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Social media is once again blasted with the upcoming reading of Bill 27 on the agenda for tomorrow, one week after a stay was granted . It is still giving the power of individual "officers" to show up on anyone's property without notice, demanding to have pets produced or enter a kennel.

I see no provision where the complaint has to be investigated first, are the Veterinary Clinics in the area of the complaint being questioned before hand to see if proper care is being provided? Does the complainant have an axe to grind? Is the province prepared for law suits when the complaint proves to be unfounded, or, heaven forbid, someone is so upset with the threat of having their beloved pet removed from their home, they have a heart attack?

What qualifications, training, background do these proposed officers have to determine the condition of an animal? Would a vet not be in a better position to check them out? What precautions are being taken to prevent disease from being spread from one kennel to another?

How many of you are pet owners? Are you prepared to have an officer come to your door because someone is ticked off at you for some slight - real or imagined - and this individual decides he can cause you some trouble by reporting you to the SPCA? Perhaps you have an elderly parent with pets - picture it!

In a perfect world, complaints would not be made unless they were legitimate, all officers would be well trained and respectful, treating pets as the family members they are to most. Anyone who has flown out of a major airport or used a border crossing knows there are some folks who are on a power trip, being nasty just because they can be. This bill is giving them the right to trespass on people's property and confront them.

As a resident of Nova Scotia, a breeder and a pet owner I respectfully request you take the time to consider each point, from all sides, in this proposed bill. The power it unleashes to individuals, painting all animal owners with the same brush, guilty until proven innocent - this is unacceptable.

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