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Subject:

Animal Protection Act - Bill 27

Please do not allow this bill to move ahead on Monday.

The animal rights contingent in NS wishes to make it seem that any CKC member who is speaking out against Bill 27 is because of the cosmetic portion of the bill, this is not true. If people watched the Law Amendments committee broadcast from last week they would see featured breeders and non breeders alike speaking about how the bill would affect all pet owners. There are troubling social media posts from some animal rights activist groups now who want to make it all about "breeders" but I want to focus on what this will mean for EVERY Nova Scotian who owns a dog, cat etc.

- Custodian versus Owner
- Ability to squat on neighbour's property to spy on you
- Cost of first offence fine \$25,000 or 6 mos. imprisonment or both
- Inspectors freedom to arrive at your door on what could be a spurious complaint...from your ex, an angry neighbour, a disgruntled co-worker, etc.

This isn't about cosmetics, it's about my right as a pet owner to protect my family and pets from overzealousness and unfounded complaints.

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