the government concerned about what is happening in this industry alone.

Protecting the welfare of the hundreds of millions of farmed animals in Canada that undergo transportation journeys every year must also be a top priority.

Canadians care deeply about animals, including those raised on farms. We hope you will consider these issues with the urgency they deserve.

This draft Code of Practice is 60+ pages long. We relied on the *Montreal SPCA* and *Animal Justice* to be okay with the five key welfare points that were chosen to focus on. The survey was 24 pages. The *Montreal SPCA* provided text as a guide and asked that you use your own words when submitting your comments.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE NEEDED AT CANADIAN SLAUGHTERHOUSES: E-Petition to the Government of Canada – e-3961 (Animals): The petition below is being sponsored by Liberal MP **Nathaniel Erskine-Smith**. We signed it May 13, 2022.

"Whereas:

- Undercover videos taken in facilities where animals farmed for food are slaughtered have uncovered extreme animal abuse;
- Numerous polls show that the majority of Canadians want to know more about where their food comes from and that it is important to Canadians that animals raised for food are treated humanely;
- Video surveillance in slaughter facilities would assist in making sure that legal requirements and high animal welfare standards are maintained while providing Canadians with valuable information about how their food is produced;
- The *Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)* has limited resources to regulate facilities across Canada and video surveillance would be a cost-effective way of improving compliance with our laws, and ensure animals are treated more humanely;
- Both the *CFIA* and the *Ministry of Agriculture* have agreed that they consider video surveillance to be complementary to the live, on-site monitoring that is currently required; and

- Israel, France, England, Scotland, Spain and Wales have passed laws making the use of video surveillance mandatory in all slaughter facilities and it is currently under consideration in other countries.

We, the undersigned, **Vancouver Humane Society, Montreal SPCA, Humane Society International/Canada, Canadian Horse Defence Coalition, Mercy for Animals, Canadian Coalition for Farm Animals, and citizens and residents of Canada**, call upon the Government of Canada to commit to a plan to implement video surveillance in federally regulated slaughter facilities with a feed that can be viewed by both CFIA officials and a third party.”

CANADA’S FEDERAL BILL C-275, An Act to Amend the Health of Animals Act: February 18, 2020 Conservative MP **John Barlow** introduced Private Member’s Bill-205. There was a second reading of the Bill on November 26, 2020. Bill C-205 was an attempt to stop activists/caring individuals from entering buildings/enclosures where animals are kept, and exposing animal cruelty, inhumane animal care/farming practices. March 10, 2021 this bill was referred to the Standing Committee on *Agriculture and Agri-Food* for further study. NOW THERE IS BILL C-275.

June 16, 2022 we emailed the letter below to: **Marie-Claude Bibeau**, Minister of Agriculture & Agri-Food (Marie-Claude.Bibeau@parl.gc.ca); **Nathaniel Erskine-Smith** Liberal MP (Nathaniel.Erskine-Smith@parl.gc.ca); **Jenica Atwin**, Liberal MP (Jenica.Atwin@parl.gc.ca); **Jagmeet Singh**, NDP MP (jagmeet.singh@parl.gc.ca); **Rachel Blaney**, NDP MP (rachel.blaney@parl.gc.ca); **Don Davies**, NDP MP (don.davies@parl.gc.ca); **Gord Johns**, NDP MP (gord.johns@parl.gc.ca); **Peter Julian**, NDP MP (peter.julian@parl.gc.ca); **Brian Masse**, NDP MP (brian.masse@parl.gc.ca); Green Party MP’s **Elizabeth May** (Elizabeth.May@parl.gc.ca) and **Mike Morrice**, (June 17, mike.morrice@parl.gc.ca); Conservative MP’s **Marilyn Gladu**, (Marilyn.gladu@parl.gc.ca) and **Michelle Rempel Garner** (Michelle.Rempel@parl.gc.ca).

We are very disappointed and regret that MP **John Barlow** introduced this Bill on May 30, 2022. Except for a few word changes it reads the same as Bill C-205 that he introduced on February 18, 2020.

Bill C-205 did not get very far after it was referred to a Standing Committee on *Agriculture and Agri-Food*, March 10, 2021.

MP Barlow is so intent on punishing caring people who expose animal cruelty on farms that he attempts to weave this fixation into a “biosecurity on farms” issue. Trespassing is already an offence. Instead, we wish he would turn his attention and efforts towards the farmers if he really wants to reduce the risk of exposure of animals to diseases or toxic substances.

Why are farm owners and operators exempt from being charged for disease outbreaks on farms that “tend to be caused by standard farming practices and errors on the part of farm owners and operators.”? [“Federal ag gag bill fizzles out after committee study” by Jan Hajek and Kaitlyn Mitchell, <https://www.nationalobserver.com/2021/07/06/opinion/federal-ag-gag...>]

There needs to be more government action to protect all animals and to not punish the activists/caring individuals who expose animal cruelty and deplorable factory-farming practices. Please create and implement binding farm animal welfare laws and regular public inspections.

Let’s turn more attention towards the farmers, owners and operators who, if they were raising food animals humanely and respectfully, with their well-being in mind, there wouldn’t be a need to be concerned about animal activists/caring people exposing animal cruelty and the inhumane practices of agri-business factory-farming.

We urge you to not support Bill C-275, and hope to hear from you on this important issue.

COSMETIC ANIMAL TESTING, HORSE EXPORTS & FACTORY FARMING FOR FOOD OR FUR: In Bulletin #199, SPRING/SUMMER 2022 and in this Bulletin, page 9, we reported that on November 29, 2021 we emailed a letter concerning cosmetic testing, live horse exports and factory farming for food or fur to the following federal politicians: **Prime Minister Trudeau, Marie-Claude Bibeau**, Minister of Agriculture & Agri-Food, Liberal MP **Jenica Atwin**, Green Party MP **Elizabeth May** and Green Party MP **Mike Morrice**. We asked that they please make animal protection a priority. The first point in our letter was that Canada should ban cosmetic animal testing and phase out toxicity tests on animals. July 8, 2022 we received an interesting email from **Roger Charland**, Director General, Consumer and Hazardous Products Safety Directorate, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch, *Health Canada*. He was responding to our email to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food that was forwarded to the Minister of Health.

Excerpt: “... Through the Minister of Health’s mandate letter, the Government has committed to introducing legislation to end cosmetic testing on animals. While the *Food and Drugs Act* does not require cosmetic products to be tested on animals,

Health Canada is working with stakeholders to develop a proposal to ban cosmetic testing on animals and implement sound scientific approaches that would protect animals, while ensuring that cosmetic products continue to be safe for Canadians.

Additionally, on February 9, 2022, the Government introduced Bill S-5, *Strengthening Environmental Protection for a Healthier Canada Act* in the *Senate* to amend the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (CEPA)*. Bill S-5 would amend *CEPA* to recognize the need to reduce reliance on animal testing when assessing the risks that chemical substances may pose to human health and the environment. This proposed amendment would encourage the promotion, development, and timely use of alternative methods and strategies, as science permits (e.g., computer-based models, testing on cell cultures). This commitment is in line with international efforts to replace, reduce, or refine animal testing, and contributes to and capitalizes on advances in technology.

Health Canada is also working in close collaboration with international partners to advance the science needed to develop and promote the use of alternatives to animal testing. For example, *Health Canada* is a member of the International Cooperation on Cosmetics Regulation (ICCR) and has been working with our foreign regulatory counterparts in this forum to promote alternatives to animal testing and explore new risk assessment methods. The ICCR recently published an updated inventory of validated alternatives to animal testing for cosmetics. *Health Canada* officials are also actively engaged through fora such as the International Cooperation on Alternative Test Methods and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's Test Guidelines Program to expedite the international acceptance of alternative test methods. ..."

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 August 2022 we helped four individuals with dogs: mouth infection/teeth, eye infection, leg wound and a dog not feeling well; four individuals with cats: teeth, inflamed gums, eye infection and a sick cat was evaluated. One cat rescuer with some of the cost of various medications, cat food and one euthanasia. We continued 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. In conjunction with OTTAWA SPAY/NEUTER DAY, February 22, 2022 (which at our request, Ottawa's **Mayor Watson** proclaimed) we covered the cost of 2 cat spays and 5 cat neuters of clients of the **Community Veterinary Outreach** organization in Ottawa. **Your support has made this possible. We thank you.**

To DONATE to *ADLC's* Spay/Neuter Fund or Animals in Distress Fund, see page 15.

MINUTES OF THE ANIMAL DEFENCE LEAGUE OF CANADA'S AGM, March 27, 2022, 1:35 pm, St. Laurent Complex, Solarium Room, 525 Côté Street, Ottawa, Ontario: President R. Farley chaired the meeting. A quorum of members was present. Paraphrased/excerpted reports follow:

MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 28, 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM): *MOTION:* The March 28, 2021 AGM minutes be accepted as presented. *MOVED* by R. Farley. *SECONDED* by B. Bernhardt. *CARRIED* with no objections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: 2021 Financial Statements: J. Bélair presented the Review Engagement Financial Statements and Report prepared by **Baker Tilly Ottawa LLP** for the year ending December 31, 2021. *MOTION:* Accept the Review Engagement Financial Statements and Review Engagement Report prepared by **Baker Tilly Ottawa LLP** for the year ending December 31, 2021. *MOVED* by R. Bélair. *SECONDED* by R. Farley. *CARRIED* with no objections.

Appoint a Public Accountant: *MOTION:* The Directors of **ANIMAL DEFENCE LEAGUE OF CANADA** appoint **Baker Tilly Ottawa LLP** to be our accountant for the 2022 financial year. *MOVED* by J. Bélair. *SECONDED* by R. Bélair. *CARRIED* with no objections.

Have Appointed Public Accountant Conduct a Year-End Review Engagement for 2022: *MOTION:* The Directors of **ANIMAL DEFENCE LEAGUE OF CANADA** are authorized to have **Baker Tilly Ottawa LLP** conduct a year-end Review Engagement for 2022 and prepare our Financial Statements, Review Engagement Report and tax forms for 2022 on behalf of the **ANIMAL DEFENCE LEAGUE OF CANADA**. *MOVED* by R. Farley. *SECONDED* by B. Bernhardt. *CARRIED* with no objections.

J. Bélair presented an outline of *ADLC's* 2022 General Operating Budget and Projects Budgets (prepared by *ADLC*) which had been previously approved by the Board.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT: 2022-2023 ADLC Directors: R. Farley presented the list of candidates to serve as Directors on the *ADLC's* Board for 2022-2023: 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 B. Bernhardt. **CARRIED** with no objections.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: COMPANION ANIMALS: 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 December 2021 we helped four individuals with some of the cost of having: their sick cat evaluated, two with having their sick dogs evaluated, and one with the cost of spaying their dog. We assisted cat rescue groups with some of the cost of euthanizing two cats, eye ointment, a cat that needed eye surgery, 13 neuters/8 spays, vaccinations, deworming/defleaing treatment, special cat food and having a cat evaluated (bladder infection). We also helped with some of the cost of spaying/neutering, deworming/defleaing and vaccinating 22 colony/street cats in Cornwall. We continued 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. **OTTAWA SPAY/NEUTER DAY, February 23, 2021:** We wrote to Ottawa's **Mayor Watson** asking him to proclaim the day which he did. We paid for spaying 1 dog/6 cats and neutering 1 dog/5 cats of individuals who are clients of the **Community Veterinary Outreach** organization in Ottawa. The spays/neuters were done at the City of Ottawa Spay/Neuter Clinic.

ADLC ADVERTISING: "BE KIND TO ANIMALS. Don't exploit them." This was the heading on a recycle bin, the corner of Somerset Street and Bank Street, Ottawa. Along with our name, logo and contact information the message reads: **"BE KIND TO ANIMALS. Don't exploit them. Become a supporter/member."** August 2020 to August 2021 was the final year for this advertisement. **ADLC'S SPAY/NEUTER FUND AND ALTERNATIVE RESEARCH FUND:** A full page ad was placed in the **ULTIMATE GUIDE to Retirement Living**, the Spring/Summer 2021 and Fall/Winter 2021 Ottawa edition. This ad promoted both funds. Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter 2021 **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**.

FOOD ANIMALS: CANADA'S FEDERAL BILL C-205, An Act to Amend the Health of Animals Act: This Bill was an attempt to stop activists/caring individuals from entering buildings/enclosures where animals are kept, and exposing animal cruelty, inhumane animal care/farming practices. January 19, 2021 we emailed a letter to 14 federal MP's. April 8, 2021 we received a response from **Marie-Claude Bibeau**, Federal Minister of **Agriculture and Agri-Food**. She informed us that on March 10, 2021 it was decided that Bill C-205 would be referred to the Standing Committee on **Agriculture and Agri-Food** for further study. [See Bulletin #198 – Fall/Winter 2021.]

An **Animal Justice** Blog, animaljustice.ca/blog/federal-ag-gag-bill-could-punish..., June 22, 2021 reported that: "... Now that the Committee has completed its study of Bill C-205, the Bill will return to the *House of Commons* for a third reading vote, which is unlikely to occur until much later this year because Parliament is about to break for the summer. If the Bill passes a third reading vote, it will then go on to be considered by the *Senate*."

RETAIL COUNCIL OF CANADA RENEGING ON PHASING OUT GESTATION CRATES AND BATTERY CAGES: May 13, 2021 we emailed letters separately to each group of following stores, 3-4 key contact names per group: Loblaws, Metro, Sobeys, Longos, Walmart Canada and Save-on-Foods. [Source outline for our letter courtesy of **Canadian Coalition for Farm Animals**, Toronto, ON, emails dated April 30, 2021 and May 4, 2021.]

In March 2021, the Retail Council of Canada announced it was voiding commitments to phase out the use of gestation crates for mother pigs by 2022, and battery cages for egg-laying hens by 2025. We asked each of the six store chains, as a Retail Council of Canada member, to honour their commitments to improve the deplorable conditions that food animals are raised in, and to encourage the Retail Council of Canada to reconsider its March 2021 decision and to reinstate the phasing out of the use of gestation crates by 2022, and battery cages by 2025.

We received a response from the Corporate Social Responsibility Team (CSR), Loblaws, May 18, 2021: "... The welfare of animals raised for food is important to us and our customers. As Loblaws is not directly involved in raising or processing animals, we look to our suppliers to ensure that the animals they raise are treated in accordance with government and industry-accepted guidelines for humane treatment.

... We continue to work with our egg and pork partners to make progress on conversions We are also working to support NFACC regarding appropriate updates to the codes of practice for pigs and laying hens." [**ADLC NOTE:** NFACC – National Farm Animal Care Council]

“SHOCKING: Cows beaten at organic dairy farm”: November 22, 2021 we emailed: **Lana Popham**, BC’s Minister of *Agriculture, Food & Fisheries*; **Marie-Claude Bibeau**, federal Minister of *Agriculture & Agri-Food*; **Elizabeth May**, Green Party MP; **Mike Morrice**, Green Party MP; **Jenica Atwin**, Liberal MP. [Source outline for our letter courtesy of **Animal Justice**, Toronto, ON, email dated November 5, 2021. See Bulletin #199 – Spring/Summer 2022.]

Animal abuse was recently uncovered at an organic dairy farm in Abbotsford, BC. Footage was aired on *CTV National News* on November 4, 2021, that showed relentless abuse of cows. On-farm animal welfare is almost entirely unregulated, and there are no government inspections aimed at detecting abuse on farms. We urged them to take swift action to protect cows and all other farmed animals in Canada, to create legally-binding welfare regulations for animals on farms, conduct regular unannounced inspections at farms, and require that all farms and slaughterhouses install cameras that livestream to the internet so Canadians can see for themselves what happens behind closed doors at farms.

December 17, 2021 we received a reply from **Lana Popham**, BC’s Minister of *Agriculture, Food and Fisheries*: “... The Ministry of *Agriculture, Food and Fisheries* (the Ministry) has worked closely with the agricultural commodity boards in British Columbia (B.C.) in encouraging them to adopt and enforce animal welfare and biosecurity standards. As a result, B.C. commodity boards have now made animal care and biosecurity standards mandatory for their producers.

The B.C. Milk Marketing Board (BCMMB) has the authority to regulate the production and marketing of dairy products within B.C. This includes establishing and enforcing animal welfare standards based on the National Farm Animal Care Council Codes of Practice.

The BCMMB suspended Cedar Valley Farm’s licence on October 27, 2021 based on information provided by the **BC SPCA [Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals]** and a subsequent farm inspection. At the time the licence was suspended, the BCMMB put in place independent oversight of animal care on the farm.

Based on its investigations, the BCMMB confirmed there were violations of the Code of Practice. The farm’s licence was conditionally reinstated on November 12, 2021 provided mandatory conditions imposed by the BCMMB are met. ... Over the next 12 months, the farm will also be subject to unannounced animal welfare inspections. The BCMMB will consider any further information provided by the **BC SPCA** during its independent investigation and may add additional licence conditions. BCMMB will be working with the B.C. Dairy Association to fully review animal welfare policies and procedures, including its farm inspection programs.

... The Ministry continues to monitor the situation and will take appropriate action as needed to ensure animals are treated with a high level of care and respect.“ [There was no mention of anyone being charged with animal cruelty.]

Reply from Green Party MP Elizabeth May, February 28, 2022: “... I completely oppose animal cruelty in any form. I have been urging the government to take action on animal welfare over my 11 years as a Parliamentarian, presenting many petitions and speaking on the topic several times.

... To bring about change in this area, we must stop seeing animals as mere tools, property, and profit, but as creatures that suffer and feel pain as we do. ...

I am committed to adopting comprehensive animal welfare legislation to prevent the inhumane treatment of farm animals. This legislation should set minimum standards of treatment, housing density, distances live animals can be transported, and conditions for animals in slaughterhouses and auctions.

As this issue falls under both federal and provincial jurisdiction, the federal responsibility would be to strengthen criminal punishments for those who abuse animals. ... I will continue to press the government to make every effort to protect animal populations and to take action on injustices perpetrated on our animal friends.”

Reply from Green Party MP Mike Morrice, March 1, 2022: “... The Green Party and I agree that no animals should face abuse in Canada, including those raised on farms. That’s why we included specific commitments in our platform for the 2021 election campaign, to ‘adopt comprehensive animal welfare legislation to prevent inhumane treatment of farm animals,’ as well as to ‘set minimum standards of treatment, housing density, distances live animals can be transported, and conditions for animals in slaughterhouses and auctions’.

... A sustainable and healthy food system is a critical part of this vision. However, this is threatened by factory farm conditions that promote antimicrobial resistance and zoonotic disease transmission, contribute to climate change, and are often marked by cruel and inhumane treatment of animals.

I will look for every opportunity to amplify this cause and work internally to advance this conversation with other MPs on this important issue. You have my support. ...”

“CANADA, STOP EXPORTING LIVE HORSES FOR SLAUGHTER.”: We signed this Change.org petition on November 3, 2021. Every year, thousands of horses are exported to Japan “where they are slaughtered for a luxury item, raw horsemeat basashi. ...” If the trip is under 36 hours, no food or water is provided. 3-4 horses are usually loaded into each wooden crate where they will spend around 11-12 hours waiting for the airplane to leave, that’s if all goes well.

“... Suffering is inherent in long distance transport. The longer the time of the journey, the greater the risk of serious health and welfare problems such as respiratory problems, colic, gastrointestinal problems, injuries and death. In view of all these factors, we are asking the government of Canada to act immediately to ban live horse export for slaughter.”

COSMETIC ANIMAL TESTING, HORSE EXPORTS & FACTORY FARMING FOR FOOD OR FUR: November 29, 2021 we emailed a letter to the following federal politicians asking them to please make animal protection a priority: **Prime Minister Trudeau, Marie-Claude Bibeau**, Minister of *Agriculture & Agri-Food*, Liberal MP **Jenica Atwin**, Green Party MP **Elizabeth May** and Green Party MP **Mike Morrice**.

First, Canada should ban cosmetic animal testing and phase out toxicity tests on animals. ... We hope to see this Parliament take important steps to tackle the extreme suffering that animals endure in tests and to support modern, state-of-the-art non-animal alternatives.

Second, it's time for Canada to end the live export of horses to be killed and consumed in other countries. ... Canada’s live horse export industry ... causes immense suffering by shipping large draft horses together in small crates, which results in deaths and painful injuries. ...

Third, please take swift action to outlaw fur farming. ... Fur farms only continue to operate thanks to federal and provincial subsidies. Farming animals for fur is incredibly cruel Multiple COVID-19 outbreaks have taken place on Canada’s fur farms and around the world, spreading between minks and workers, and causing the virus to mutate. ... British Columbia recently announced a permanent phase out of mink farms to combat these risks. ...

Fourth, “... Please create legally-binding welfare regulations for [food] animals on farms, conduct regular unannounced inspections at farms, and require that all farms and slaughterhouses install cameras that livestream to the internet so Canadians can see ... what happens behind closed doors at farms. ...”¹

¹**Animal Justice**, Toronto, ON, email dated November 5, 2021.

Source outline for our letter courtesy of **Animal Justice**, Toronto, ON, email dated November 16, 2021.

Reply from **Marie-Claude Bibeau**, Minister of *Agriculture & Agri-Food*, February 24, 2022: “... the federal government is working diligently to deliver results for Canadians on a host of federal platform commitments. The banning of the export of live horses for slaughter is part of these commitments, and I look forward to working to achieve this outcome in the near future.

Matters related to cosmetic testing on animals, including approval processes and regulatory oversight, fall under the responsibility of *Health Canada*. I have therefore taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence to the **Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos** to ensure he is aware of your concerns. ...”

MILLIONS OF FARMED ANIMALS SUFFER AND/OR DIE DURING TRANSPORT. THIS NEEDS TO STOP.: Farmed animal transport regulations changes were set to come into effect in February 2020. The “federal government announced there would be a two-year delay for fine-based enforcement in order to allow industry to adjust to meet the new requirements through education. ...” December 9, 2021 we sent an email to: **Marie-Claude Bibeau**, Minister of *Agriculture & Agri-Food*; **Jean-Yves Duclos**, Minister of *Health*; **Dr. Siddika Mithani**, *Canadian Food Inspection Agency* President; **Elizabeth May**, Green Party MP; **Mike Morrice**, Green Party MP; **Jenica Atwin**, Liberal MP.

Transportation is one of the most stressful activities that farmed animals endure. By the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency's* own statistics, **approximately 14 million animals suffer injuries and 1.6 million die during transport journeys every year.**

As the February 2022 deadline for this two-year delay on full enforcement of the regulations, including food, water, and rest intervals was nearing, we urged they implement full enforcement of the revised regulations, including high-impact fines and other forms of penalties for the companies refusing to follow the laws.

Source outline for our letter courtesy of the **Vancouver Humane Society**, Vancouver, BC, email dated November 29, 2021.

A response from Dr. Mithani, President, Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), January 21, 2022: "... the amendments to Part XII of the *Health of Animals Regulations* (the *Regulations*) came into force on February 20, 2020. ...

During the first two years of the coming into force of the regulatory amendments, the *CFIA* focused its enforcement efforts on compliance promotion for the prescriptive feed, water, and rest (FWR) requirements. This was done through education and awareness measures as part of the *CFIA*'s continuum of enforcement.

The amended regulations also contain outcome-based feed, water and rest (FWR) time requirements for transported animals to prevent any suffering due to exhaustion, dehydration, or nutritional deficit. The *CFIA* has continued to enforce all outcome-based provisions in the *Regulations* to prevent and act on animal welfare situations.

The *CFIA*'s compliance promotion period will end in February 2022, and the *CFIA* will then move to standard compliance and enforcement actions that take into account harm, history, and intent. ... Enforcement actions will continue to be proportional to the animal welfare situation and the seriousness of the non-compliance, and can include verbal or written notices as well as monetary or non-monetary penalties.

... *CFIA* will examine the effectiveness of these amended regulations and make appropriate adjustments based on new scientific evidence and experience with their implementation."

WILDLIFE PROTECTION: BRITISH COLUMBIA'S ENDANGERED SPOTTED OWLS: April 8, 2021 we emailed a letter to Provincial **Minister George Heyman, Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Victoria, BC** and a separate letter to Federal **Minister Jonathan Wilkinson, Environment and Climate Change, House of Commons, Ottawa, ON.** [See Bulletin #198 - Fall/Winter 2021.]

In British Columbia (BC) there are only **three** spotted owls left in the wild, and two of them are a breeding pair. These three remaining spotted owls live within the community of **Spô'zêm First Nation**. "There are currently **28** spotted owls in captivity including seven breeding pairs."¹ The BC government's initiated, and underfunded, Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program has released **NO** owls into the wild over the past **15** years.

Industrial clearcut logging is destroying their forest habitat. Some suitable old-growth forests still remain in the owl's range, but more remaining areas need to be protected from industrial logging.

BC has halted logging in two valleys where the three wild spotted owls live, but unfortunately that is only for one year. We need to permanently stop all industrial logging of old-growth forests, and also protect second-growth forests, that the owls and other species require to survive.

The BC government and the Canadian government need to work together with local **First Nations** to immediately protect, prevent and stop the extinction of wildlife species and ecosystems in southwestern British Columbia. The **First Nation** wants logging in their territory to stop to help give the owls a chance of surviving.

¹"Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program." Northern Spotted Owl Breeding Program, 2020, <https://bit.ly/3rDE9Qd>.

(Source: **SPOTTED OWL Spirit of the Ancient Forest**, Vol. 40 No. 2/2021, **Wilderness Committee**, Vancouver, BC.)

May 5, 2021 we received an email from **Minister Heyman, Environment and Climate Change Strategy:** "... The Province has been collaborating on recovery efforts for Spotted Owl since 2007. In 2007, B.C. initiated the Captive Breeding and Release Program and facility along with an Interagency Northern Spotted Owl Steering Committee to oversee recovery actions. Although no Spotted Owls have been released from the breeding facility to date, as of 2019, the captive population target minimum of 20 Spotted Owls (10 breeding pairs) has been exceeded and there are now 28 Spotted Owls in the program and a Release Strategy is under development. B.C. invests heavily into the program, facility, and associated monitoring (approximately \$600,000 annually). ...

B.C. manages over 334,000 hectares of habitat for Spotted Owl. Of this, over 280,000 hectares are legally protected and over 49,000 hectares of habitat are managed (allowing tree harvest with retention) in designated Wildlife Habitat Areas. As of March 11, 2021, B.C. announced additional interim protection of a one-year deferral as part of a newly announced **Canada-B.C. Nature Agreement** that prevents harvesting in the Spuzzum and Utzlius creek drainages (over 32,671 hectares of Crown land). During this time the Province plans to work with the federal government as well as **Spuzzum First Nation** and other **Indigenous Nations** on finalizing a Release Strategy as well as an updated federal Recovery Strategy for Spotted Owls in B.C.

... The Province is also working toward implementing recommendations of the Old Growth Strategic Review. This includes

deferring old forest harvesting in nine areas throughout the province totalling 352,739 hectares as a first step, and committing to engaging, initiating, or continuing discussions with **Indigenous** leaders. ...”

June 14, 2021 a reply from Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change: “... February 25, 2021, the governments of British Columbia and Canada announced the development of a bilateral nature agreement that will both enhance their mutual engagement on species and habitat conservation generally, and enable immediate action to support the Spotted Owl.

... *Environment and Climate Change Canada* is working on a host of forestry issues with the Government of British Columbia, **Indigenous Peoples**, other provincial and territorial partners, as well as stakeholders. ...”

THE PROBLEM WITH ZOOS (Specifically in Ontario): May 31, 2021 we emailed our letter to: **Premier Ford; The Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General; The Hon. Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism & Culture Industries – PC (Nepean); Mike Schreiner – Green Party MPP; Lucille Collard – Liberal MPP (Ottawa/Vanier); Stephen Blais – Liberal MPP (Orleans); Joel Harden – NDP MPP (Ottawa Centre); John Fraser – Liberal MPP (Ottawa South); Jeremy Roberts – PC MPP (Ottawa West – Nepean).** [See Bulletin #198 – Fall/Winter 2021.]

May 7 a kangaroo escaped from the Papanack Zoo (approximately 50 km east of Ottawa) and was hit by a vehicle when she crossed the road. The seriously injured animal was captured and a veterinarian was called by people at the scene. By the next day, the zoo reported **Willow**, the kangaroo, had died.

Ontario remains the only province that does not require zoos to be licensed, or to have a permit to open a zoo that may house dangerous and exotic animals. And there are no comprehensive zoo standards that must be adhered to in regard to protecting animals as well as public safety. This leaves authorities completely unable to shut down a bad zoo.

Canada’s Accredited Zoos and Aquariums (CAZA) does onsite inspections of its members (28 members with 11 in Ontario).

All zoos should be monitored and regulated. Zoos that are monitored and regulated must transition into an animal sanctuary model where the needs of animals are put first.

Source outline for our letter courtesy of **Animal Justice**, Toronto, ON,
action.animaljustice.ca/page/82366/action/1?locale=en-US,

August 5, 2021 we received a disappointing reply from Sylvia Jones, Ontario’s Solicitor General: “... Please be advised that *Animal Welfare Services (AWS)* is aware of this matter and an investigation has been completed and the matter is now closed. Kindly note that AWS is not in a position to provide updates or information for calls received by the *Ontario Animal Protection Call Centre*. ...” [The letter goes on to describe what the *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019* and the animal welfare system provides.]

“NIAGARA REGION, ONTARIO, CANADA: BAN HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGES FOR ‘ENTERTAINMENT’: On June 1 we signed a petition to Niagara Regional Council that was on **Change.org**. Horses are forced to work in hot and humid temperatures with the heat radiating off the roadways. Horses are at risk of being hit by motor vehicles and some horses have been struck. This cruel, outdated mode of transportation needs to be banned. Slowly, cities such as Montreal, Quebec; Mumbai, India; Rome, Italy have banned it.

“JUSTIN TRUDEAU: PLEASE BAN TROPHY HUNTING OF POLAR BEARS”: This petition, on **Change.org**, stated there are an estimated 20,000 polar bears in the wild, with two-thirds of them in Canada. Hundreds of them are being killed annually by trophy hunters which could lead to the extinction of the polar bears. According to the petitioner, Canada is the only country that permits commercial trophy hunting of polar bears. The petition asks **Prime Minister Trudeau** to “ban all trophy hunting of polar bears, and to halt commercial trade in polar bears and their body parts.” We signed the petition.

POISONS: e-3047 (Animals): This petition called upon “the **Government of Canada** to take immediate measures to end the use of strychnine, Compound 1080, and sodium cyanide for killing wolves, bears, coyotes, and other large vertebrates.” We signed it.

Petition e-3047 (Animals) was presented in the *House of Commons* by Conservative **MP Len Webber** on May 3, 2021. A Government Response by the Minister of Health was tabled on June 16, 2021, petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-3047: “... In January 2021, the *PMRA [Canada’s Pest Management Regulatory Agency]* initiated re-evaluations of strychnine, Compound 1080, and sodium cyanide. ... the re-evaluation of sodium cyanide has since been closed, following the manufacturer’s decision to cancel the registration of sodium

cyanide. ... Based on the outcome of the [remaining two] re-evaluations of these pesticides, the PMRA will then make a determination regarding their continued acceptability, and will publish for public consultation a proposed re-evaluation decision for each of these pesticides. The Department will consider all comments received during the consultation period before finalizing its decisions.”

PUPPY MILLS: Petition e-2997 (Animals) was presented in the *House of Commons* on May 6, 2021 by Liberal MP **Nathaniel Erskine-Smith**: It called upon “the Government of Canada to ban the operation of puppy mills in the entire country.”

Petition e-2997 (Animals) – A Government Response by the Minister of *Agriculture and Agri-Food* was tabled on June 21, 2021, petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-2997: “... The CFIA [*Canadian Food Inspection Agency*] is responsible for regulating the importation of animals, including dogs, into Canada in order to prevent the introduction and spread of diseases that could negatively impact the health of both animals and humans. CFIA veterinarians administer and enforce the humane transport and import requirements at the border.

Canadian provinces have the primary responsibility for protecting the welfare of animals, including pets. All provinces and territories have laws with regard to animal welfare. Provincial and territorial legislation tends to be general in scope, covering a wide range of animal welfare and interests. Some provinces and territories have regulations that govern specific aspects of animal welfare or are related to certain species. In addition, the Criminal Code of Canada prohibits anyone from willfully causing animals to suffer from neglect, pain, and injury. The Criminal Code is enforced by police services, provincial and territorial ***Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals***, and/or provincial and territorial ministries of agriculture.“

“END FUR FARMING IN BC”: This petition was sponsored by the **BC SPCA** (Vancouver, BC) and **The Fur-Bearers** (North Vancouver, BC) and will be presented in the BC Legislature. We signed it on November 12, 2021. The main points (which were expanded on in the petition) were: Fur farming is inherently inhumane; Fur farming exacerbates the climate emergency; Fur farming is a public health threat; Fur farming is opposed by the majority of the population.

“ALLOW WILDLIFE REHABILITATION OF BEAR CUBS IN NOVA SCOTIA”, Change.org petition to the Nova Scotia *Department of Lands and Forestry* (**Chuck Porter**, Minister). Signed it August 10, 2021. “Nova Scotia has denied a wildlife sanctuary’s request to be allowed to care for orphaned black bear cubs and then release them back into the wild. Instead. The *Department of Lands and Forestry* euthanizes bear cubs that are orphaned or injured. ... **Hope for Wildlife** in Nova Scotia has rehabilitated and successfully released thousands of animals over the years. They have the expertise, knowledge and space to rehabilitate black bear cubs and should be granted permission and support by the *Department of Forestry* in Nova Scotia.”

“FREE KISKA, THE LAST ORCA HELD IN CAPTIVITY IN CANADA”: According to this Change.org petition, “... **Kiska** was captured almost 40 years ago off the coast of Iceland and is currently living alone in Marineland [Ontario]. ... By taking action and placing **Kiska** into an appropriate facility, such as a whale sanctuary, she can begin to acclimate to the wild and live a more natural and healthy life.” Signed it on August 19, 2021.

Animal Justice, Toronto, Ontario, filed a legal complaint with provincial authorities. *The Ottawa Sun*, July 29, 2021, reported: “... The non-profit is requesting an investigation into the whale’s living conditions.”

“LET’S MAKE TERTIARY SEWAGE TREATMENT THE LAW!”: October 19, 2021 we signed this Change.org petition started by **LifeForce Foundation** in Vancouver, BC. “... Orcas are facing extinction! Pollution is one of the three major threats to the Southern Resident Killer Whales! ... Many governments are planning to upgrade aging sewer treatment systems to only Secondary Treatment. If they do, households and industries will continue polluting land and water habitats. Implementing the present most effective Tertiary Treatment can’t wait for another 10 to 30 years with the increasing human population wastes, future increased costs and more pollution related health care costs! ... We urge Governments to take immediate actions to upgrade all sewage treatment plants to the most effective Tertiary Sewage Treatment! Make it the law!”

“SAVE LESTER THE BEAVER!”, Change.org petition signed September 8. **Lester** had built a dam in Sawmill Creek. The summer of 2021 the City of Ottawa decided **Lester** could not stay there because of possible “harm to vegetation and trees’ or damage to city infrastructure such as a small concrete path”. The petition asked the City of Ottawa “to leave the dam intact while continuing to monitor and manage the water level. Beavers are highly territorial; relocating this beaver is inhumane and would certainly result in its death. ... The City should hire or work with ethical wildlife experts, rather than relying on advice of inhumane trappers.”

“STOP TORTURING THE STURGEON OF THE FRASER RIVER”, Change.org petition signed September 14, 2021. There are 18 plus

fishing charters on this river that target Sturgeon, and passengers are catch and release fishing, and the fish are not left unharmed. According to the petition "... The world's last remaining wild population of White Sturgeon lives in the Fraser River of British Columbia ... [and] are in decline." **The petition demands "STOP the CRUEL practice of catch and release of the Fraser River Sturgeon! STOP Torturing the Fraser River Sturgeon for profit!"**

"BAN THE SALE OF ANIMALS IN PET STORES IN CALGARY", Change.org petition signed on September 20. The petition states that Calgary is the last city in Alberta that has a pet store that sells puppies. The store owners will not let clients know who the breeders are. "... Let's put Calgary on the map like Vancouver as a city that is progressive and goes beyond viewing our pets not just as property, but as family."

[FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE PETITIONS WE SUPPORTED see Bulletin #198 – Fall/Winter 2021 and Bulletin #199 – Spring/Summer 2022.]

CLOSE ALL FUR FARMS IN CANADA IMMEDIATELY: August 24, 2021 we emailed a letter to a number of federal and provincial politicians. We told them that we had serious concerns regarding fur farms in Canada and the public health risk they pose during the unprecedented crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic. And we hoped that provincial and federal legislators would act responsibly and shut down these cruel factory fur farms immediately. [See Bulletin #199 – Spring/Summer 2022.]

August 24, Saskatchewan's Minister of Agriculture David Marit responded: "... The fur farming regulations were updated in 2017 and on January 1, 2021, additional welfare requirements for fur farm operators came into effect. These regulations were developed in accordance with national Codes of Practice and Standards. Annual inspections are conducted on each fur farm, with specific attention given to ensure housing, health and welfare of the animals is appropriate.

With respect to COVID-19, we have sent information to all licenced fur farm operators, cautioning them to take measures to ensure their animals are not exposed to the virus. We have also made resources available on-line to provide health and safety information for all animal owners, whether they own pets or livestock."

September 3, a response from Alberta's Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Devin Dreeshen: "... The fur farming industry in Alberta is quite small; currently, there are no licensed mink farms within the province. As such, Alberta is not considering the phase out of fur farms at this time. Any previous or future fur farming operations within Alberta are bound by the legislative requirements set out in the *Fur Farms Act*. To ensure the producer is meeting or exceeding provincial legislative requirements, licenced fur farms are inspected annually. ...

Fur farms are also expected to meet public health directives put forward by Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of *Health* to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace. The department monitors and supports agricultural operations impacted by COVID-19."

September 27 a reply from Lisa Thompson, Ontario's Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs: "... While Ontario is not considering the phasing out of mink farms, farmed mink in Ontario are being monitored for signs of illness. ... Efforts to prevent potential human-to-mink transmission events are ongoing." [The Province encourages mink farmers to implement and adhere to the recommendations in the National Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Farmed Mink and to the biosecurity recommendations in the National Farm-level mink biosecurity standards.]

Elizabeth May, Green Party MP, October 6, 2021: "... I agree that fur farmers should be urgently transitioned to a kinder and safer industry, in the interest of both animal and human welfare. ...

While fur farms are provincially regulated, they receive federal funding through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership. The federal government should update the eligibility requirements of this subsidy program to exclude fur farms and make available separate, one-time, funding for these farmers to transition to a new industry. I will continue to advocate for this in Parliament."

December 9, 2021 Marie-Claude Bibeau, Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food wrote: "... There have been only a few limited outbreaks of the virus at fur farms in Canada, identified at British Columbia mink farms. Each case was quickly and responsibly addressed"

The *Canadian Food Inspection Agency* and the *Public Health Agency* of Canada have worked closely with other federal partners, as well as with provincial partners, to respond to the issue regarding mink farms. As a result, national guidance on preventing and responding to SARS-CoV-2 infections in farmed mink was developed and has been shared with the provinces, territories and industry to protect both human and animal health, including wild populations."

December 14, 2021 we resent our August 24 “Close all fur farms in Canada immediately” email to most of the politicians who did not respond. Supportive replies received from Liberal MP Atwin and NDP MP Blaney and PC MP Rempel Garner. UPDATE: November 5, 2021 email from **The Fur-Bearers**, North Vancouver, BC – Lana Popham, BC’s Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, just announced that BC “will be phasing out mink farming with an absolute closure of all operations News from the province indicates the steps of the phase out will include a permanent ban on breeding mink, a permanent ban on live mink on farms by April 2023, and all operations ceasing completely, with all pelts sold, by 2025.”

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 2:55 pm. **MOVED** by J. Bélair. **SECONDED** by B. Bernhardt. **CARRIED** with no objections.

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IN MEMORIAM

We received a bequest from the Margaret Gray Trust as established out of the Estate of Marjorie Baskerville, 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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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: <https://animal-defence.ncf.ca/>.

ADLC’S FACEBOOK PAGE: We now have a FACEBOOK page thanks to Brenda Campbell: www.facebook.com/groups/AnimalDefenceLeagueofCanada.

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- 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.