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ADLC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Will be held TENTATIVELY on Sunday, March 30, 2025, 2:00 pm, Solarium room,
(If the weather is bad, we will try for Tuesday, April 1, 7:15 pm, Solarium room.),
at the Don Gamble Recreation Centre at the St. Laurent Complex,
525 Côté Street, 2 blocks west of St. Laurent Blvd., Ottawa, Ontario.

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 2024 AGM minutes and 2024 Financial Report, appoint a
public accountant, vote on having a Review Engagement of our 2025 financial records
done and our 2025 Financial Statements Report (and tax forms) prepared; and
Committee Reports.

This meeting is open to the public. We look forward to seeing you.

BAN INHUMANE LIVE HORSE EXPORTS BY AIR FOR SLAUGHTER: We were alerted to this by an online **CBC News**
story, September 13, 2024. Information was also received from animal organizations. September 19, 2024 the letter below
was emailed to 11 Senators on the *Standing Committee for Agriculture & Forestry*.

BILL C-355 – The Prohibition of the Export of Horses by Air for Slaughter Act.

A **CBC News** story, September 13, 2024, "[Japanese documents reveal 21 horses died after export from Canada](https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/horses-japan-aircraft-1.7321374?cmp=rss)"
(<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/horses-japan-aircraft-1.7321374?cmp=rss>), reports on the disturbing
conditions horses are being transported under by air to Japan where they will be slaughtered for human consumption.

Sometimes flight times exceed the allowed legal flight time of 28 hours. Long distance transport causes horses
significant stress. They are terrified and may panic, and it puts them at greater risk of injury, illness and sometimes
death. Pregnant horses are being transported, and some horses have miscarried foals and died -- why did the
Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) allow these horses to travel. The number of horse deaths and illnesses being
reported to *CFIA* appears to be higher than reported by the Japanese government to the *Canadian Food Inspection
Agency* (Difference in figures may be due to deaths and injuries happening in Japan days later, or a different
understanding of definitions such as what is considered a "serious incident").

We urge you to please move quickly to ban the export of live horses for slaughter for human consumption. The misery
these horses are put through is cruel, inhumane, and it needs to **STOP NOW.**

We look forward to your reply.

BILL C-355: An Act to Prohibit the Export by Air of Horses for Slaughter and to Make Related Amendments to

Certain Acts: A September 19, 2024 email from the *Animal Protection Party of Canada*, Toronto, ON, informed us about an online form letter to Senators that Liberal MP **Tim Louls** started. He has taken a leadership role on this file. This bill is in its second reading in the *Senate*. There could be a federal election called at any time, and the *Senate* could possibly make a decision soon, or no decision if Parliament is shut down. September 20, 2024 we signed **MP Louls'** form letter that was urging the Senators to support and quickly pass Bill C-355 which would ban the export of live horses by air for slaughter. No update at this time.

HORSES, BULLS, STEERS AND CALVES HAVE DIED AT RODEOS: July 26, 2024 we sent emails to 14 City of Calgary Councillors plus the Mayor, as well as to Alberta Premier **Smith** and the Hon. **Mickey Amery**, Minister of *Justice and Solicitor General*; and to the federal Minister of *Tourism*.

RE: Ban the Abusive Use of Animals at Rodeos.

Over the years at rodeos, many animals have been injured (head injuries, broken legs, gored flanks, snapped spines, some died immediately or were euthanized)¹. This year 3 horses and 1 steer were seriously injured and died at the Calgary Stampede. The numbers of practice animals that were used behind the scenes during training sessions to perfect rodeo skills, that were injured or died, are unknown. For rodeos, animal injuries and deaths are the price of doing BUSINESS.

Coercion is used to make the unwilling horses and bulls perform. Calf-roping, steer-wrestling, team-roping, bucking horse riding and chuckwagon racing cause animals to unnecessarily suffer, and in some cases die, for frivolous entertainment and prize money to competitors.

According to the *Vancouver Humane Society*, Vancouver, BC:

- 2022 poll: Removal of the rodeo and chuckwagon events from the Stampede program would have virtually no impact on attendance rates and would bring in new crowds.
- 2023 poll: A majority of Albertans oppose the use of animals in rodeo.
- 2024 poll: More than half of Calgarians oppose government funding being provided to rodeo events. Nationally, almost two thirds of Canadians also oppose such funding being given to rodeos."

According to world-renowned animal behaviorist **Marc Bekoff**, PhD, "... in every single event there is always great stress and fear, and usually injury too. ... rodeo animals ... suffer deep and enduring pain that doesn't end when the event is over. ... It is inarguable that rodeos are inhumane" ²

"... **Crystal Heath**, a Bay area veterinarian and former Grand National Rodeo Queen contender, said even trained animals run the risk of injury. 'I think we have to ask if scaring, provoking and potentially injuring animals – just for entertainment purposes – is something we support as a society. I don't think that's what the public wants,' she said." (Excerpt from: *Los Angeles Times*, "California rodeo animals face violent and deadly casualties: Broken backs, legs and skulls", December 7, 2022.)

Such cruel and exploitive use of animals in public encourages and promotes that it is okay to cause suffering to animals. Suffering and cruelty to animals is NOT ACCEPTABLE. Also, causing these animals pain and distress is illegal. Organizers and animal handlers should be held accountable/charged with violating animal cruelty laws.

The only way these rodeo animals will be safe is to **STOP** the events that exploit them.

Please help end the senseless cruelty, suffering and deaths of animals by enacting legislation banning animal performances. Also, all levels of government need to STOP funding/supporting these abusive animal-using events. We look forward to hearing from you concerning the above.

¹100+ animals have unfortunately died since 1986 at the Calgary Stampede, when tracking of fatalities started. (Source: *Vancouver Humane Society*, Vancouver, BC, email dated July 18, 2024.)

²**Marc Bekoff**, Ph.D., Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, USA, in an undated letter to Montreal **Mayor Coderre** regarding the proposed Montreal rodeo in August 2017. (Source: *Montreal SPCA's* website in 2017.)

July 29, a response from the Policy and Communications Advisor, Ward 8 Office – **Councillor Walcott**: "Thank you for your feedback and for your concern for animal welfare at the Stampede.

My recommendation would be to provide your feedback directly to the leadership of the Stampede: Board of Directors (calgarystampede.com) ...”

August 16, 2024 a response from Alberta **Minister RJ Sigurdson, Agriculture and Irrigation**: Excerpt: “... Rodeos are accepted practices in North America and, therefore, do not contravene the APA [Alberta’s Animal Protection Act].

The **Calgary Humane Society** and the **Alberta Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals** are on site at the Calgary Stampede each year to monitor compliance with regulations set out by the APA. In addition, rodeo and chuckwagon associations have developed codes of practice dedicated to animal care. The Calgary Stampede has implemented strict animal care protocols and partnered with the University of Calgary’s Faculty of Veterinary Medicine to ensure continued improvement in the care of animals in rodeo events. All of these factors ensure that these animals receive the highest level of animal care and attention and that injuries are minimized. ...”

July 26, 2024 we took the **Vancouver Humane Society’s #SayNoToRodeo** pledge that was to be presented to Calgary City Council when 10,000 signatures had been collected:

“I am opposed to the use of animals in rodeo events that put them at unnecessary risk of injury and death and that utilize fear, stress and discomfort to make them ‘perform’. I pledge not to attend Calgary Stampede rodeo events, including roping, wrestling, and bucking events, as well as the chuckwagon races, and encourage decision-makers to remove them from the Calgary Stampede program.”

BAN CRUEL FACTORY-FUR FARMS: We personalized an October 16, 2024 online sample letter from the **Fur-Bearer’s**, North Vancouver, BC. Our letter was emailed to 149 Liberal MPs over several days, starting on October 29, 2024.

RE: Animals Suffer Miserably on Factory-Fur Farms.

We are deeply concerned about the horrible, barely livable conditions that tens of thousands of animals are being kept in on factory-fur farms in Canada.

Canadian wildlife species such as wolves, bobcats, foxes, minks and lynx [and other species] are being commercially farmed for their fur. Fur-farmed animals experience significant pain and suffering throughout their lives in captivity on these horrible factory-fur farms. They are kept confined, usually in filthy wire cages, on factory farms across Canada, when other countries around the world are taking ACTION to end cruel fur farming. Some animals exhibit abnormal behaviors such as repetitive pacing, circling, self-mutilation, and cannibalism. Then killed, so that their fur can be sold for non-essential, luxury fur products on international markets.

It is well documented that fur farms pose a direct risk to public health. The industry is a known pandemic risk due to fur-farmed animals’ susceptibility to high-risk zoonotic diseases. The Province of British Columbia recognized this risk and banned mink farming in 2021, with the Provincial Health Officer stating that the practice endangers public health.

Fur farms can negatively impact local ecosystems and raise serious animal welfare concerns (i.e. manure runoff that pollutes the soil and nearby bodies of water posing risks to fish, birds, as well as the health of Canadians, etc.). While the industry cites a robust regulatory framework, the reality is that half of Canada’s provinces do not have any fur farming regulations, raising serious concerns about the absence of government oversight and the animal welfare conditions in the fur farm sector nationwide.

Many countries, including the United Kingdom, Ireland, Norway, and Italy, etc., have banned fur farming. How great it would be to see Canada join them in bringing an end to this outdated, cruel practice. In several cases, support programs were available to help fur farmers and workers transition into more sustainable and safer industries. For example, in British Columbia, the province supported former mink farm workers to gain employment in the greenhouse sector.

A 2022 public opinion poll found that three quarters of Canadians support a national ban on fur farming. We are among the tens of millions of Canadians that support a ban. Looking ahead to the next Federal election, our ask is simple: Do you support a national prohibition on fur farming in Canada?

For the sake of human health, environmental health, the legalized animal cruelty this commercial industry gets away with, and *especially your conscience*, it’s time for the Federal government to move fur farming into the past.

Please let us know the steps your party will be taking to bring an end to this inhumane and unnecessary fur farming industry in Canada.

A reply from Liberal **MP Robert Oliphant**, October 31, 2024: He mentioned their 2021 campaign commitment to introduce legislation to end cosmetic testing on animals. In 2020 humane animal transport regulations were amended. "... As of February 2022, after a transition period focused on education and outreach, the *CFIA [Canadian Food Inspection Agency]* is now fully applying new regulatory standards that consider harm, history, and intent in humane transport requirements.

... the federal government has worked with the fur farm sector to develop some of the most stringent requirements in the world to ensure the humane treatment and handling of the animals. Violation of any requirements may be subject to inspection by provincial authorities and action being taken under provincial regulations.

Rest assured our government is committed to the humane treatment of animals in Canada, and we will continue to closely follow animal welfare issues."

A reply from the office of Liberal **MP Yvan Baker**, October 31, 2024: His letter writer states: "... The conditions you describe are both troubling and disheartening, underscoring the complex ethical and environmental challenges associated with fur farming in Canada.

... Your message highlights the need for further action to ensure that Canada aligns with other nations that have taken steps to ban or phase out fur farming due to the ethical, ecological, and health-related risks posed by these practices. ... This growing awareness of fur farming as a pandemic risk, as acknowledged by the Provincial Health Officer in British Columbia, speaks to the importance of pursuing safer, more sustainable alternatives.

The environmental risks posed by fur farms are equally concerning, especially issues like manure runoff and pollution affecting local ecosystems and potentially harming nearby communities. ... Your advocacy for a national ban, supported by a strong majority of Canadians, further emphasizes that this is an issue that resonates deeply with the public, and MP Baker will take this into account as he continues to work toward positive change in this area.

... MP Baker believes that Canada should carefully consider how to support fur farm workers as they transition into alternative, sustainable industries, as British Columbia has begun to do. ...

Thank you again for your advocacy on behalf of vulnerable animals and for working toward a more humane and sustainable future."

REVERSE YOUR PLAN TO ISSUE NEW PERMITS FOR DOG TRAINING/HUNTING PENS: We modified a November 19, 2024 online sample letter provided by *Animal Justice*, Toronto, ON. November 29, 2024 it was emailed to 16 MPPs including **Premier Ford; Doug Downey**, Minister of *Justice*; **Graydon Smith**, Minister of *Natural Resources and Forestry*; **Kevin Holland**, Associate Minister of *Forestry & Forestry Products*; **Andrea Khanjiri**, Minister of the *Environment, Conservation & Parks*.

RE: Panned Dog Training/Hunting Facilities in Ontario. Disgusting, Inhumane and Unethical. It is Legalized Animal Cruelty. When Will it Stop?

We are deeply troubled that Ontario has officially opened the application period for hunters to establish new dog training/hunting pens, also known as "train and trial areas". This cruel bloodsport is widely condemned by Ontarians and poses a significant risk to public health. Ontario is the only province in Canada to allow this cruel activity.

Coyotes, foxes, and rabbits are captured from the wild, confined in fenced-in areas, and used as live bait. Contrary to proponents' claims, dogs not only learn to track the animals—they frequently attack, injure, and even kill these terrorized, trapped wild animals. Dogs are often injured during these fights as well. We do not understand how the government can justify this animal brutality.

The activity is so inherently cruel that the Mike Harris government passed a law in 1997 to phase it out. Allowing new pens is heartbreaking, and will have dire implications for animals and humans alike.

On one hand, the *Government of Ontario* established the Ontario **Animal Protection Call Centre** for the public to report when they think an animal is in distress or being abused, and on the other hand, we have the *Ontario Government* opening up the application period for hunters to establish NEW dog training/hunting pens. Sport hunting is not a necessity. Help us understand this contradiction.

Wildlife in Ontario is under attack by the *Ontario Government*. Other examples: The outrageous September 2023 raid on a wildlife rehabilitation facility in Peterborough and the seizure of baby animals has been widely condemned; allowing illegal wildlife hunting contests -- conservation officers have not swooped down and stopped/charged

participating hunters or the outfitter store owner who has been holding annual illegal hunting contests in the Belleville area.

Expanding penned dog training/hunting is cruel to animals and lacks public support, but it's not too late to change course. Please reverse your plan to issue new permits. Instead, please focus on shutting down the few remaining pens in the province.

When will the government's attacks on animals end? We would like to hear from you, and what you plan to do to make Ontario friendlier and welcoming towards animals.

Supportive reply from Green Party **MPP Mike Schreiner**, December 9, 2024: "... I am deeply disturbed by the dangerous and unethical nature of this practice.

Penned hunting is incredibly cruel to the coyotes, foxes, and rabbits that are used as live bait, and poses risks to the dogs being trained to hunt as well.

The provincial government began to phase out new train and trial areas in 1997 – for good reason.

Twenty-five years later, the government's decision to grant licenses for new train and trial spaces, and to allow licenses to be transferred to new owners, is a massive step backwards.

No other Canadian province permits penned dog hunting. These facilities have no place in Ontario.

Instead of opening new applications, the government should prioritize strengthening the existing legislation that bans new facilities, and shutting down the few facilities that remain.

I will continue to apply pressure on the government to abandon this cruel and inhumane legislation. ..."

WHY IS THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE STILL MAIMING AND KILLING ANIMALS IN MEDICAL TRAINING?: *Animal Alliance of Canada*, Toronto, ON. was encouraging messages be sent to the Canadian Minister of *National Defence* urging him to end the use of animals in military medical training. We used some of their October 18, 2024 online sample letter and some of our own content. November 8, 2024 it was sent to **DND Minister Blair**; also to **Health Minister Mark Holland**, and a few other Liberal MPs, a few NDP MPs, 2 Green Party MPs and 1 Conservative (total of 15 MPs) with a NOTE: For your information. Can you help?

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

Dear **Minister Blair**:

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 ... nerve agents; radiation; and severe wounds, including stabbings, amputation, and disembowelment.

We are aware that *DND* is using a life-like mannequin (human patient simulator) for the majority of its medical training, for which we are pleased, but *DND* can, and needs, to do better to NOT harm or use any animals at all. 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 "die" if the trainee fails to save them. 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 quickly 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 continue to deliberately severely injure live animals.

More than 70 percent of North Atlantic Treaty Organizations (NATO) countries are using human-relevant, non-animal methods for all military medical training. 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.

According to an Abacus Data survey commissioned by the **Animal Alliance of Canada Fund** in January 2023, fewer than 1 in 10 Canadians support the use of piglets for military medical training. Meanwhile, over two-thirds actively oppose the practice. The survey also found that 66% of Canadians would be more supportive of a government that values animal welfare.

We urge you to please end the use of animals in military medical training. Why won't Canada switch totally to the more humane non-animal simulators? We look forward to your response.

A response from **MP Elizabeth May**, Green Party, November 18, 2024. "... The *Department of National Defence (DND)* is using Canadian tax dollars to acquire piglets for 'live tissue training.' This is deeply concerning and contradicts commitments to animal welfare. Over 70% of NATO member nations no longer use animals for medical training. Canada must continue to treat its animals humanely.

I was proud to have seconded and voted in favour of Bill C-355, the Prohibition of the Export of Horses by Air for Slaughter Act, to restrict the export of horses for slaughter: C-355 (44-1) – LEGISinfo – *Parliament of Canada* <https://www.parl.ca/legisinfo/en/bill/44-1/c-355>. I would support similar legislation to outlaw this practice of live tissue training using piglets.

I have long called for a parliamentary committee on animal welfare. This committee would help to protect and advocate for the rights of horses and other animals. I am continuing to work to develop legislation that would update Canada's criminal code as it pertains to animal protection. It would move crimes against animals from the property section and instead recognize animals as conscious beings. We need to demand that the *Department of National Defence* transitions from live tissue training on piglets to more advanced and authentic human patient simulators.

... I am very proud of my record in animal protection, especially my private members bill to ban keeping whales and dolphins in captivity. I will continue to advocate for an end to this cruel practice in the military. ..."

STOP USING ANIMALS TO TEST NEW DRUGS: June 28, 2024 we signed a *House of Commons* e-petition e-4952 (Animals). This petition was asking the Minister of *Health* to "... 1. Direct *Health Canada* to end the entrenched requirement for the testing of new drugs on animals in favour of sophisticated, human-relevant and reliable evidence methods; 2. Enact policies that promote health research and testing innovation and which will save millions of animal – and possibly many human – lives each year in Canada; Reallocate funding from repetitive animal testing-based science to the development, validation and implementation of scientifically and morally superior methods; and Uphold Canada's responsibility as a signee of the International Cooperation on Alternative Test Methods (ICATM) to reduce and replace the use of animals in biomedical research, training and testing."

PHASING OUT TOXICITY TESTING ON ANIMALS: An October 29, 2024 *Animal Justice*, Toronto, ON, email was encouraging their online form letter be sent to the Director General, ERHSD *Health Canada*, the Minister of *Health* **Mark Holland**, the Minister of the *Environment* **Steven Guilbeault**, the Minister of *Finance* **Chrystia Freeland** and to **Prime Minister Justin Trudeau**. November 6, 2024 we emailed our personalized submission to the *Animal Justice* webpage. We also individually emailed 149 Liberal MPs over a few days starting November 6, 2024. It was a shock to find out that the Canadian Centre for Alternatives to Animal Methods was being forced to close down due to lack of financial support. We had given them a non-animal-using Alternative Research Fund grant towards purchasing a Virtual Dissection Table back in February 2019.

RE: Public Consultation on Phasing Out Toxicity Testing on Animals – Deadline: November 13, 2024.

To make good on the federal government's commitment to phase out the use of animals in toxicity testing by the end of 2035, our government needs to seriously invest more funding in non-animal cruelty-free science. Two such established Canadian facilities that can help, but need funding, are the Canadian Centre for Alternatives to Animal Methods (CCAAM) and the Canadian Centre for the Validation of Alternative Methods (CCVAM), at the University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario.

Animal toxicity tests are cruel and cause immense suffering to tens of thousands of animals annually in Canada, lasting for weeks and months without pain relief given to the animals. With the CCAAM's help maybe the government's deadline could be reached even sooner than 2035.

We urge the *Government of Canada* to financially invest in the Canadian Centre for Alternatives to Animal Methods so they can begin earnestly working on non-animal alternatives to toxicity testing. By working together, Canada can become a world leader in this field.

LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA: December 16, 2024 we received the following response from the Honourable Arif Virani giving credit to the federal Minister of *Tourism* forwarding our letter to him (**ADLC's** July 26, 2024 "Horses, Bulls, Steers and Calves Have Died at Rodeos" letter.). We had also emailed 149 Liberal MPs regarding closing down factory-fur farms and stopping animal toxicity testing:

"... I hope you will understand that, as Minister of *Justice and Attorney General of Canada*, I cannot comment on specific cases. However, I can provide you with general information.

The *Criminal Code* contains measures to protect all animals from cruelty. The *Criminal Code* offence of causing unnecessary suffering to an animal carries significant penalties of up to 5 years imprisonment when prosecuted on indictment, or up to 2 years imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$10,000 on summary conviction. In addition, an offender may be prohibited from owning, having the custody or control of, or residing with an animal for any length of time deemed appropriate, including a lifetime ban.

In Canada, each level of government has autonomy to act within its jurisdiction. Matters related to the use of animals in rodeos and the regulation of animal experimentation are the responsibility of the provinces and territories. Therefore, you may wish to visit the [*Government of Alberta website*](#) to find the appropriate authority to address your concerns.

The provinces and territories also have animal protection laws allowing authorized agencies to take action. If in distress, an animal may be seized and the perpetrators may be subject to prosecution under applicable provincial or territorial legislation, as well as prohibition orders, where available.

It may be helpful for you to know that matters related to fur farming and animal testing at the federal level fall within the purview of my colleague the Honourable Mark Holland, Minister of *Health*. Therefore, I have forwarded a copy of your correspondence to him for information and consideration. ..."

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA E-PETITION e-5114 (Animals): This petition is being sponsored by Green Party MP Elizabeth May. We signed it on September 19, 2024.

"Whereas:

- Under current Canadian law, animals are not considered sentient beings, and are classified as property;
- Sentience is the ability to experience feelings and sensations, and is an ethical basis for determining that animals deserve moral consideration;
- On April 19, 2024, the New York Declaration on Animal Consciousness was initially signed by 39 scientists, philosophers, legal scholars and those in relevant fields, from Canada and around the world, there are currently 457 signatures, the Declaration affirms there is strong scientific evidence that all vertebrates and many invertebrates possess conscious experiences, and, by consciousness, the document is referring to sentience;
- Professor Kristin Andrews, Toronto York University Research Chair in Animal Minds, who has studied animal cognition for more than 30 years, co-initiated the New York Declaration, saying 'the declaration affirms that we can no longer assume these creatures are insentient or incapable of feeling ... we need to recognize they likely feel pain and pleasure, and minimize the negative experiences we impose on them';
- The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association 'holds that the recognition of animal sentience should be considered within the Canadian legal system under nationally harmonized animal welfare legislation to ensure consistent application and enforcement'; and
- The 32 countries that have formally recognized non-human animal sentience include the European Union, Switzerland, Chile, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

We, the undersigned, Professor Kristin Andrews, York Research Chair in Animal Minds, Dr. Judith Samson-French CVMA, Will Kymlicka (Order of Canada), Canadian Research Chair in Political Philosophy, Queen's University, Sue Donaldson, Department of Philosophy, Queen's University, Vancouver Humane Society, Animal Justice, Montreal SPCA, Animal Alliance of Canada, Humane Society International/Canada, Canadian Coalition for Farm Animals, and citizens and residents of Canada, call upon the *Government of Canada* to pass legislation that recognizes animals as the sentient beings they are, rather than property."

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 August to the end of December 2024 we helped individuals with some of the cost of: a cat and a dog that had an eye infection, a dog not feeling well, a cat that was evaluated and treated and one cat was euthanized. We helped cat rescuers with some of the cost of: 11 spays/neuters, 5 vaccinations/deworming/defleaing,

1 euthanasia, and various medications, cat food. We continue 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.**



IN MEMORIAM

We received a bequest from the Estates of Jacqueline Plewes, Barrie, Ontario and Mary Evelyn Brown, Ottawa, Ontario. The compassion and generosity of such bequests provides much needed support for our efforts on behalf of the animals. It is greatly appreciated.



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.

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