

From: Jordan Paradis (Residence of Wolfville, Nova Scotia)  
Subject: Opposition to proposed Bill 27 – Animals Rights Act  
To: Law Amendments Committee

Dear Law Amendment Committee,

I am a small business owner as well as a lover of dogs. I own an English Springer Spaniel (Enzo) that I purchased from a breeder in Nova Scotia. I did my research and wanted to support local business but also wanted a dog that had a docked tail and declaws removed so that I didn't have to worry about injury down the road because we are an active family.

These concerns include:

1. The bill to make tail docking and dewclaw removal illegal in Nova Scotia for it is a standard practice of animal husbandry and should be allow to continue.
2. The chief inspector may formulate and co-ordinate the establishment of industry customs and codes of practice supporting the human treatment of companion animals. No one person should have the power to determine industry customs and codes of practice this should be a committee with all stackholders represented (CKC, Dog Breeders, SPCA, Rescue Groups, Veterinarians, and so on)
3. If the SPCA oversteps there power there is no process to issue a complaint against them. They have more power than our police force. Which is a huge issue with regards to their over reaching their bounds because they don't answer to any complaint system.
4. They also have the right without proof to seize an animal (Protecting The Welfare Of Animals – (7) Where an animal is not in distress, but the inspector has reasonable and probable grounds for believing that an animal has been abused or tortured by the actions of its custodian, the inspector may seize the animal.) No person should have the power to seize an animal without proof they are in distress. We need due process.
5. Inspector in the amendment law has the right without a warrant, and by force if necessary, to enter the premises and search for the animal. When did we give an inspector more power than our police force that requires a warrant to enter a private dwelling.

As a residence of Nova Scotia and a small business owner I have the right to choice, you are taking that right away from me and giving it to a body that will in the end have more power than our police force. These are only a few of the many issues with this amendment. Please do not act in a short sighted manner and do the proper thing and vote NO to Bill 27.

Regards,



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