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Subject: Bill 27

From: Grace Harvie (Resident of Kentville,Nova Scotia)
 Subject: opposition to proposed Bill 27 - Animal Rights Act
 Date:September 23rd, 2018
 To: Law Amendment Committee

Honorable Members of the Law Amendment Committee:

I am a resident of Kentville,Nova Scotia and own an English Cocker Spaniel.
 My Dog is my Best Friend,I am retired, I am a veteran, I live alone.

I am writing to you to express my opposition to Bill 27.
 I attended the Law Amendment Hearing held in Halifax September 17th,2018
 My opposition is to the Terminology of Custodian vs Owner,.

The Spca will ultimately have the right to seize without proof an animal
 (Protecting the Welfare of Animals-27 Where an animal is not in distress, but the Inspector
 has reasonable and probable grounds for believing an animal has been abused or tortured
 by the actions of its custodian, the Inspector may seize the animal.

Custodian as defined by this Bill

- 2(1)(iii) a person who has possession of the animal
- 2(1)(iv) a person who has been given custody ,care of,management of or control of the animal
- 2(1)(v) a person who had possession of the animal OR had custody/care of, management of, or had control over the animal immediately before it was seized,taken into custody, or abandoned.
- 2(1)(vi) any person who at law has the responsibility of the animal

This section now turns places I do business with into Custodians.

**** this could be where I kennel my dog for vacation.

**** this could be where my dog is groomed.

**** this could be during the day at a Dog Day Care

Definition of Custodian - Anyone who looks after someone/something

Definition of Owner - A Person who owns something,has legal and rightful title to.
 One to whom property belongs to.Oxford Dictionary refers to an example :
 often used in combination of Cat-owner, Dog-owner.

This strikes fear into every animal owner. One word-Custodian.....
 no longer Owner of my family dog.

I have Canadian Kennel Papers that say - I am the owner
 I am registered at my Veterinarian Clinic- it says-I am the owner
 Yearly Dog Tags Municipality of County of Kings say- I am the owner

As I quote from the Law Amendment Hearing September 17th, 2018
re: SPCA Presentation Quote(we changed the word from Owner to Custodian
so we could charge people who said they were not the owners of a seized animal that
was on their property) unquote
I am concerned the power this will give a member of the spca.

As an Owner I have rights to protect my property and the right to restrict
access unless served a warrant.
As a Custodian I have no rights, and under the new law will be required to
release my much loved family pet into the hands of a Spca Officer.

Bill 27 if passed as it reads now will affect my family's well being.

There will be no trips to the Groomer(The Groomer will now be a Custodian

There will be no Vacations(The Boarding Facility will now be the Custodian

There will be no Day Trips without the family dog (the Doggy Day Care will be a Custodian

As a Law Abiding resident of Nova Scotia, A Dog Owner, and a Tax Payer I oppose Bill 27.

Please . for the people of Nova Scotia do not act in haste.

Respectfully Submitted
Grace Harvie