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ADLC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Will be held TENTATIVELY on Sunday, March 29, 2026, 1:30 pm, Visual Arts Studio, (If the weather is bad, we will try for Tuesday, March 31, 7:15 pm, Visual Arts Studio.), 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 2025 AGM minutes and 2025 Financial Report, appoint a public accountant, vote on having a Review Engagement of our 2026 financial records done and our 2026 Financial Statements Report (and tax forms) prepared; and Committee Reports.

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

ANIMALS IN CANADA DESPERATELY NEED AND DESERVE BETTER ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS:

November 21, 2025 we signed *Animal Justice's* November 13, 2025 letter to **Prime Minister Carney** with a copy to **Justice Minister Sean Fraser**. We changed their subject line and a couple of words.

Canada has some of the worst animal protection laws in the Western world. The farming industry—which killed over 859 million land animals in 2023—is responsible for significant animal suffering, and there are no federal laws regulating on-farm animal welfare.

It's so bad that a recent report from *World Animal Protection* gave Canada a failing grade of "D".

Canada is one of the few modern countries that doesn't have national animal protection legislation, even though this is clearly within federal jurisdiction. We are a country of compassionate people, and it is unacceptable to us and the vast majority of the population that our laws fail to protect animals from unimaginable abuse and cruelty.

As our political representatives, you have the ability and responsibility to support and promote new laws protecting animals. Please take swift action to introduce national animal welfare legislation in Canada to protect some of the most vulnerable members of society.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. We look forward to your reply.

ONTARIO PREMIER VOWS TO BAN CAT/DOG EXPERIMENTS IN ONTARIO: A January 5, 2026 *Animal Justice* email (Toronto, ON) was encouraging letters be sent to Ontario Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness Minister **Trevor Jones** asking the government to pass strong regulations protecting cats, dogs and other animals from suffering in laboratories.

It was also sent to **Health Minister Sylvia Jones** and **Premier Doug Ford**. We used the letter ***Animal Justice*** provided and only changed “I’s” to “we”, and submitted it to the government January 8, 2026.

RE: Public Consultation on Proposal to Amend the Animals for Research Act
(Proposal number 25-OMAFRA008)

Thank you for taking steps to end cruel and unnecessary experiments on dogs and cats, and for ensuring that these lifesaving protections can be extended to other animals, such as primates, in the future. By amending the Animals for Research Act (ARA) and passing new regulations, your government is taking steps that enjoy widespread public support.

Ontarians care deeply about dogs and cats, and see them as family members. They should not be used in research that causes them fear, pain, and death—especially given that there are an increasing number of non-animal research methods that are better at predicting human and environmental health outcomes than traditional animal methods.

We are also particularly pleased that the protections you are developing can be applied to other “prescribed animals” in the future. Time and time again, whistleblowers in Ontario and elsewhere have exposed cruel experiments on animals, including primates, and we hope to see Ontario’s new law extended to protect these highly intelligent, social animals in the future.

In drafting regulations to complement amendments to the Animals for Research Act, please consider the following:

- All invasive research for any purpose (medical, pesticides, chemical safety testing) should be prohibited. This should include experiments which involve keeping dogs and cats confined in cages for most of their lives, even if the pain and suffering caused by an experiment itself is not severe.
- All experiments that cause severe suffering at, or above the pain tolerance threshold of conscious, unanaesthetized dogs, cats, or other prescribed animals should be banned. These exceptionally cruel experiments should not be allowed for any purposes.
- The public deserves to know what experiments are taking place at research facilities in Ontario. We appreciate your proposal to strengthen Animal Care Committee (ACC) oversight at research facilities, but we ask that you also ensure greater transparency and public accountability on the part of ACCs. These ACCs should make public basic information about the number of animals used at a given facility, their species, the nature of the experiments in which they are being used, and the facility’s rehoming program.
- Mandate that steps be taken to rehome all dogs and cats, as well as other animals, at the end of experiments. It is standard for all animals to be killed at the end of experiments but experience in other jurisdictions, including several U.S. states, shows that facilities can and should allow animals such as dogs and cats – and even ferrets and rabbits – to be adopted into loving homes, and that primates and farmed animals can be retired to live out their days in peace at sanctuaries.
- End “pound seizure” in the province.
- When amending the ARA, please remove section 1.1 so that animals used in research are subject to Ontario’s animal welfare laws.

Please also work with your federal counterparts to support the re-opening of Canada’s national centre for alternatives to animal research here in Ontario. Non-animal methods are also better at predicting human and environmental health outcomes and re-opening our national centre will help position Canada, and Ontario, as a leader in this emerging field.

An August 28, 2025 email from the ***Ottawa Humane Society***, Ottawa, Ontario, was requesting letters be sent to Ontario’s **Premier Doug Ford**. We used most of their letter, changing it slightly to personalized it, and it was emailed September 12, 2025. It asked the Ontario government “... to invest in non-animal testing methods that will support our province’s research and development initiatives Advances in science have resulted in accurate, ethical and cost-effective alternatives to animal testing. These methods not only spare animals from unnecessary suffering but also help reduce costly failures in clinical trials by providing results that are more directly relevant to human biology. ...”

BAN THE IMPORT, SALE AND EXPLOITIVE USE OF WILD-CAUGHT PRIMATES: An October 27, 2025 email from ***Humane World for Animals***, Montreal, QC, was asking emails be sent to the federal Minister of **Health Marjorie Michel** and to the Minister of **Environment and Climate Change and Nature Julie Dabrusin**. We modified their letter slightly, and it was emailed to the Ministers on November 6, 2025.

We support immediate government action to ban the import to Canada, as well as the sale and use of wild-caught endangered macaques in Canada.

Between 2021 and 2023, Canada imported **1,796** wild macaques for the research and testing industries—primarily long-tailed macaques from Mauritius and Cambodia—despite their classification as Endangered by the IUCN. These animals suffer immensely during their capture, transport and final confinement in laboratories. They also pose serious public health risks due to the potential of zoonotic disease transmission.

Even captive-bred primates yield unreliable results when used in research and testing—and wild-caught animals are an even greater liability, lacking standardized history or genetic profiles. We urge you to persuade the Canadian government to take quick action to:

- Ban the import (except for sanctuary rehabilitation), sale and use of wild-caught primates.
- Ensure the welfare of all imported macaques—at the importer's expense.
- Invest in cruelty-free, human-relevant research methods.
- Advocate for increased transparency in Canada's animal research oversight under the Canadian Council on Animal Care.

Canada should put into action its commitment to protecting global biodiversity. Can we count on you to take decisive action to ensure Canada stops the import and exploitive use of these endangered macaques? Canada has become one of the world's top importers of wild-caught endangered macaques, not something to be proud of.

Petition e-6537 (Environment) was presented in the *House of Commons* by federal NDP MP **Alexandre Boulerice** on October 21, 2025. It was asking for an immediate suspension of all endangered monkey imports from Cambodia. Below is an excerpt of **The Honourable Julie Dabrusin's** response, tabled December 4, 2025.

**"Response by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Nature
Signed by The Honourable JULIE DABRUSIN**

Canada has been a Party to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora since its inception in 1975. Through this Convention, a total of 185 nations worldwide work together to ensure international trade does not threaten wildlife species ... [and] aims to ensure that international wildlife trade is sustainable by implementing a strict system of permits.

Canada supports legal trade of species when it is founded on principles of conservation and sustainable use. At the last meeting of the Standing Committee to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, Parties reviewed information related to the export of long-tailed macaques (*Macaca fascicularis*) from Cambodia.

The long-tailed macaques (*Macaca fascicularis*) are commonly used by biomedical research companies in Canada as well as universities and other scientific research institutions. These entities rely on this species for their vaccine, disease, medical and other scientific research. This species is protected under Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. Appendix II lists species that are not necessarily currently threatened with extinction but that may become so unless trade is closely controlled. Species listed in Appendix II require an export permit issued by the competent authority of the exporting country. Canada upholds this system for imports, exports and re-exports, and rigorously enforces federal laws that conserve and protect wildlife to detect violations and take enforcement action. ... *Environment and Climate Change Canada* has not seen evidence that export permits issued by Cambodia for the import of long-tailed macaques in Canada were falsified by claiming wild-caught monkeys were captive-bred. ... [E]xport countries are expected to exercise the required due diligence. These include verifying the legal origin of the exported specimens as well as ensuring there is no detriment to the survival of the species in the wild.

At the February 2025 Standing Committee meeting, the Secretariat of the Convention, proposed suspending trade of macaques from Cambodia until the Parties are satisfied that there is sufficient information indicating that the captive-bred macaques exported are indeed captive-bred. The Standing Committee did not support this proposal and rather asked the Secretariat to verify concerns with a site visit to Cambodia and to report to the 79th meeting of the Standing Committee ... [that] will take place on November 23, 2025, Canada is waiting to see the report from the Secretariat and the decisions of the Standing Committee before taking any action. ..."

FUND A NATIONAL CENTER FOR ANIMAL-FREE RESEARCH: We signed petition e-6841 (Animals) below on November 14, 2025. It is sponsored by federal Liberal MP Nathaniel Eskine-Smith.

"Petition to the Government of Canada

Whereas:

- Canada uses three to five million animals annually for research and testing, often exposing them to physical and psychological suffering;
- In 2023, over 1.1 million animals were subjected to Category D or E procedures (listed as causing 'severe pain near, at, or above (...) animal's pain tolerance threshold');
- Over 90% of drugs that pass animal tests fail in human trials, delaying access to treatments;
- New Approach Methodologies (NAMs), such as organ-on-chip, 3D-bioprinted tissue and AI are cost-effective and replicate human biology;
- In 2022, Canada committed to reduce animal testing for chemical safety, yet the 2025 strategy included no targets, timelines, or dedicated funding; and
- Canada lags far behind international peers, while the EU and U.S. invest heavily in NAMs, with laws and roadmaps to reduce animal use.

We, the undersigned, **citizens and residents of Canada**, call upon the **Government of Canada** to

1. Develop a national roadmap for validating and implementing non-animal methods, setting targets to reduce animal use in research and regulatory testing (50% by 2030, full replacement where feasible by 2035);
2. Allocate sustainable federal funding to a national center to lead the transition to animal-free research and testing;
3. Mandate public research institutions and granting councils to prioritize NAMs, with replacement as the default;
4. Amend federal laws and regulations to recognize NAMs as the standard, restricting animal use whenever alternatives exist; and
5. Establish mandatory public reporting on NAMs adoption rates, federal funding, and animal use in the public and private sectors."

"HUMANE SCIENCE: The smart investment for tomorrow": A November 17, 2025 email from **Humane World for Animals**, Montreal, QC, was asking for support by sending the message below to the **Prime Minister and Officials of the Prime Minister's Office**. November 21 we signed their letter. We were not able to personalize their message.

"I am writing to express my strong support for immediate federal investment in New Approach Methodologies (NAMs)—innovative, cruelty-free technologies that not only protect animals from painful experiments but also have the potential to drive economic growth and create high-quality jobs in biotechnology, data science and research.

Each year, millions of animals—including mice, rabbits, dogs and primates—endure painful experiments in Canada for research and to test chemicals, pesticides and drugs. These outdated methods are not only inhumane, but also ineffective with over 90% of drugs that pass animal tests failing in human trials.

There is a better way. NAMs—like organ-on-a-chip, organoids and AI-driven models—could offer faster, safer and more human-relevant alternatives. While the U.S. and EU are investing heavily in these technologies, Canada risks falling behind. But with major national projects being reviewed, Canada has the opportunity to become a leader.

I am calling on the federal government to:

- Declare NAMs a national research priority
- Stop funding projects that rely solely on animal experiments and exclude NAMs

Investing in NAMs will protect animals, drive innovation and create high-quality jobs. Canada has the talent and infrastructure to lead in ethical, cutting-edge science. Please help us make that future a reality."

SUPPORT FOR THE BC OSTRICHES: October 17, 2025 we signed the *House of Commons* Petition e-6857 (Animals). Federal Conservative MP Scott Anderson was the sponsor. Regrettably and sadly, the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)* shot to death hundreds of the birds the evening of November 6. "... The *Supreme Court of Canada* had announced earlier Thursday that it would not hear a final appeal against the cull by the farm's owners, lifting any legal impediment

to the killing of the flock that the *CFIA* said consisted of 300 to 330 birds. ..." (***The Canadian Press***, November 6, 2025)

"Petition to the House of Commons in Parliament assembled

Whereas:

- The *Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)* ordered the destruction of Universal Ostrich Farm's healthy research flock without independent confirmatory testing, despite no clinical signs of disease for months;
- *CFIA's* custody of these birds has raised serious animal welfare concerns, with witnesses reporting dehydration, injuries, and inadequate care for these large ratites;
- Section 48(2) of the Health of Animals Act requires meaningful consideration of treatment and alternatives before destruction, a requirement that appears unmet in this case;
- This operation appears to consume significant public resources daily for security and logistics, without transparent oversight or justification; and
- The *Supreme Court of Canada* has issued an interim stay, recognizing the merit of concerns raised.

We, the undersigned, **Citizens or Residents of Canada**, call upon the **House of Commons in Parliament assembled** to

1. Direct the Ministers of *Agriculture* and *Health* to immediately pause any cull pending independent veterinary assessment of evidence-based alternatives, including vaccination, treatment, or surveillance protocols;
2. Require the Standing Committees on *Agriculture* and *Health* to urgently examine this matter, receive testimony from *CFIA* and affected parties, and report recommendations for modernizing Canada's disease response to balance public health, animal welfare, and fiscal responsibility; and
3. Mandate full transparency from *CFIA* through immediate public release of all non-sensitive records regarding decision-making, animal welfare protocols, and operational costs."

BAN BULL RIDING EVENTS IN OTTAWA: An August 28, 2025 email from the ***Ottawa Humane Society***, Ottawa, Ontario, was encouraging letters be sent to Ottawa Mayor Sutcliffe asking him to support a by-law banning bull riding events in indoor stadiums within our city limits. We changed your letter slightly to personalized it, and it was emailed September 12, 2025. Excerpt: "... A bull bucks in response to discomfort — triggered by a rider and a flank strap that is tightly secured just before the bull enters the arena. Despite claims that these animals are 'athletes' or 'born to buck,' the reality is far from humane. These bulls are forced to flail for a screaming crowd while music blares over speakers. This treatment does not align with how our city values animals. A study on performance-age bucking bulls found they were significantly more likely to suffer from horn and sinus disorders, as well as musculoskeletal injuries. Ottawa must take a stand against this cruelty. ..."

BAN THE FORCE-FEEDING OF DUCKS AND GEESE: We signed this *House of Commons* petition, e-6771 (Animals), on November 21, 2025. It is being sponsored by federal Liberal MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith.

"Petition to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

Whereas:

- Foie gras is produced by force-feeding ducks and geese until their livers swell up to ten times their normal size, causing a painful condition known as hepatic lipidosis;
- This process involves inserting tubes down the birds' throats to pump large quantities of food directly into their stomachs, leading to injuries, ruptured organs, and sometimes deaths;
- Only the necks protrude from the cages, allowing the feeders to grab the birds' heads to force the beaks open for feeding, with some birds experiencing torn necks and ruptured internal organs from the feeding tubes;
- In the last few weeks of their lives, up to four pounds of food per day are pumped into the birds' stomachs;
- This practice is so extreme that it is unique among agricultural methods in deliberately inducing disease and deformities;
- The birds endure severe physical stress, including heat exhaustion from excess body fat and difficulty breathing due to enlarged organs;
- These aquatic birds are denied normal lives and even water for swimming; and
- The United Kingdom, most EU countries, Israel, Argentina, Switzerland, Australia, Norway, Turkey, India, and the U.S. state of California have banned the production of foie gras, with India banning importation.

We, the undersigned, **citizens and residents of Canada**, call upon the **Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food** to enact legislation banning the practice of force-feeding ducks and geese for the production of foie gras, banning the importation and sale of foie gras produced by such force-feeding, and providing financial assistance and guidance to producers for transitioning to plant-based agriculture.”

RECOGNIZING ANIMAL SENTIENCE: *Government of Canada petition e-6955 (Animals):* This petition is being sponsored by federal Green Party MP **Elizabeth May**. It supports the belief that animals are sentient, and legislation needs to be passed recognizing that. We signed the petition on November 28, 2025.

“... 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 583 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, Animal Justice, Montreal SPCA, Animal Alliance of Canada, Humane World for Animals Canada, World Animal Protection 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 mere property.”

LEGALIZED ANIMAL CRUELTY. When will it stop?: We used a form letter provided by **Animal Justice**, Toronto, Ontario, in their October 4, 2025 email, opposing “Train and Trial” areas, made a few changes to personalize it, and emailed it to **Premier Ford** on November 21, 2025.

We are outraged and deeply troubled that Ontario has officially opened the application period for hunters to establish new dog 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.

In penned dog hunts, 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 viciously kill them. Dogs are often injured during these fights as well. This is absolutely not humane.

What type of people have requested the continuation/expansion of this horrific and brutal animal abuse, and what about our government officials who have approved this?

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 barbaric, and will have dire implications for animals and humans alike.

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

BAN FUR FARMING: *Government of Canada* Petition e-6589 (Animals): July 10, 2025 **ADLC** signed this petition, sponsored by federal NDP MP **Gord Johns**. With the exception of one point that was deleted, and two words added, it was identical to Petition e-5269 that we signed January 17, 2025. It was asking the "... **Government of Canada** to prohibit the practice of fur farming for all species of animals." October 2, 2025 this petition was read into the *House of Commons*.

A government response was tabled November 17, 2025, signed by **Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Heath MacDonald**. As expected, it was disappointing. Here is an excerpt: "... Canadian provinces, as enabled under the *Constitution Act*, have the primary responsibility for protecting the welfare of animals, including farm animals and pets. ...

Federally, 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. Moreover, fur farming operations are subject to provincial and territorial licensing and regulation, including biosecurity protocols and animal welfare standards. ...

While recent polls suggest that many Canadians oppose fur farming, the *Government* must take a range of factors into account when developing evidence-based policy. Fur has cultural, economic, and subsistence value for many Indigenous communities, particularly in northern and remote regions. A blanket ban on fur farming could inadvertently impact traditional practices and livelihoods.

The *Government of Canada* ... must also balance ethical concerns with scientific evidence, economic impacts, legal frameworks, and public and stakeholder perspectives. Fur farming remains a legal and regulated industry under existing frameworks in Canada, and any future changes will be guided by comprehensive risk assessments and stakeholder consultations."

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT GOES AFTER BEAVERS: A September 17, 2025 ACTION ALERT from **The Fur-Bearers**. North Vancouver, BC, made us aware that the Ontario government had opened a public consultation on proposed changes to trapping regulations. We used many of **The Fur-Bearers'** points. Below is our September 29 submission.

ERO #025-0781: Proposals to reduce regulatory and administrative burden, and enable increased economic opportunities for licensed trappers and fur dealers.

Once again, **Doug Ford's** government is attacking wildlife with no concern about the manner of their demise. The government's proposed beaver trapping regulations could have detrimental consequences for animal welfare, environmental protection and transparency.

Animal traps do not discriminate as to what species may become their victims, and they do not always kill instantly. Expanding trapping on Crown land during the closed season could disrupt and threaten ecosystems, waterways, and biodiversity.

Permitting trappers to use pistols after dark increases the risk of animal suffering. How long might it take to find [a trapped] injured animal in the dark, prolonging its suffering?

Reducing reporting requirements for fur dealers will make it more difficult to ensure that trapping practices comply with humane and environmental standards, and that is troubling. It is essential to ensure that trapping practices comply with the required standards. Laws governing trapping need to prioritize animal welfare and should be based using the most current, peer-reviewed science.

All this animal suffering and cruelty for money.

- Why do you want to allow the sale of raw beaver castoreum by licensed fur dealers?
- Why do you want to reduce reporting requirements for licensed fur dealers that would reduce transparency and public accountability?
- Why do you want to expand methods for killing trapped furbearing mammals?
- Why permit the trapping of beavers on Crown land during the closed season?
- Why are you even considering these proposals? In Ontario, wildlife has a deadly target on their lives and limbs.

There just isn't any justification for this killing of beavers, or the accidental injuring/killing of any other animal species that might be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Enlighten us.

October 2, 2025, we received an email from the *Environmental Registry of Ontario* advising us: "Your comment on ERO no 025-0781 (Comment ID: 1....3) has been approved for publishing. Others will be able to read it online when the decision for this proposal is posted. ..."

"PUPPIES SLIP THROUGH THE CRACKS", a petition by the *Ottawa Humane Society*, Ottawa Ontario. **ADLC** signed the petition below on November 14, 2025:

"To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS Ontario's animals deserve stronger protections and greater accountability under the Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) Act; and

WHEREAS the Ontario government passed changes last year to ban puppy mills, but the supporting regulations are not yet complete; and

WHEREAS stronger regulations are urgently needed to safeguard animal welfare, support responsible pet ownership, and ensure public trust in the system that is meant to protect animals.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

That the *Government of Ontario*, under the leadership of **Premier Doug Ford**, act without delay to strengthen the PUPS [Preventing Unethical Puppy Sales] regulations by:

1. Requiring breeders to properly socialize puppies to ensure their physical, behavioural, and emotional well-being.
2. Continue reporting for animal welfare cases where appropriate so that the public can trust the system designed to protect animals.
3. Establishing a comprehensive breeder registry to ensure oversight, accountability, and responsible breeding practices.

THEREFORE we respectfully urge the *Legislative Assembly* to prioritize these measures to create a province where animal welfare is taken seriously and every animal is given compassion, protection, and a fair chance at a safe life."

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 2025 we helped individuals with some of the cost of cats with: a liver/thyroid issue, urinary tract infection, behavioural problem, elderly cat evaluated due to health and well-being concerns. We helped cat rescue groups with some of the cost of 12 spays/neuters, 4 euthanasias, vaccinations/deworming/defleaing, eye surgery, cat food and medications. 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.**

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