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ADLC'S MARCH 2023 AGM: We may not be able to book a meeting room until the end of February or the beginning of March, and the COVID-19 virus and the variants may cause restrictions. Therefore, the meeting information below is tentative. **PLEASE CALL US IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND.**

ADLC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Will be held TENTATIVELY on Sunday, March 26, 2023, 1:30 pm, (If the weather is bad, we will try for Tuesday, March 28, 7:15 pm.), hopefully at the Don Gamble Recreation Centre at the St. Laurent Complex, 525 Côté Street, 2 blocks west of St. Laurent Blvd., Ottawa, Ontario. If we are unable to secure a meeting room at this facility we will try for another recreation centre.

If you plan to attend PLEASE call us to confirm the date and location – 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 2022 AGM minutes and 2022 Financial Report, appoint a public accountant, vote on having an audit of our 2023 financial records done and our 2023 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.

BAN CRUEL FACTORY-FUR FARMS: In a September 29, 2022 email from the *Montreal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals*, Montreal, Quebec, they were making this a Quebec election issue. Even though the election was over, October 21, 2022 we still sent a letter to: Quebec Premier **François Legault**; Geneviève Gullbault, Deputy Premier; **Pierre Fitzgibbon**, Minister of Economy and Innovation; **Benoit Charette**, Minister of Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks; and **André Lamontagne**, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

RE: Ban Fur Farms in Quebec.

A May 2022 Leger survey shows that the majority of Quebecers want fur farms banned in Quebec.

Millions of fur-bearing animals (mink, foxes, chinchillas, and other fur-bearing animals) are miserably raised on industrial factory-fur farms. Crammed together in tiny wire cages their entire lives, they are deprived of everything that makes life worth living. Sadly, they are forced to live in their own filth, exhibit repetitive behaviours, self-mutilate due to the stress of intensive confinement, and cannibalism happens. And if they survive all that, they face a violent death usually by gassing or anal electrocution.

15 countries have banned fur farms. November 2021 British Columbia announced it will phase out mink farms. There are cruelty-free alternatives to animal fur. Many clothing designers have stopped using real fur (Prada, Versace, Armani, etc.). The federal and/or provincial government should help fur farmers transition to an ethical, non-animal-exploitive business.

Given the threat to public health¹ and wildlife, the environment², and the immense suffering of the animals in this outdated, cruel industry that the majority of Quebecers and the rest of Canada are opposed to, we hope you will do the right thing and swiftly shut down these inhumane factory-fur farms permanently in Quebec.

We look forward to your reply.

NOTES

¹COVID-19 has been spread through intensive mink farming with the animals and workers getting sick on these cruel farms (e.g. British Columbia). Transmission to wildlife is also a possible threat.

²Fur production threatens the soil, land use, water quality, marine life and wildlife. From the large amounts of feed needed for the animals, to manure run-off from the fur farms, to toxic chemicals used in pelt processing, energy use, as well as millions of tax-payers' money being used to keep this industry viable are all good reasons to instead spend that money on transitioning factory-fur farmers to non-animal-exploitive, environmentally-friendly businesses.

BC's EXTENDED 5-YEAR PLAN/WAR ON WOLVES: We were alerted to this by a November 9, 2022 email from *The Fur-Bearers*, North Vancouver, BC. December 8, 2022 we emailed a letter to British Columbia's: **Premier Eby; Deputy Premier Mike Farnworth; Katrine Conroy**, Minister of Forests; **George Heyman**, Minister of the Environment & Climate Change Strategy; and **Josie Osborne**, Minister of Land, Water & Resource Stewardship.

RE: BC's Wolf Cull is NOT the Solution to the Caribous' Recovery.

We are concerned and extremely disappointed about how your province is handling your approach to caribou recovery by blaming and victimizing the wolves for the caribous' decline.

Human activity such as industrial, oil and gas development, logging, snowmobiling, etc are disrupting and affecting the caribous' habitat resulting in their decline. As well, these human activities have negative impacts on the ecosystems.

Reduce, or better yet, STOP the destructive human activities that are impacting the endangered caribou, other wildlife, and our environment.

Hunting down and shooting wolves and their pups from helicopters is inhumane. Rather than spending millions of dollars on unethical and unscientific wolf culls, which the BC government plans to continue doing for another five years, instead use that money to better protect the environment that the flora and fauna depend on.

PLEASE STOP KILLING THE WOLVES. We want the caribou protected but humans are the primary problem -- let's clean up OUR own act.

We look forward to your response to our concerns.

STOP ILLEGAL WILDLIFE HUNTING CONTESTS: December 14, 2022 *Animal Justice*, along with *The Fur-Bearers*, North Vancouver, BC, and *Coyote Watch Canada*, St. Davids, ON, took the Ontario Government to court over illegal hunting contests. *Animal Justice* was encouraging the public to send emails to the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources asking him to take action against illegal hunting contests (<https://animaljustice.ca/blog/ontario-coyote-killing-contest>). January 3, 2023 we emailed the letter below to **The Hon. Graydon Smith**, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry. A slightly different letter was emailed to: **John Yakabuski**, PC MPP, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation & Parks; **Lisa M. Thompson**, PC MPP, Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs; **Michael S. Kerzner**, PC MPP, Solicitor General; **Mike Schreiner**, Green Party MPP; **Stephen Blais** (Liberal MPP – Orleans); **Lucille Collard** (Liberal MPP – Ottawa-Vanier); **John Fraser** (Liberal MPP – Ottawa South); **Joel Harden** (NDP MPP – Ottawa Centre); and January 17, 2023 to **Todd Smith** (PC MPP – Belleville). The first sentence of the first paragraph to the various MPP's was changed to: "March 2022, we had written to **Greg Rickford**, who was then the Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry ...", and the second sentence in the second paragraph was changed to " We urge you to take action to ensure that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is investigating ..."

RE: The Annual Senseless Coyote Killing Contest Near Belleville, Ontario.

We wrote to your predecessor, **Greg Rickford**, in March 2022, and disappointedly never received a response to our concerns regarding the annual coyote killing contest held by Cheshers' Outdoor Store, a Belleville area hunting outfitter store. Cash and prizes are offered to hunters for different weight categories of killed coyotes even though it is illegal to hunt for gain or bounty unless a person or a company receives written permission from the province, which we understand did not happen in this case.

Why is the Ontario government turning a blind eye to illegal hunting contests? 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.

THE PROBLEM WITH ZOOS IN ONTARIO: In an October 19, 2022 email, *World Animal Protection*, Toronto, Ontario, provided information (<https://actnow.worldanimalprotection.ca/page/112938/action/1?ea.tr...>) encouraging letters be sent to the Ontario Solicitor General, Minister Michael Kerzner. Below is our letter emailed to the Minister on October 31, 2022:

We are troubled and concerned about the welfare and well-being of over one thousand wild animals kept in Ontario zoos.

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 exotic animals. Also, there are no comprehensive zoo standards that must be adhered to in regard to protecting animals as well as public safety (Animals have escaped putting the animals and the public at risk. Also, some zoos encourage the public to interact with these animals.). This leaves authorities completely unable to shut down a bad zoo.

Animal enclosures are not designed to meet the needs of specific species (i.e. too small, barren, inappropriate for the species kept there, etc.). Some zoo animals exhibit repetitive stereotypic behaviours indicating severe psychological distress caused by confinement. Some animals are kept in solitary confinement that may not be solitary animals in the wild, and some animals are sociable but kept by themselves.

Please make the time to read the recent "**Nothing new at the zoo**" Ontario report prepared by *World Animal Protection*, Toronto, Ontario: *Nothing new at the zoo*. You will see that zoos in the report do not seem to be complying with existing animal welfare regulations.

We have copied and pasted page 41, "Summary and recommendations", of their report, which follows our letter.

It should be mandatory for all provincial zoos to 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. We urge you to ensure that unregulated zoos are shut down.

There is a way to correct this horrible, inhumane situation. We would like to know what your plans are to put a stop to the confinement of animals for our profit and entertainment.

Below is a "cut and paste" of page 41 from the "Nothing new at the zoo" Ontario report by *World Animal Protection*, Toronto, Ontario, published 2022.

"Summary and recommendations

Ontario is one of the few provinces in Canada that does not comprehensively restrict or regulate the trade, use and keeping of (exotic) wild animals. At the time of writing, it is possible to buy, open and operate a facility with wild animals without having any relevant knowledge, experience, or training. Furthermore, zoos are allowed to continue operating despite seemingly being in violation of one or more existing provisions in the *Ontario Regulation 444/19 Standards of Care and Administrative Requirements*.

While only 11 facilities have been reviewed for this report, it is important to note that the identified issues are not exclusive to these facilities but are common across similar zoo-type facilities in Ontario.

Times are changing. In 2020, the Government of Ontario implemented the Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) Act which allows for the establishment of new regulations to restrict the keeping of wild (exotic) animals that pose an undue risk to human safety or cannot be humanely kept. Ontarians are supportive of government measures. A 2022 Nanos poll showed that 88% of Ontarians support provincial regulations that would require all zoos to have a licence and to meet animal welfare and public safety standards, and 72% support regulations prohibiting zoos from offering close interactions with wild animals.

We recommend the Government of Ontario:

- **Require enforcement officers to conduct comprehensive reviews of all Ontario zoos to identify violations of the PAWS Act standards and take appropriate measures to address them.**
- **Develop and implement a mandatory licencing program for all facilities, businesses, and institutions housing native and exotic wild animals.**
- **Implement a possession, breeding and acquisition ban on facilities, businesses and institutions that do not meet licencing standards.**
- **Prohibit the use of wild animals for entertainment as well as the possession, keeping and breeding of dangerous and/or problematic wild animals by private individuals.**

It is clear that simply having basic regulations on the books is not enough to keep communities safe or give captive wildlife any kind of life worth living – without proper enforcement and without working towards a future where wild animals can live their best lives. Ontarians deserve better and so do the animals currently kept in these places.

Ontarians want to see their government act. Phasing-out roadside zoos is the most effective approach to protect animals. Measures like these will also protect the public, communities, first-responders and others impacted by escapes, attacks and other incidents. *World Animal Protection* is a ready and willing partner in forging a safer and more humane future for us all.

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HELP STOP CANADA’S CRUEL EAST COAST COMMERCIAL SEAL SLAUGHTER: It just makes good financial sense for the Canadian government to stop funding the struggling east coast commercial sealing industry. Global markets have been disappearing for the last decade. Fisheries and Oceans scientists have stated that harp seals are not impacting cod recovery.

Our Federal government’s continued financial propping up of this cruel industry that causes such great suffering to many seals prior to their deaths isn’t in the best interests of hardworking, taxpaying Canadians, or our global image.

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. 36 countries have banned seal products. Our Federal government continues to subsidize this cruel industry despite disappearing global markets for seal products. The landed value of a seal pelt is CAD\$27/skin from a previous high of CAD\$102.

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 (justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca); **Fisheries and Oceans Minister Murray**, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6 (DFO.Minister-Ministre.MPO@df0-mpo.gc.ca). For **Members of Parliament/Senators** names and contact information go to: <https://ourcommons.ca/members/en> or telephone toll free: 1-866-599-4999. No postage required when mailed in Canada.

“**End the Atlantic Commercial Seal Hunt**”: Below is text from the *International Fund for Animal Welfare’s (IFAW, Yarmouth Port, MA)* on-line Petition to Canada’s **Prime Minister Trudeau**, <https://action.ifaw.org/page/58193/action/1>.

Feel free to personalize your letter. *IFAW* asks that you keep it polite.

“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 [and] 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."

A CANADIAN WEST COAST SEA LION AND SEAL HUNT??: From **LIFEFORCE**, Vancouver, BC, January 1, 2023, **<https://www.change.org/p/say-no-to-a-west-coast-seal-and-sea-lion-slaughter>**: "... A First Nations group with connections to the fishing industry is lobbying the Canadian Government to permit a West Coast Sea lion and Seal Hunt! 'The Pacific Balance Pinniped Society (PBPS)' wants to start a new industry to market the unsafe meat for 'high end' restaurants in North America, Europe and Asia and for pet food! They also want to sell fur and blubber oil. There is a ban on seal-based products in Europe and other countries that includes meat, boots, and coats from the East Coast Seal Hunt.

Exploitive animal industries have been fighting for a Canadian West Coast Seal Hunt. There has been the infamous seal clubbing East Coast Seal 'Hunt' for decades. More recently, **Lifeforce** was instrumental in stopping the BC-based Pacific Balance Marine Management (PBMM) in their killing plans. This **Lifeforce** petition was a Victory! However, they continue to lobby and the 'Fur Institute of Canada' business is funding a program called 'Seals and Sealing Network'!

The PBPS wanted to first kill 50,000 then 3,000 to 5,000 every year afterwards. The seals and sea lions would be inhumanely clubbed, shot (rifles and shotguns) and harpooned by crossbows!

Fishermen have long considered seals and sea lions 'pests', and have illegally shot them. They have also shot orcas calling them 'pests' too! They wrongly claim that killing pinnipeds would save salmon for endangered Southern Resident orcas!

If permitted killing pinnipeds would have unforeseen dire consequences. The destruction of Nature's 'balance' was caused by humans devastating fish populations and habitats. The Broken Ocean Food Chain Must Be Mended! Ban Salmon, Herring and Pinniped Slaughter Now! ...

1. Health Hazards: Studies by Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans have previously concluded that: Adults are Unsafe to Eat and Eating Babies NOT Publicly Supported! Male seals and sea lions have even higher contaminant levels that can exceed human health advisories. Higher levels also depend on locations. ... **2. Human, Wildlife and Pets at Risk:** ... **3. Seal Meat Industry NOT allowed in US:** ... Even if levels [of contaminants] were safe the US Marine Mammal Protection Act bans the commercial use of marine mammal products. Sea lions and seals cannot be exploited for a meat industry. **4. 'Culls' Cause Imbalances:** ... **5. What Pinnipeds Eat:** Primary food for seals and sea lions is Hake NOT Chinook. If their populations are reduced the hake will eat the juvenile salmon threatening the unstable Chinook populations. California sea lions don't feed on juvenile salmon. Pinnipeds are needed to consume predators of salmon! **6. Extinction of Other Orca Populations:** ... **7. Blame the Fishing Industry NOT the Seals!:** ... Climate change, habitat destruction and human's overfishing are all major reasons for the loss of fish.

Stop the Fishery Industry's Orca \$camon!
There is scientific proof that targeting 'pinnipeds' will not save salmon for orcas!
People Have Choices of Food – Wildlife Do Not!
Say No to a Senseless Slaughter! Say Yes to Fishing Moratoriums! ..."

LIFEFORCE is encouraging individuals to write to their Federal Members of Parliament and to British Columbia Members of Provincial Parliament. January 12, 2023, we signed this Change.org petition to: **Prime Minister Trudeau; MP Steven Guilbeault**, Environment and Climate Change Minister; **MP Joyce Murray**, Fisheries and Oceans Minister; **MP Gord Johns; MP Rachel Blaney; David Eby**, BC's Premier; **BC MLA Lana Popham; BC MLA Sonia Furstenau**.

UPDATE: Bill - C-275, An Act to Amend the Health of Animals Act: This Bill is attempting to stop activists/caring individuals from entering buildings/enclosures where animals are kept, and exposing animal cruelty, inhumane animal care/farming practices. We had sent emails to a number of federal politicians on June 6, 2022 urging them to not support Bill C-275. Our letter appeared in Bulletin #200. Below is the reply received from **MP Elizabeth May**, Green Party, November 14, 2022: "Thank you for your letter about Bill C-275. Apologies for the delay in this reply. As you can imagine, I am well aware of C-275 and oppose it.

This bill uses biosecurity as a pretext for targeting animal protection advocates. Proponents for this bill say that prohibiting unauthorised entry into a farm building is necessary to protect livestock from outside contamination. Unhealthy and crowded conditions on farms are much more likely to create conditions where diseases thrive. There has never been a single documented ...6

case of an animal advocate causing or contributing to disease outbreaks on industrial farms in Canada. I am appalled that rather than attempting to fix the source of the issue – standard industrial farming practices – Bill C-275 is intended to prevent, or punish, those reporting abuses to the animals and advocating for their rights.

Strong animal welfare policies must be made to ensure the humane treatment of farm animals. The Federal government must proactively examine legislation affecting animals and liaise with the animal welfare community, not punish them and push them aside.

I am a dedicated animal rights activist and have been a vegetarian for many years. I assure you that I have and will continue to support all animal welfare legislation that comes before the House. Equally important to introducing and supporting animal welfare legislation in the House is opposing legislation that seeks to reduce animal welfare. Conservative **MP John Barlow's** Private Member's Bill, C-275, is an example of this.

Thank you again for writing. I pledge to oppose and vote against this bill when it comes up for a vote in the fall as I continue to push for expanded animal rights in the House of Commons. ...”

BAN LIVE HORSE EXPORTS: In a November 15, 2022 email, *Animal Justice*, Toronto, ON, was encouraging letters be sent to Federal Members of Parliament, and to also sign a Government electronic Petition to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, e-4190 (Animals). November 29, 2022 we emailed letters to: **Prime Minister Trudeau; Marie-Claude Bibeau**, Minister of Agriculture & Agri-Food; **Jenica Atwin**, Liberal MP; **Elizabeth May**, Green Party MP, **Mike Morrice**, Green Party MP; **Michelle Rempel Garner**, Conservative MP; **Dr. Siddika Mithani**, President, Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Please move quickly to STOP the export of live horses for slaughter. Every year thousands are transported by air from Canada to Japan and South Korea for human consumption.

Long distance transport causes them stress. They are terrified and may panic, and it puts them at greater risk of injury, illness and sometimes death. Usually, 3 to 4 horses are crammed into small wooden crates.

Horses can spend 11-12 hours waiting for the airplane to take off, and then wait again to be unloaded overseas - during this time horses are deprived of food and water – factor in the flight time and that is a long time during a very frightful situation.

Please hold the Liberal Government to its election promise to ban the export of live horses for slaughter. What these horses are put through is cruel, inhumane, and it needs to STOP NOW.

Do you agree, and will you work to end this miserable and appalling business for profit?

A reply from **Dr. Mary Jane Ireland**, Chief Veterinary Officer for Canada, on behalf of **Dr. Siddika Mithani**, President of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), December 5, 2022:

“... At the federal level, the CFIA is responsible for enforcing the *Health of Animals Act* and the *Health of Animals Regulations*, which govern the humane transportation of all animals, and for verifying that food animals are humanely slaughtered in federally inspected meat establishments, as required under the *Safe Food for Canadians Regulations*.

... a commitment to ban the live export of horses for slaughter was included in the mandate letter of the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food from the Prime Minister. The Government of Canada is currently analyzing this commitment and industry will be engaged in consultations, as applicable. In the meantime, CFIA will continue to enforce the Act and the Regulations and to verify that exported horses are fit to travel and are transported humanely.

Information about the humane treatment and transport times of live horses exported by air is available on the CFIA's website at **Live horse exports to Japan – Know the facts – Canadian Food Inspection Agency (canada.ca)**. ...”

November 29, 2022 we also signed Petition e-4190 (Animals) below, sponsored by **NDP MP Alistair MacGregor**:

“**Petition to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food**

Whereas:

- Live horses are shipped by air from Calgary, Edmonton and Winnipeg to Japan for human consumption as a raw delicacy;
- The journey from feedlots in Canada to those in Japan commonly takes more than 24 hours, and can lawfully take up to 28 hours, during which time horses are deprived of food, water, and rest;
- Horses panic easily, have strong fight or flight instincts, and have extremely sensitive hearing;
- Horses are flown from Canada to Japan in cramped wooden crates;

- Transport from Canada to Japan causes horses to experience significant stress and puts them at risk of injury, illness, and even death during transport;
- Since 2010, the NDP has introduced three private members' bills in an effort to ban the live export of horses for slaughter;
- The Liberal Party of Canada committed to banning the live export of horses for slaughter in its September 1, 2021, election campaign platform;
- In his December 16, 2021, mandate letter to the **Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau**, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, **Prime Minister Justin Trudeau** directed the Minister to deliver on the commitment to 'ban the live export of horses for slaughter;' and
- According to Statistics Canada, since September 2021, more than 2,000 horses have been shipped by air from Canada to Japan for slaughter for human consumption.

We, the undersigned, **Citizens of Canada**, call upon the **Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food** to halt the live export of horses for slaughter, consistent with the Liberal Party of Canada's 2021 election campaign commitment and the Minister's December 16, 2021, mandate letter."

WHY IS CANADA'S DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE STILL MAIMING AND KILLING ANIMALS IN MEDICAL TRAINING?: In a January 11, 2023 email from the *Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM)*, Washington, DC, (https://act.pcrm.org/YDVGenHoEOW51o_pkL1_1Q2?emci=9aaa3f5...) they were asking for letters to be sent to Canada's National Defence Minister requesting Canada join "their allies and end the use of animals for medical training." We used *PCRM's* sample letter and emailed our personalized letter to **Minister Anand** on February 1, 2023. See below:

**RE: Human-Based Simulators are the Advanced Trauma Life Support Standard!
Why is the Department of National Defence Still Using Live Animals?**

Please end the practice of using live animals in Canada's Department of National Defence (DND) medical training. In these courses, piglets are exposed to simulated nerve agents; radiation; and severe wounds, including stabbings, amputation, and disembowelment.

Simulators modeled on human anatomy and physiology are widely available and can replace animals today. These modern devices bleed, breathe, have breakable bones and internal organs, and can even be worn by actors to recreate the stress and complexities of combat medicine. Numerous scientific studies, including some funded by the Canadian military (Savage et al, 2015; Vartanian et al, 2017; and Peng et al, 2018), reveal that simulators teach medics the procedural skills necessary for battlefield medicine while recreating the stress of a real-world combat environment.

We urge you to replace animals and humanize DND's medical training—to spare animals and improve medical readiness for Canada's Armed Forces. It is dismaying and mystifying that Canada's Department of National Defence chooses to deliberately severely injure live animals.

70 percent of North Atlantic Treaty Organizations (NATO) countries are using human-relevant, nonanimal methods. Animals' anatomy and physiology is vastly different from humans', so that learning about human injuries by practicing on animals instead of today's human-based simulators shortchanges both students and future patients.

Why won't Canada switch to the more humane nonanimal simulators?

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 September to December 2022 we helped two individuals with dogs: both with skin problems. We helped one cat rescuer with some of the cost of various medications, cat food, dental for one cat. Another cat rescuer with some of the cost of: 18 spays/neuters/vaccinations/defleaing/deworming of mostly Cornwall, Ontario, street cats that were not going to be put back on the streets. 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. **Your support has made this possible. We thank you.**

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

NEW ADLC SPAY PROJECT: We approached the City of Ottawa Spay/Neuter Clinic about an idea we had. We wanted to cover half of the cost of three dog spays each month being done at the Clinic of individuals who are living in Ottawa

Community Housing, or are receiving Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) payments, or income through Ontario Works (OW) and who are also trying to book spay appointments. Those individuals booking the spay appointments would have to pay half of the cost as well. The Spay/Neuter Clinic agreed to work with us. The Clinic asked if we might consider adding Ottawa's **Community Veterinary Outreach (CVO)** organization's clients as well. Should the three monthly spots not be filled by someone living in Ottawa Community Housing, or receiving help from ODSP or OW, then one female dog from the **CVO** organization can fill one monthly spot as long as the **Community Veterinary Outreach** organization covers half of the cost. We are very pleased that this project will start in 2023, and we appreciate the Ottawa Spay/Neuter Clinic's support that enabled this idea to take off.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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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 and 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 41st Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V6M 4L3, Website: www.cetfa.org.

CANADIAN COALITION FOR FARM ANIMALS (CCFA): Excellent group working to raise awareness about factory farming and its impact. Contact CCFA at: 2300 Yonge Street, Suite 1600, Toronto, Ontario, M4P 1E4, Telephone: 416-920-4984, Website: www.humanefood.ca.

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

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

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.

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.**

ANIMAL DEFENCE LEAGUE OF CANADA
P.O. Box 3880, Stn. C, Ottawa, Ont., K1Y 4M5 (613)233-6117
(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: _____

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

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

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 11.

Please send me:

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

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

- Food Animals Murder of Animals Are You Really that Hungry?
- LOBSTER Boiled Alive Served Dead Join the Vegetarians
- WARNING: Animal flesh can be dangerous to your health Join the Vegetarians

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

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