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The new NS Animal Welfare Act should not include docking of tails.

Docking of tails on breeds such as boxers only allows for the need to cut tails off when the dog is older which is not in the animals' best interest. These dogs have thin tails that are not protected by fluffy or thick hair. Once broken, they do not heal very well due to hitting the tail on walls and furniture which causes reopening existing wounds or causing new ones resulting in infection. The tail then has to be cut off which is painful for the grown dog. Why put them through this?

Don't make docking illegal.

A boxer lover and owner

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