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Subject: Animal Protection Ammendments

Mr Furey,

I'm writing to you because I'm very concerned that the amendments to animal protection laws are being held up by a small group of breeders who want to be able to do surgical procedures on their animals themselves.

Cosmetic surgeries such as tail docking and ear cropping are no longer done by vets in this province because they see that it as cruel and unnecessary, so breeders have been doing it themselves and justifying it by saying the animal feels no pain, which has been proven false and which any person with any empathy at all would not attempt. It's done to conform with what has been deemed to be breed standards. Standards created by humans to appeal to what humans find attractive, not the natural state of the animal.

Breeders are also unhappy about the SPCA being given more authority to, if a concern has been noted, visit breeding facilities and see that animals are being cared for properly. Frankly, other than something improper is being done, I can see no reason they'd oppose this.

I very much hope you will see that the amendments are carried through and Nova Scotia continues to lead the way in animal welfare.

I have emailed my MLA, Mr. Ince, twice on this subject with no response. Very disappointing.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I can only hope you do the right thing.

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