

Bill 27

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** September 17, 2018 1:27 PM  
**To:** Office of the Legislative Counsel  
**Subject:** Against Bill 27

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to you with great concerns regarding bill 27 that is going to law amendments today, we're hoping that we're not too late and our concerns will not fall on deaf ears.

As dog owners, preservation/hobby breeders of an indigenous breed of Canada the majestic Newfoundland dog we are very worried about bill 27. There are a lot of things in there from cropping and docking, to dog fighting and extreme power given to the SPCA. As people that have been around animals of many sorts all our life, their health and well being has always been our biggest concern and if it ever came down to it we would go without before they had to. We are against abuse and neglect of all animals.

We are very concerned about the full scale rights that the SPCA has to our property at any point, be it night or daytime. To have the right to enter any part of our property with exception of our house without a warrant, based on a random complaint even it may be unfounded. We have to produce any animal in our home for them to inspect without a warrant. That they can seize all our paperwork and have any of our animals tested for whatever they believe to be fit is scary. That paperwork they have the right to seize is that our animals medical records or our breeding records and research of over a decade? The SPCA is given bigger rights to access private property than children's services or even police are. Also there doesn't appear to be a group or organization that monitors the action of the SPCA, like SIRT in the case of police forces in Nova Scotia or similar watch dog groups for other professions. As property owners we feel very much like we have no rights to privacy once this bill passes, as we're owners of dogs, cats and other animals. We are also very shocked that something like this could happen in Canada. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms states the following under the legal rights:

**Everyone has the right to be secure against unreasonable search or seizure.**

If we were not owners of pets or animals, we would not be subjected to having to allow complete strangers of any organization free access to all our outbuildings, property, fenced areas without a warrant. Also we couldn't be asked to present a certain item that is in our home without a warrant.

We feel there was not proper consultation done with all stake holders, from breeders, to pet owners, to CKC etc. on this bill. It seems like this is being rushed through in a very similar manner that the Colchester County Bylaw on kennels was being run through the proceedings just a few short weeks ago. Very similar to that bylaw this bill seems to only have had input by some stake holders namely the SPCA, where many others have been left out.

We are still in complete disbelief by this bill, if this was something introduced in a different country we could maybe understand it but Canada has prided itself in the rights we have to live in this beautiful country.

Thank you for your time on hearing our concerns.

Sincerely  
David & Jenny Best