

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
BRIEFING NOTE FOR MINISTER FOR INFORMATION

Ref: 193499

Date: January 28, 2021

Title: Minister Popham and BC SPCA meeting, February 2, 2021

Issue: Minister Popham is meeting with representatives from the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BC SPCA) on February 2, 2021 to discuss:

- Ongoing collaboration;
- Enforcement on commercial farms; and
- The BC SPCA's 2021 Budget Submission.

Background:

The BC SPCA

The BC SPCA is a not-for-profit charitable organization, funded primarily by public donations, with a mission to protect and enhance the quality of life for domestic, farm, and wild animals in British Columbia (B.C.). The BC SPCA was created in 1895, and it has authority under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* (PCA Act). The PCA Act creates legislative force to prevent cruelty to animals in B.C., including family pets (companion animals), livestock, and working animals, but excluding wildlife. The BC SPCA is the only animal organization in B.C. with the authority to enforce laws under the PCA Act. The BC SPCA operates in 44 locations and employs 645 staff members and approximately 5,500 volunteers throughout B.C.

There are two distinct functions of the BC SPCA in B.C.: a regulatory function and a community outreach function. The BC SPCA is mandated under the PCA Act to respond to animals in distress. BC SPCA enforcement actions are performed by Special Provincial Constables. Currently, the BC SPCA has 34 full time Special Provincial Constables who are authorized to investigate complaints of animal abuse and neglect. BC SPCA constables investigate approximately 8,500 complaints of animal cruelty each year, at a cost of approximately \$3.5 million annually. The BC SPCA does not receive annual, dedicated funding from the Province for their enforcement actions.

Enforcement on commercial farms

The Animal Care Codes of Practice Regulation (the Regulation) came into force on June 1, 2019, under the PCA Act, to provide further protection for farm animals by establishing reasonable and generally accepted practices of animal management. The Regulation applies to all farming and ranching operations in B.C. where the animals listed in section 2 of the Regulation are kept for the purposes of breeding, boarding, grazing, selling, training, and for the production of certain farm and ranch products and by-products. While failure to abide by the Codes of Practice is not necessarily an offence, following the Codes is a defense from conviction of animal distress. Referencing the Codes of Practice in regulation therefore provides an incentive to farmers and ranchers to follow these practices.

Approximately 20 percent of complaints received by the BC SPCA involve farm animals. Most of these complaints relate to either hobby farmers or equines. A very small percentage relate to enforcement on commercial farms (approximately 10 to 20 complaints per annum).

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A facility review in 2013 by the BC SPCA, and updated in 2019 to include all BC SPCA facilities, resulted in their adoption of a long-range Facilities Development and Services Plan (FDSP). The FDSP seeks to improve or replace facilities over a 16-year period (2014 to 2029) at a cost of \$117.5 million. The first phase of FDSP is complete (2014 to 2018) and covered facility replacement or redevelopment at six facilities (at a total cost of \$18.97 million). The second phase of FDSP covers a five-year period (2019 to 2024), and the projected total cost of this phase is \$51.4 million.

The BC SPCA's annual operating expenses grew from \$19.5 million in 2005 to \$38.5 million in 2018 as a result of expanded programing. This was matched by a similar growth in revenue due largely to the increase in donor support.

The BC SPCA received \$1.46 million from the Province as part of COVID-19 response funding to help animal care organizations through the pandemic.

Discussion:

Ongoing collaboration

In the BC SPCA's letter to the Minister requesting this meeting, their request is to "discuss how [AFF and the BC SPCA] can best partner together in the years ahead and help achieve... mutual goals, like promoting B.C.'s animal welfare laws, improving food security and continuing to improve conditions in farming communities".

AFF staff share a positive relationship with the BC SPCA. AFF staff regularly reach out to the BC SPCA for input on work and to include them in relevant consultations.

The majority of BC SPCA investigations involve companion animals, with approximately 82 percent of all investigations are related to dogs and cats. In 2018, BC SPCA's cruelty investigations program made up 12 percent of their total program spending. Because of their inherently small focus on farm animal protection, BC SPCA's expertise and knowledge of farm animals is limited. This is problematic for commercial farm operators; the lack of knowledge erodes trust of the BC SPCA within the farm animal community.

Enforcement on commercial farms

In the BC SPCA's letter to the Minister, their request is to provide important updates "regarding events that have occurred this fall related to concerns with respect to commercial farm investigations which have shifted some of our priorities". s.13

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However, it is not the BC SPCA's responsibility to enforce the Codes of Practice, which outline generally accepted management practices for livestock and farm animal operators, including owners, managers, and employees. The Regulation was made to reference the Codes of Practice as reasonable and generally accepted practices of animal management (section 24.02 of the PCA Act). A point of

tension in previous discussions between AFF staff and BC SPCA staff has been around the misunderstanding of the Regulation's intention.

The BC SPCA opposes extreme and illegal actions by animal rights advocacy groups, including farm invasions and trespass to install hidden cameras. They support government action to further penalize these illegal activities.

The BC SPCA have been internally contemplating whether they should continue with farm animal investigations. This follows the decision of other provinces (e.g., Ontario) to change their animal inspection model. After internal research and discussion, the BC SPCA decided to continue with their enforcement authorities as it relates to the PCA Act on commercial farms and to seek a solution with government.

An example provided by the BC SPCA of enforcement on commercial farms is the recent events at Excelsior Farms. The video of the farm was illegally obtained and could not be used as evidence in the case. The BC SPCA supports that decision.^{s.13}

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Excelsior file led to the loss of some public support, staff were threatened, and public protests were held outside BC SPCA offices. At the time of this event, the Abbotsford police department called in a veterinary third-party assessment to Excelsior Farms, who indicated he did not see any welfare problems on the farm.

BC SPCA's 2021 Budget Submission

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BC SPCA: Congratulations and Request for Meeting

From: Amanda Frith <afrith@spca.bc.ca>
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Dear Minister Popham,
Please find attached a letter from Craig Daniell.
I would be pleased to assist in scheduling a meeting at your earliest convenience.

Best regards,

Amanda Frith

Executive Assistant to Craig Daniell, CEO

and guardian to Rosie

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December 9, 2020

Dear Minister Popham,

Congratulations on your recent re-appointment as B.C.'s Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries. We appreciate the passion, dedication and expertise you bring to this important role and we look forward to continuing to work together to support animal welfare initiatives across the province at this critical time in our collective history.

We greatly appreciate the emergency funding we received from the Government of British Columbia as part of the COVID-19 response, without which, our capacity to provide core services during the pandemic was potentially at risk. Because of this funding, the Society was able to continue to enforce the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (PCAA) and operate its many community animal centres across the province, while also distributing 55,000 Kg and 40,000 cans of pet food to pet guardians in need across the province. We worked in partnership with over 60 local food bank authorities and social service providers, as well as offering drop off and delivery services to remote and First Nations communities to ensure pet guardians were supported throughout the pandemic. During these difficult times, the Society has also provided compassionate boarding for those facing interpersonal violence and gender-based violence, which is statistically shown to increase during times of financial insecurity, disease, and emergencies.

We would appreciate an opportunity to meet again in the near future to discuss how we can best partner together in the years ahead and help achieve our mutual goals, like promoting B.C.'s animal welfare laws, improving food security and continuing to improve conditions in farming communities. We also have important updates to provide you regarding events that have occurred this fall related to concerns with respect to commercial farm investigations which have shifted some of our priorities.

As you know well, the impact of the pandemic has been felt across the province and now that the 'second wave' has hit us all, we are seeing increased demand for services. People are struggling in unseen ways in our province. With this in mind, we also hope to have a conversation about the 2021 Budget Submission and how the capital and operating funds we have requested can be used to drive pandemic response priorities and economic recovery

efforts with the job creation opportunities they provide to communities. We have attached that request for your reference.

We appreciate your ongoing support as these needs continue to grow. I can be contacted by email at cdaniell@spca.bc.ca should you have any questions and to find a time for a further conversation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Craig Daniell".

Craig Daniell
Chief Executive Officer
BC SPCA

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June 25, 2020

Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services
c/o Parliamentary Committees Office
Room 224, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4
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RE: BC SPCA Budget 2021 Submission

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to present to the committee and participate in consultations for B.C. Budget 2021, and thank you to the Minister of Agriculture and the B.C. government for your support of the BC SPCA during the COVID-19 pandemic. You have done an exceptional job under extraordinary circumstances, and your work has protected people in B.C., and helped our organization to keep animals safe.

The BC SPCA's number one priority remains the well-being and safety of British Columbia's vulnerable populations and animals as we work together to navigate through COVID-19. The essential services we provide for animal welfare in communities around the province continues to be in high, and rapidly changing demand. The BC SPCA is providing emergency boarding and care for animals and families who need help, including people who are fleeing inter-personal violence, and are unable to take their pets with them.

We anticipate that demand for our services will continue to grow as the impact of unemployment is felt by animal guardians in our province. At the same time, funding sources and volunteer capacity have declined significantly and we anticipate this trend will continue for the remainder of the year, which are our highest periods for donor revenue in normal times.

Recently the government of B.C. granted us emergency funding of \$1.46 million, for the period April 15th to June 30th, as part of COVID-19 response funding to help animal care organizations through the pandemic. Without this emergency support from the provincial government, our capacity to provide core services during the pandemic was at risk. We greatly appreciate the help, and we will keep government updated on ongoing challenges as we work to meet demand to deliver programming and improve crucial facilities to support vulnerable people and animals province wide.

The full impact of increased demand and donor challenges due to COVID-19 is still unknown, but early data indicates we will see growing pressure to deliver more services with fewer resources, in already

declining facilities. To ensure the BCSPCA is able to continue to provide these necessary services, we are seeking operational and capital funding support from the province in Budget 2021.

A review of facilities first undertaken in 2013 identified an urgent need to replace or improve a total of 12 BC SPCA facilities across the province. Capital funding by the province for the FDSP will not only benefit the welfare of animals, it will provide lasting benefit to communities, including job creation through construction projects and additional permanent employment positions; the expansion of programs such as compassionate boarding for the animals of victims fleeing inter-personal violence; curriculum based education programs for youth, an improved ability to assist animal owners during times of emergency; and opportunities for social housing in Vancouver.

Accordingly, the BC SPCA respectfully requests capital funding of \$8 million to support completion of phase two projects by 2024 and an additional \$3 million in operational funding from the Government of British Columbia as part of the 2021 provincial budget to continue our service delivery.

Further details are included below, and we are happy to provide further information or meet with government officials.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Daniell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a small loop at the end of the last name.

Craig Daniell
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RE: BC SPCA: Congratulations and Request for Meeting

From: Oldham, Lisa E AFF:EX <Lisa.Oldham@gov.bc.ca>
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Cc: Evers, Charlene AGRI:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>
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Hi Amanda,
Thank you for confirming, zoom details as follows.
Minister's Office is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
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Time: Feb 2, 2021 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
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Regards,
Lisa

From: Amanda Frith
Sent: January 5, 2021 2:50 PM
To: Oldham, Lisa E AFF:EX
Subject: RE: BC SPCA: Congratulations and Request for Meeting

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Thanks, Lisa - that works well for Craig.
Best regards,
Amanda Frith
Executive Assistant to Craig Daniell, CEO
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From: Oldham, Lisa E AFF:EX [<mailto:Lisa.Oldham@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: January 5, 2021 2:18 PM
To: Amanda Frith <afrith@spca.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: BC SPCA: Congratulations and Request for Meeting

Hi Amanda,
Minister Popham is available to meet via zoom on February 2 from 10:00-10:45am.
Please advise if this works for Craig's schedule and I will forward you zoom details.
Thank you,
Lisa

From: Amanda Frith <afrith@spca.bc.ca>
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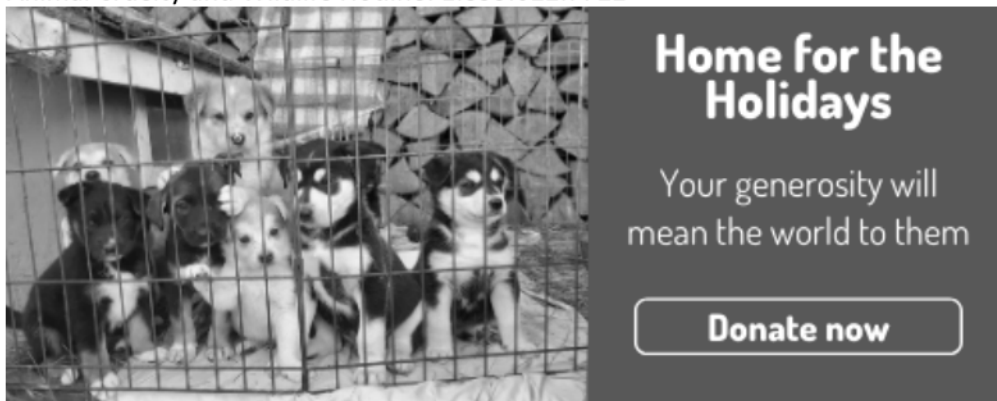
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Please feel free to forward to others as needed, this is a new series of meetings with the purpose to provide regular policy and legislation updates between AGRI and BC SPCA.

* AGRI update

* BC SPCA update

* New items (ad hoc)

FW: B.C. Fur Farming Industry Discussion with B.C. Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

From: Evers, Charlene AGRI:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>, Evers, Charlene AFF:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>
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canadamink@outlook.com; cdaniell@spca.bc.ca; Lesley@thefurbearers.com; mbernard@hsi.org;

From: Evers, Charlene AGRI:EX **On Behalf Of** Ethier, Tom AGRI:EX
Sent: January 21, 2021 4:40 PM
Subject: B.C. Fur Farming Industry Discussion with B.C. Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

Good afternoon,

Please see attached letter from Deputy Minister Tom Ethier for your consideration.

Regards,

Charlene Evers
A/Senior Executive Assistant
Deputy Minister's Office
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
☎ 778 974-3844



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**B.C. Fur Farming Industry Discussion with
B.C. Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries**

Thank-you for your interest in participating in the B.C. Fur Farming Industry discussion with the Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries.

The meeting purpose is to seek your input into the challenges facing the fur farming industry and hear your thoughts on the questions posed below.

Background

The Province relies on four pieces of legislation to govern the care, health, and welfare of fur animals. The *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* is the Province's primary animal protection legislation to address animal welfare and cruelty issues. The Animal Care Codes of Practice Regulation establishes reasonable and generally accepted practices of farmed animal management according to the National Farm Animal Care Council's (NFACC) Codes of Practice for the Care and Handling of Farmed Fox and Farmed Mink, respectively. The *Animal Health Act* primarily focuses on preventing, detecting and managing animal diseases. It also provides for licensing of fur farms, which is regulated under the Fur Farm Regulation. The Regulation outlines licensing processes and requirements for the health and care of fur animals.

The B.C. fur farming industry faces various challenges, especially considering COVID-19. In December 2020, mink on two fur farms in the Fraser Valley tested positive for SARS-CoV-2, which causes COVID-19 in humans. Both farms have experienced deaths of mink, and one farm also had several workers tested positive for COVID-19. B.C.'s Chief Veterinarian has placed both farms under Quarantine Orders, prohibiting the movement of animals and materials from the property to minimize the risk of the spreading of the virus.

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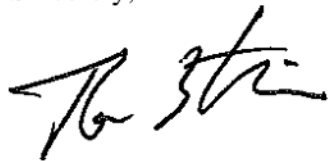
These meetings are intended to discuss the various perspectives on the topic of fur farming in B.C. An opportunity will also be provided for participants to provide additional responses in writing within 10 days of each meeting, if participants wish to do so; please send additional responses to Ursula.Viney@gov.bc.ca.

During the meeting, the Minister is seeking your input on the following questions:

1. Please share any comments regarding how COVID-19 has impacted your interests/activities? Challenges? Needs?
2. What do you view as being the main challenges facing the fur farming industry in B.C.?
3. What do you view as being potential solutions?
4. What do you view as being the implications of the potential solutions?
5. What are some opportunities for the future of the fur farming industry in B.C.?
6. Is there any other information that you would like to provide to the Minister with respect to the fur farming industry in B.C.?

Thank-you for your interest in participating in this process and sharing your insight into this sector.

Sincerely,

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Tom Ethier
Deputy Minister

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Anderson, Arlene AGRI:EX [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to Norton, Chris for action

Comment: Approved as A/ED

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January 4, 2021

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Dear Minister Popham:

Re: Amendment of the Bylaws of The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (the Society)

In accordance with Section 5 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (PCAA) [RSBC 1996] Chapter 372, I enclose an updated copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society, which came into effect on January 1, 2021 by way of duly approved motions of the voting members in accordance with the Bylaws then in effect.

I confirm further that the changes in question do not relate to policies and operational procedures of the Society for administering the enforcement powers of the PCAA. Rather, the amendments in question extend voting rights and privileges of members and aligns the BC SPCA Bylaws with provisions contained within the Societies Act [SBC 2015] Chapter 18.

Sincerely,



Craig Daniell
Chief Executive Officer

Cc. Melissa Barcellos President, Board of Directors

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Constitution and Bylaws

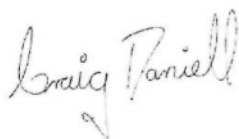
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CERTIFICATE OF OFFICER

I, CRAIG J. DANIELL, Chief Executive Officer of The British Columbia Society for The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ("BC SPCA") hereby CERTIFY AND ATTEST for and on behalf of the BC SPCA, without personal liability, that the attached document is a true and complete copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the BC SPCA, as amended and restated.

I CERTIFY further that this Constitution and Bylaws came into effect on January 1, 2021 by way of duly approved resolutions approved by the voting members in accordance with the Bylaws then in effect.

DATED this January 4, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Craig Daniell".

Craig J. Daniell

Chief Executive Officer

CONSTITUTION
of
THE BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETY FOR
THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

1. The name of the Society is “The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals”.
2. The objects of the Society are to prevent cruelty to and promote the welfare of animals. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Society may:
 - (a) enforce the existing laws, having as their object the prevention of cruelty to animals or the protection of animals;
 - (b) exercise the powers granted to the Society by the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, and amendments thereto, of the Province of British Columbia;
 - (c) educate the public and increase awareness on animal issues in order to improve animal welfare;
 - (d) promote, encourage and carry out education in the humane treatment of animals;
 - (e) form and establish Branches in its discretion in any part of the Province and define the geographic boundaries of such Branches, and require that such Branches comply with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society and with any rules, policies and directions the Society may make from time to time;
 - (f) establish and operate shelters for the reception and care of animals, in particular sick, injured, stray, seized, or unwanted animals, and provide facilities for the humane destruction of animals;
 - (g) enter into agreements with the Government of the Province of British Columbia, with any Municipality or Regional District or with any other local governmental authority to act as pound keeper in any defined area within the Province and to operate animal shelters in conformity with the principles of the Society;
 - (h) make awards to persons performing acts of outstanding bravery or endurance for the benefit of animals;
 - (i) make awards to animals which, by their actions, have been instrumental in saving life or property;
 - (j) perform such other lawful things as are incidental, necessary or conducive to the above purposes, including, without limitation buy, sell, exchange, develop and mortgage property, enter into contracts and leases and employ persons.
3. The operations of the Society are to be carried on chiefly in the Province of British Columbia.

4. In the event of the winding up and dissolution of the Society any assets remaining after payment of all debts and obligations shall be distributed to a recognized, registered charitable organization in the Province of British Columbia with similar objects, failing which then to a suitable level of local government. This clause is unalterable.

BYLAWS

of

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETY FOR
THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

- (a) In these Bylaws, unless the context otherwise requires:
- (i) “Act” means the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act of the Province of British Columbia from time to time in force and all amendments to it;
 - (ii) “Board” means the Board of Directors of the Society;
 - (iii) “Board Resolution” means
 - A. A resolution passed by a simple majority of the votes cast in respect of the resolution by the Directors who, being entitled to do so, vote in person at a duly constituted meeting of the Board or by Electronic Means in accordance with these Bylaws; or
 - B. A resolution that has been submitted to all Directors and consented to in writing by two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors who would have been entitled to vote on the resolution at a meeting of the Board;
 - (iv) “Branch” means a Branch of the Society formed and established under Part 9 of these Bylaws and the Act;
 - (v) “Chief Executive Officer” means the chief executive officer of the Society appointed pursuant to Bylaw 5.16;
 - (vi) “Code of Ethics” means the code of ethics that the Board may adopt from time to time;
 - (vii) “Community Council” means the Community Council of a Branch as established under Part 9 of these Bylaws;
 - (viii) “Directors” means the Directors of the Society for the time being, elected or appointed pursuant to these Bylaws;

- (ix) “Electronic Means” means any system or combination of systems, including but not limited to mail, telephonic, electronic, radio, computer or web-based technology or communication facility that:
 - A. In relation to a meeting or proceeding, permits all participants to communicate with each other or otherwise participate contemporaneously, in a manner comparable, but not necessarily identical, to a meeting where all were present in the same location, and
 - B. In relation to a vote, permits all eligible voters to cast a vote on the matter for determination in a manner that adequately discloses the intentions of the voters;
- (x) “Member” means a Member of the Society in accordance with these Bylaws and includes both voting and non-voting Members;
- (xi) “Officer” means an officer of the Society elected pursuant to these Bylaws;
- (xii) “ordinary resolution” means:
 - A. a resolution passed at a meeting by a simple majority of the votes cast in person by those Members entitled to vote,
 - B. in the case of a resolution voted on by Electronic Means in accordance with these Bylaws, a resolution passed by a simple majority of the votes cast in respect of that resolution by the Members entitled to vote;
- (xiii) “Regional Council” means a Regional Council established by the Directors pursuant to these Bylaws;
- (xiv) “majority” or “simple majority” means the nearest whole number greater than 50%;
- (xv) “Society” means The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; and
- (xvi) “Special Resolution” means a resolution of which not less than 21 days’ notice specifying the intention to propose the Special Resolution has been provided to all voting Members, and which is passed by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the votes of those voting Members who, being entitled to do so, vote in person, or by Electronic Means in accordance with these Bylaws;
- (b) The definitions in the Act apply to these Bylaws.

1.2 **Number and Gender**

In these Bylaws:

- (a) a word defined in the plural form includes the singular and vice-versa; and
- (b) the gender neutral pronouns “they”, “them” and “their” are used throughout these Bylaws to refer inclusively to all genders and gender-identities.

1.3 Headings

The headings used in these Bylaws are for convenience of reference only.

2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Generally

The Members of the Society are those persons who are Members of the Society when these Bylaws become effective and those persons who become Members of the Society in accordance with these Bylaws, and who, in either case, have not ceased to be Members.

2.2 Classes of Membership

There is one class of voting membership and one class of non-voting membership in the Society.

An individual is eligible and may be accepted as a voting Member if they are:

- (a) 19 years of age or older;
- (b) ordinarily resident in the Province of British Columbia;
- (c) agree to abide by the Society's Code of Ethics, as approved by the Board;
- (d) not an employee, or an immediate family member of an employee of the Society; and
- (e) meet such additional criteria as may be established by the Board and in effect from time to time.

An individual is eligible and may be accepted as a non-voting Member if they agree to abide by the Society's Code of Ethics and meets such additional criteria as may be established by the Board in effect from time to time.

2.3 Application and Acceptance

An eligible individual may apply to the Board in writing to become a Member and on acceptance by the Board will be a Member in the appropriate class as designated by the Board. An application for membership must include:

- (a) confirmation of eligibility;
- (b) the payment of applicable membership dues and fees, if any; and
- (c) a signed copy confirming the applicant agrees to uphold the Constitution and comply with these Bylaws and the Code of Ethics.

The Board may, by Board Resolution, accept, postpone or refuse an application for membership. An individual becomes a Member on the date of the Board Resolution accepting such individual's application or such later date as specified therein. On acceptance, the Board will assign each Member to a governance region pursuant to Bylaw 10.1 and to the Branch operating in the area of the Member's address or in the area nearest to the Member's address.

2.4 Duties of Members

Every Member must:

- (a) pay the applicable dues and fees as and when established pursuant to these Bylaws; and
- (b) uphold the Constitution and comply with these Bylaws and the Code of Ethics, and an undertaking to do so shall be included in every Membership application.

2.5 Rights and Privileges of Members

A Member in good standing has the following rights and privileges of membership, by class:

Voting Member:

- (a) to receive notice of, and to attend, all general meetings and Regional Council meetings in their region;
- (b) to make motions at a general meeting and Regional Council meetings and to speak in debate on motions under consideration in accordance with such rules of order as may be adopted;
- (c) to exercise a vote on matters for determination at general meetings or Regional Council meetings or otherwise by decision of the voting Members;
- (d) to exercise a vote for the election of Directors within the voting Member's region pursuant to Bylaw 5.6;
- (e) may stand for election or appointment as a Director, if qualified in accordance with these Bylaws;
- (f) may request to inspect the membership register only for the purpose of:
 - (i) the requisitioning of a general meeting pursuant to Bylaw 3.3;
 - (ii) the submission of a proposal pursuant to Bylaw 2.10;
 - (iii) an effort to influence the voting of Members prior to an upcoming vote;
- (g) notwithstanding (f) above, the Board, by Board Resolution, may refuse the request to inspect the membership register if the Board is of the opinion that it would be harmful to the Society or to the interests of one or more of its Members to permit such inspection.

Non-Voting Member:

- (a) to receive notice of, and to attend, all general meetings and Regional Council meetings; and
- (b) to speak in debate on motions under consideration in accordance with such rules of order as may be adopted or otherwise as permitted by the voting Members.

A Member who is not currently in good standing has the right to receive notice of, and to attend, all general meetings and Regional Council meetings, but is suspended from all other rights and privileges described above for so long as they remain not in good standing.

2.6 Membership Dues

The Directors may determine from time to time the amount of the Membership dues and fees payable by Members along with the dates such dues or fees are payable. Furthermore, the Board may, in its sole discretion:

- (a) set different dues or fees for each class of membership; and
- (b) waive payment of dues or fees in cases of hardship or other appropriate circumstances.

2.7 Cessation of Membership

A person immediately ceases to be a Member of the Society:

- (a) on delivery of their resignation in writing to the address of the Society by mail, courier, electronic mail or fax; or
- (b) on their death; or
- (c) on the cancellation of the Membership under Bylaw 2.8; or
- (d) on having been a Member not in good standing, pursuant to Bylaw 2.9, for three consecutive calendar months.

2.8 Cancellation of Membership

The Directors may cancel the Membership of a Member by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Directors by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors in office. The notice of the meeting of Directors at which the resolution for cancellation will be considered must include a brief statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed cancellation and a copy of the statement must be provided to the person whose Membership is the subject of the proposed resolution. The person whose Membership is the subject of the proposed resolution must be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting of Directors before the resolution for cancellation is put to a vote.

2.9 Good Standing

All Members are in good standing except a Member who has failed to pay the applicable Membership dues and or fees when such are payable and a Member is not in good standing so long as such amount remains unpaid.

2.10 Members Proposals

A voting Member may send to the Society a notice of a proposal, including a matter for discussion or a resolution, that certain voting Members wish to have considered at an annual general meeting. The proposal must:

- (a) include the proposal and a brief statement in support of the proposal, which statement may not exceed the word limit established by the Board;
- (b) contain the names of, and be signed by, not fewer than five percent (5%) of the current total number of voting Members;
- (c) be received by the Society at least seven (7) full days before notice of the annual general meeting is sent by the Society.

The Board may, by Board Resolution, establish additional requirements for, and rules for the deliberation of members' proposals, including but not limited to the length of statements and the frequency for considering the same or substantially similar proposals.

3. GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

3.1 Directors Determine General Meetings

General meetings of the Society will be held at such time and place within British Columbia as the Directors decide.

3.2 Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings

Any general meeting of the Society other than an annual general meeting is an extraordinary general meeting.

3.3 Calling and Requisitioning Extraordinary General Meetings

The Society will convene an extraordinary general meeting by providing notice in accordance with the Act and these Bylaws in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) at the call of the President;
- (b) when resolved by Board Resolution;
- (c) when a meeting is requisitioned by written notice which:
 - (i) includes the proposed business of the meeting; and
 - (ii) sets out the names of, and is signed by, at least ten percent (10%) of the current total number of voting Members.

Upon receipt of such requisition, the Society must provide notice to all Members of an extraordinary general meeting to be held within sixty (60) days of the date of receipt.

3.4 Notice of General Meetings

- (a) The Society will, in accordance with Bylaws 14.1 and 14.2, provide notice of every general meeting to each Member not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the general meeting.
- (b) Notice of a general meeting of the Society must specify the place, day and time of the meeting, as well as any Special Resolutions to be considered at that meeting and Members proposals submitted in accordance with section 2.10.
- (c) If the Board has decided to hold a general meeting with participation by Electronic Means, the notice of that meeting must inform Members how they may participate by Electronic Means.
- (d) Accidental omission to give notice of a general meeting to or the non-receipt of notice of a general meeting by any Member will not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.

3.5 Time for Holding Annual General Meetings

The Society must hold an annual general meeting once in every calendar year.

4. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

4.1 Quorum for General Meetings

- (a) A quorum at a general meeting is fifty (50) voting Members present in person, or if permitted, by Electronic Means.
- (b) No business other than the election of a person to chair the meeting and the adjournment or termination of the meeting, may be transacted at any general meeting of the Society at a time when a quorum of Members entitled to attend and vote is not present. Once quorum has been determined to be present at the commencement of a meeting, a quorum will be deemed to be present throughout the meeting unless it is determined that a quorum is not present or until the meeting is adjourned or terminated.
- (c) If within thirty (30) minutes from the time appointed for a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting will be terminated and may be called again in accordance with Bylaw 3.3.

4.2 Chair of General Meetings

The President or, if the President is absent, the First Vice-President or, if the President and the First Vice-President are absent, the Second Vice-President, is entitled to preside as chair at every general meeting of the Society. If none of the President, First Vice President or Second Vice-President is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding a general meeting or is willing to act as chair, or if the President and the First and Second Vice-Presidents have advised the Secretary that they will not be present at the meeting, the Directors present may choose one of their number to preside as chair. If all the Directors present decline to take the chair or fail to choose one of their number to preside as chair, or if no Director is present, the voting Members present may choose one of their number to preside as chair.

4.3 Adjourning and Adjourned Meetings

The chair may and must, if so directed by the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business may be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. If a meeting is adjourned for more than ten days, notice of the adjourned meeting must be given as in the case of an original meeting. Otherwise, it is not necessary to give any notice of an adjourned meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

4.4 Electronic Participation in General Meetings

The Board may, by Board Resolution, decide, in its discretion, to hold any general meeting in whole or in part by Electronic Means.

When a general meeting is to be conducted using Electronic Means, the Board must take reasonable steps to ensure that all participants are able to communicate and participate in the meeting adequately and, in particular, that remote participants are able to participate in a manner comparable to participants present in person, if any.

Persons participating by Electronic Means are deemed to be present at the general meeting.

4.5 Procedure Regarding Resolutions

No resolution proposed at a meeting need be seconded and the chair of a meeting may move or propose a resolution. In case of an equality of votes, the chair of the meeting is not entitled to a casting or second vote in addition to the vote to which the chair may be entitled as a Member, and the resolution will not pass.

4.6 Voting at General Meetings

- (a) Each voting Member in good standing is entitled to one vote on all matters for decision at a general meeting.
- (b) Voting by Members may occur by any one or more of the following methods, in the discretion of the Board:
 - (i) by show of hands or voting cards;
 - (ii) by written ballot; or
 - (iii) by vote conducted by Electronic Means.
- (c) The chair must declare to the meeting the decision on every question in accordance with the result of the vote, (however it was conducted) and such decision must be entered in the minutes of the meeting. A declaration by the chair that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost or not carried by a particular majority, and an entry to that effect in the minute book of the proceedings of the Society is conclusive evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of, or against, that resolution.
- (d) A poll may be demanded on any resolution other than on the election of a chair. A poll must be taken immediately. A demand for a poll may be withdrawn. In any dispute as to the admission or rejection of a vote the decision of the chair made in good faith is final and conclusive.
- (e) Voting by proxy is not permitted.

4.7 Action by Ordinary Resolution or Special Resolution

Unless the Act, the Constitution or these Bylaws otherwise provide, any action to be taken by a resolution at a general meeting of the Society or at a meeting of a Regional Council, or the Executive Committee will be taken by an ordinary resolution. Actions that may be taken only by Special Resolution are:

- (a) the removal of any Director pursuant to Bylaw 5.11(a);
- (b) the approval of interested Director contracts or transactions under Bylaw 5.14;
- (c) the amendment of the Constitution or Bylaws pursuant to Bylaw 15.2.

4.8 Referendum Vote

The Board may, in its sole discretion, conduct a vote of the voting Members via referendum conducted outside a general meeting, to be conducted by Electronic Means, provided in each case that the Society provides each voting Member with written notice that includes:

- (a) the text of the resolutions to be voted on;
- (b) instructions on how a voting Member may cast a vote; and
- (c) the date on which polls will be open for casting a vote, and the date and time on which polls will be closed, which closing date must be no less than fourteen (14) days after polls are opened.

Written notice of a referendum vote must be provided to all voting Members not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date on which polls will be open to cast a vote.

5. DIRECTORS

5.1 Powers of Directors

The Directors must manage, or supervise the management of, the affairs and business of the Society and are authorized to exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as the Society may exercise and do, and which are not by these Bylaws or by statute or otherwise lawfully directed or required to be exercised or done by the Society in general meeting, but subject, nevertheless, to the provisions of all laws affecting the Society and these Bylaws. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Directors shall establish policies, rules and regulations to carry out the obligations and powers of the Society under the Act, including regarding the operation of animal shelters.

5.2 Duties of Directors

In exercising the powers and performing the functions of a Director, each Director must:

- (a) act honestly and in good faith and in the best interests of the Society as a whole; and
- (b) exercise the care, diligence and skill of a reasonably prudent person.

5.3 Who is Authorized to Bind the Society

No Director or any other Member or employee of the Society shall act on behalf of or in the name of the Society or undertake any obligation or enter into any contract on behalf of or in the name of the Society unless the Director, Member or employee has been authorized by resolution of the Board.

5.4 Number of Directors and Structure of Board

The Society will have up to eleven (11) Directors, comprised of the following:

- (a) Eight (8) Regional Directors, two from each of the four governance regions, established pursuant to Bylaw 10.1 comprised of voting Members elected pursuant to Bylaw 5.6; and
- (b) Up to three (3) Directors comprised of voting Members appointed pursuant to Bylaw 5.7.

5.5 Qualifications of Directors

In order to be eligible to be nominated, elected or appointed to serve (or continue to serve) as a Director, a person:

- (a) must be 19 years of age or older;
- (b) must be a voting Member in good standing for at least 30 days prior to election or appointment or, in the case of election of Directors to assume office at an annual general meeting, 30 days prior to the date when nominations close in accordance with Bylaw 5.6(a)(iii) and must maintain their status as a voting Member in good standing, as qualification for their office;
- (c) must not have been found, by a court in Canada or elsewhere, to be incapable of managing their own affairs;
- (d) must not be an undischarged bankrupt;
- (e) must not have been convicted in Canada or elsewhere of any offence involving fraud or cruelty to animals.

A person who ceases to be eligible according to the foregoing requirements is deemed to have resigned from their position as a Director.

5.6 Nomination and Election of Directors

- (a) Each year before the annual general meeting of the Society, the Board shall establish, and shall send to each voting Member, a schedule setting out:
 - (i) the Regional Director positions to be filled;
 - (ii) the first date when the Society will receive written nominations for Regional Directors;
 - (iii) the time and date when nominations are closed, which must be a date that is no less than four weeks after the starting date for making nominations;
 - (iv) the date by which ballots will be available to voting Members entitled to vote, which must be a date that is not more than two weeks after the date when nominations are closed; and
 - (v) the date by which the Society must receive completed ballots in order for ballots to be counted, which must be a date that is no less than four weeks after the date the ballots are made available. Ballots received after that date shall not be counted.
- (b) Nominations must:
 - (i) be in writing and comply with the procedures for elections established from time to time by the Board;

- (ii) in the case of a Regional Director nomination, include a declaration that the nominee is a resident of that region;
 - (iii) include a declaration that the person being nominated is a voting Member in good standing and consents to act as a Director and be signed by that person; and
 - (iv) be signed by at least two voting Members in good standing who are resident in the same region as the nominee.
- (c) Upon the close of nominations for Regional Director,
- (i) if there is a single eligible and duly nominated candidate for a particular position, or if the number of eligible and duly nominated candidates is less than or equal to the number of available positions for election, each such candidate is elected by acclamation and no vote will be required; and
 - (ii) if there are more than one eligible and duly nominated candidates for a particular position, or if the number of eligible and duly nominated candidates is greater than the number of available positions for election, the Chief Executive Officer shall forward to each voting Member in each region, if a vacancy exists in that region, a list of the eligible and duly nominated candidates for Regional Director in that region, and the voting Members in that region shall elect, by secret ballot, one of the duly nominated and eligible candidates to serve as a Regional Director; and

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in each region shall be elected Regional Director. In the event of a tie, additional rounds of voting shall take place, removing the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes, if applicable.

5.7 Appointment of Directors

The Board may, from time to time by a resolution approved at a meeting of the Directors by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors in office, appoint as a Director a voting Member, qualified in accordance with Bylaw 5.5 who has expertise, skills or knowledge that is beneficial to the Board or to the Society (as determined by the Board), provided that no more than three (3) such appointed Directors may be appointed to office at any one time.

An appointed Director will take office as of the date of the resolution, or such later date as may be specified therein.

5.8 Term of Office of Directors and Term Limits

- (a) The term of office of Directors, including elected and appointed Directors, will normally be three (3) years. However, the Board may by Board Resolution determine that some or all vacant Directors' positions will have a term of less than three (3) years, the length of such term to be determined by the Directors in their discretion.
- (b) Directors may be elected or appointed for up to six (6) consecutive years, by any combination of terms. A person who has served as a Director for six (6) consecutive years may not be re-elected or re-appointed for at least three (3) years following the expiry of their latest term.

- (c) Elected Directors are deemed to retire from office at the termination of the third annual general meeting following their election, subject to Bylaw 5.8 (a) above.

5.9 Transition of Board and Director Terms

- (a) Notwithstanding Bylaw 5.4, the Board may consist of up to 14 Directors for a period not to exceed the conclusion of the AGM held in the 3rd year after these bylaws come into effect.
- (b) Each person who is a Director on the date these Bylaws come into force will continue as a Director for the remaining term to which they were elected, unless they otherwise cease to be a Director in accordance with these Bylaws.
- (c) Any previous terms served by Directors prior to these Bylaws coming into force will be counted towards the term limits set out in Bylaw 5.8 above.

5.10 Filling Casual Vacancies on the Board

If there is any casual vacancy occurring in the Board:

- (a) in the case of a vacancy among the Regional Directors, the Board shall, at its earliest opportunity, follow the nomination and election process for Regional Directors as set out in Bylaw 5.6 and the voting Members in the region of the Member whose position has become vacant shall fill the vacancy; and
- (b) in the case of a vacancy among the appointed Directors, the Directors may fill the vacancy in accordance with Bylaw 5.7.

5.11 Removal and Replacement of Directors

- (a) A Regional Director may be removed from office before the expiration of their period of office by Special Resolution of the voting Members for the region of that Director. The Board shall follow the nomination and election process for Regional Directors as set out in Bylaw 5.6 to fill the vacancy.
- (b) An appointed Director may be removed from office before the expiration of their period of office by a board resolution at a meeting of the Directors by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors in office.
- (c) Notwithstanding Bylaw 5.11(a) and (b), any Director who has failed to attend two (2) consecutive meetings without prior notice to and approval of the Board may be removed from office before the expiration of their period of office by a two-thirds majority vote of the Directors in office without prior notice to such Director.

5.12 No Invalidity of Actions

No act or proceeding of the Directors is invalid only by reason of there being fewer than the prescribed number of Directors in office, provided that there are sufficient Directors to form a quorum.

5.13 Remuneration of Directors

No Director is entitled to be remunerated for being or acting as a Director but a Director is entitled to be reimbursed for all expenses that the Director necessarily and reasonably incurs while engaged in the affairs of the Society.

5.14 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest of Directors

A Director who has a direct or indirect interest in a contract or transaction (whether existing or proposed) with the Society, or a matter for consideration by the Directors:

- (a) will be counted in the quorum at a meeting of the Board at which the contract, transaction or matter is considered;
- (b) will disclose fully and promptly the nature and extent of their interest in the contract, transaction or matter;
- (c) is not entitled to vote on the contract, transaction or matter;
- (d) will absent them self from the meeting or portion thereof:
 - (i) at which the contract, transaction or matter is discussed, unless requested by the Board to remain to provide relevant information; and
 - (ii) in any case, during the vote on the contract, transaction or matter; and
- (e) refrain from any action intended to influence the discussion or vote.

5.15 Accountability of Directors

A Director referred to in Bylaw 5.14 must account to the Society for remuneration or benefit received as a consequence of the Society entering or performing the proposed contract or transaction unless:

- (a) the Director complies in all respects with the requirements of Bylaw 5.14 and the Board approves the contract or transaction; or,
- (b) the contract or transaction is reasonable and, after full disclosure of the nature and extent of the interest in the contract or transaction, it is approved by Special Resolution.

5.16 Chief Executive Officer

The Board may appoint or remove a Chief Executive Officer. The Board may define the duties, responsibilities, remuneration and privileges of the Chief Executive Officer, who shall take direction from and report to the Board at each meeting of the Board. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Chief Executive Officer shall:

- (a) be responsible for carrying out the day to day administration of the affairs of the Society, including, overseeing the implementation of the policies of the Society as established by the Board from time to time; hiring and suspending or terminating the employment of all employees; coordinating, directing and supervising the activities of all employees in accordance with policy, rules and regulations the Board may establish; and assisting the Community Councils and Regional Councils;

- (b) be responsible for presenting an annual budget for consideration and approval by the Board and implementing the approved budget;
- (c) have custody of the common seal of the Society;
- (d) issue notices of all general meetings and Regional Council meetings of the Society;
- (e) administer elections of Directors and referendum votes;
- (f) have custody of all records and documents of the Society, including the financial records and books of account of the Society;
- (g) maintain a record of all Warrants and their status;
- (h) maintain a register of Members of the Society;
- (i) maintain a current copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society, the Code of Ethics, any policies, rules and regulations of the Society, and the Act;
- (j) ensure that the Society makes all reports and filings required under the Act.

6. PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

6.1 Chair of Meetings of Directors

The President or, if the President is absent, the First Vice-President or, if the First Vice-President is absent, the Second Vice-President, is entitled to preside as chair at every meeting of the Directors. If none of the President, First Vice-President or Second Vice-President is present within fifteen minutes of the time appointed for holding the meeting or is willing to act as chair, or if the President and the First and Second Vice-Presidents, have advised the Secretary that they will not be present at the meeting, the Directors present may choose one of their number to be chair of the meeting.

6.2 Regulation of Meetings, Voting and Notice of Meetings Held at Regular Intervals

The Directors may meet together for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit. Questions arising at any meeting will be decided by a majority of votes. In case of an equality of votes the chair does not have a second or casting vote and the motion is lost. Meetings of Directors held at regular intervals may be held at such place, at such time and upon such notice (if any) as the Directors may by resolution from time to time determine.

6.3 Participation by Electronic Means

If a meeting of the Board will permit participation by Electronic Means, the notice of that meeting must inform Directors and other participants (if any) that they may participate by Electronic Means.

The Board may determine, in its discretion, to hold any meeting or meetings of the Board in whole or in part by Electronic Means.

When a meeting of the Board is conducted by Electronic Means, the Society must take reasonable steps to ensure that all participants are able to communicate and participate in the meeting.

A Director participating in a meeting in accordance with this Bylaw will be deemed to be present at the meeting and to have so agreed and will be counted in the quorum for the meeting and be entitled to speak and vote at the meeting.

6.4 Calling Meetings and Notice

At least two (2) days notice will be sent to each Director of a board meeting.

However, no formal notice will be necessary if all Directors were present at the preceding meeting when the time and place of the meeting was decided or are present at the meeting or waive notice thereof in writing or give a prior verbal waiver to the Secretary-Treasurer.

For the purposes of the first meeting of the Board immediately following the election of a Director or Directors conducted at a general meeting, or for the purposes of a meeting of the Board at which a Director is appointed, it is not necessary to give notice of the meeting to the newly elected or appointed Director or Directors for the meeting to be properly constituted.

If a meeting of the Board will permit participation by Electronic Means, the notice of that meeting must inform Directors and other participants (if any) that they may participate by Electronic Means.

Accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non receipt of notice of a meeting by, any Director will not invalidate the proceedings at the meeting.

6.5 Quorum for Meetings of Directors

The Directors may fix the quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Directors and if the Directors do not fix the quorum, quorum will be a majority of Directors then in office.

6.6 Actions During a Vacancy

The continuing Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body, but, if and so long as their number is reduced below the number fixed pursuant to these Bylaws as the necessary quorum of Directors, the continuing Directors may act for the purpose of summoning a general meeting of the Society, but for no other purpose.

6.7 Validity of Acts of Directors

All acts done by any meeting of the Directors or of a committee of Directors, or by any person acting as a Director, is, notwithstanding that afterwards it is discovered that there was some defect in the qualification, election or appointment of any such Directors or of the Members of such committee or person acting as a Director, or that they or any of them were disqualified, as valid as if every such person had been duly elected or appointed and was qualified to be a Director.

6.8 Resolutions in Writing

A Board Resolution signed by two-thirds of the Directors in office is as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Directors duly called and held. Such resolution may be in two or more counterparts, which together will be deemed to constitute one resolution in writing. Such a resolution must be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Directors and will be effective on the date the last Director signed it or on any later date specified in the resolution.

6.9 Committees of Directors

The Directors may by Board Resolution appoint one or more committees consisting in whole or in part of such Directors and/or Members in good standing as they think fit. Unless the Directors otherwise resolve, any committee appointed under this Bylaw is advisory only. The Directors may not delegate to any committee the power to fill vacancies in the Board, or the power to appoint or remove Officers appointed by the Directors. All committees so appointed must keep regular minutes of their transactions, must cause the minutes to be recorded in books kept for that purpose, must submit the minutes to the Directors and must report to the Directors at such times as the Directors may from time to time require. Committees shall establish their Terms of Reference and shall submit such Terms of Reference for Board approval relating to the conduct of their business and may appoint such assistants as they consider necessary.

6.10 Proceedings of Committees

Any committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. A majority of Members of a committee constitutes a quorum. Questions arising at any meeting will be determined by a majority of votes of Members of the committee present, and in case of an equality of votes the chair does not have a second or casting vote. A resolution in writing that all Members of the committee have signed is as valid and effective as if it had been passed at a meeting of such committee duly called and held. Such resolution may be in two or more counterparts, which together will be deemed to constitute one resolution in writing. Such resolution must be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the committee and will be effective on the date the last committee Member signed it, or on any later date specified in the resolution.

7. OFFICERS

7.1 Election of Officers

The Officers of the Society are the President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, and the Secretary-Treasurer. Each Officer shall hold office until the termination of the annual general meeting of the Society following their election. The Directors shall elect the Officers from among their number at the first meeting of the Directors following the annual general meeting of the Society. A person must be a Director to be an Officer.

7.2 Duties of Officers

- (a) President – The President is entitled to preside at all meetings of the Society, of the Directors and of the Executive Committee, is the official spokesperson of the Society, is an ex officio Member of every committee of the Society and supervises the other Officers in the execution of their duties.
- (b) First Vice-President – The First Vice President, carries out the duties of the President if the President is absent or at the request of the President, including attending at committee meetings in place of the President at the request of the President, and carries out such other duties as the Board or the Executive Committee may request.
- (c) Second Vice-President – The Second Vice-President carries out the duties of the President if the President and the First Vice-President are absent or at the request of the President, including attending at committee meetings in place of the President at the request of the President, carries out the duties of the First Vice-President if the First Vice-

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President is absent, and carries out such other duties as the Board or the Executive Committee may request.

- (d) Secretary-Treasurer – The Secretary-Treasurer:
- (i) ensures that minutes of general meetings, Directors' meetings and Executive Committee meetings are taken;
 - (ii) ensures that financial records, including books of account, of the Society are maintained;
 - (iii) provides financial statements to the Directors, Members and others when required; and
 - (iv) carries out such other duties as the Board or the Executive Committee may request.

7.3 Remuneration of Officers

No Officer is entitled to be remunerated for being or acting as an Officer but an Officer is entitled to be reimbursed for all expenses that the Officer necessarily and reasonably incurs while engaged in the affairs of the Society.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

8.1 Composition

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers and no more than two additional Directors, (including the immediate past President, where applicable), elected by the Board at the first meeting of the Board following the Annual General Meeting of the Society. The immediate past President shall be a member of the Executive Committee for a maximum term of one year, provided that they remain a Director.

8.2 Powers and Duties

The Executive Committee may exercise all the powers and functions of the Board between meetings of the Board, subject only to any restrictions that the Board may impose upon it. At each meeting of the Board, the Executive Committee shall report on any action the Executive Committee has taken since the previous meeting of the Board.

8.3 Proceedings of Executive Committee

The Executive Committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. A majority of the Members of the Executive Committee constitutes a quorum. Questions arising at any meeting will be determined by a majority of votes of Members of the Executive Committee present, and in case of an equality of votes the chair does not have a second or casting vote and the motion is lost. A resolution in writing that all Members of the Executive Committee have signed is as valid and effective as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Executive Committee duly called and held. Such resolution may be in two or more counterparts, which together will be deemed to constitute one resolution in writing. Such resolution must be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Executive Committee and will be effective on the date the last Executive Committee Member signed it, or on any later date specified in the resolution.

9. BRANCHES AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

9.1 Continuation of Existing Branches

The Branches of the Society are continued, with the duties set out in these Bylaws, subject to the Act and these Bylaws.

9.2 Formation of Branches

The Board by means of a Board Resolution, may form and establish Branches in its discretion anywhere in British Columbia by a Warrant issued by the Society. The Warrant must state the name of the Branch. The Chief Executive Officer must keep a record of all Warrants that are issued. The Board may amend any Warrant of any Branch at any time.

9.3 Duties of Branches

Every Branch must uphold the Constitution and comply with these Bylaws and the Code of Ethics and an undertaking to do so shall be included in every Warrant.

9.4 Suspension and Dissolution of Branches

- (a) The Board may cancel or suspend the Warrant of any Branch by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Directors by a two thirds (2/3) vote of all Directors in office. The notice of the meeting of Directors at which the resolution for suspension or cancellation will be considered must include a statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed suspension or cancellation and a copy of the statement must be provided to the Regional Council in whose region the Branch is located. The Regional Council must be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting of Directors before the resolution for cancellation is put to a vote.
- (b) If the Warrant of a Branch is cancelled, the Branch is automatically dissolved. Members of the Branch will be re-assigned to the nearest Branch operating in the region.

9.5 Branch Meetings

- (a) The Directors may, whenever they think fit, convene a general meeting of a Branch. The Directors must convene an extraordinary general meeting of a Branch if the Directors receive a requisition signed by 20% (twenty per cent) of the voting Members assigned to that Branch that states the purpose of the meeting.
- (b) The Directors shall give not less than 21 days' notice of a general meeting of a Branch. Notice of a general meeting of a Branch must specify the place, day and time of the meeting and the purpose of the meeting and shall be given to the Members assigned to that Branch who are entitled to receive notice in accordance with Bylaw 14.2.

9.6 Community Councils – Composition

- (a) Each Branch may establish a Community Council to support the activities of the branch. The Board shall establish and periodically update terms of reference for the operation of Community Councils.

10. REGIONS AND REGIONAL COUNCILS

10.1 Regions

The Province is divided into four governance regions and each Member will be allocated to a governance region nearest to the Member's address.

10.2 Regional Councils - Composition

- (a) There shall be a Regional Council for each region referred to in Bylaw 10.1, comprised of:
 - (i) the Regional Directors for that region, elected in accordance with Bylaw 5.6; and
 - (ii) the voting Members for that region.
- (b) At the first Regional Council meeting after the annual general meeting of the Society each year, the Regional Council shall elect a chair and vice-chair from among their number.

10.3 Duties of Regional Councils

The duties of a Regional Council include the following:

- (a) elect a chair and vice-chair from among their number;
- (b) regularly liaise with the Board and its committees to determine desired Board skills and identify and recommend candidates for election or appointment to the Board;
- (c) provide support and assist Board committees and task forces in their work, as requested by the Board;
- (d) provide advice and input on the development of Society policy;
- (e) provide advice and assistance on the development of the Society's strategic plans;
- (f) provide advice and input on amendment of the Society's Bylaws;
- (g) provide a written report on the activities of the Regional Council at the Society's annual general meeting.

10.4 Meetings of Regional Councils

A Regional Council may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Quorum for meetings of a Regional Council shall be five (5) voting Members resident in that region.

The Board shall establish and periodically update terms of reference for the operation of Regional Councils.

11. EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

11.1 Seal

The Society may have a corporate seal but will not use the seal for the execution of instruments in writing.

11.2 Authority to Execute Instruments

Contracts, documents or instruments in writing requiring execution by the Society may be signed as follows:

- (a) by the President, together with one (1) other Director;
- (b) in the event that the President is unavailable, by any two (2) Directors; or
- (c) by the Chief Executive Officer, as authorized by policies established by the Board;

and all contracts, documents and instruments in writing so signed will be binding upon the Society without any further authorization or formality.

The Board will have the power from time to time, by Board Resolution, to appoint any officer or officers, or any person or persons, on behalf of the Society to sign contracts, documents and instruments in writing generally or to sign specific contracts, documents or instruments in writing.

12. FINANCIAL MATTERS

12.1 Legacies, Bequests, Donations and Gifts

The Society shall receive all legacies, bequests, donations and gifts made to the Society or any Branch. The Society shall respect the wishes of any person making the legacy, bequest, donation or gift to the Society or any Branch who expresses an intention or direction as to the use of such legacy, bequest, donation or gift.

12.2 Issuance of Charitable Receipts

Only persons who have been authorized by the Directors may issue any official receipt under the name of the Society in respect of legacies, bequests, donations or gifts received by the Society.

12.3 Investment

Funds not immediately required for the operations of the Society may be invested in insured deposits in any chartered bank, trust company or credit union, or in those securities in which life insurance companies are authorized to invest, except that the Society shall not be required to realize any investment received as a legacy, bequest, donation or gift that is not of a type authorized under this Bylaw.

12.4 Power to Borrow

The Directors may from time to time on behalf of the Society:

- (a) borrow money in such manner and amount, on such security, from such sources and upon such terms and conditions as they think fit;
- (b) issue bonds, debentures and other debt obligations either outright or as security for any liability or obligation of the Society or any other person; and
- (c) mortgage, charge, or give other security on the undertaking, or on the whole or any part of the property and assets, of the Society (both present and future).

12.5 Real Estate

All real property received or acquired by the Society shall be registered in the name of the Society.

13. INDEMNITY AND PROTECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

13.1 Indemnification of Directors and Eligible Parties

To the extent permitted by the Societies Act, each Director and eligible party (as defined by that Act) will be indemnified by the Society against all costs, charges and expenses, including legal and other fees, actually and reasonably incurred in connection with any legal proceeding or investigative action, whether current, threatened, pending or completed, to which that Person by reason of their holding or having held authority with the Society:

- (a) is or may be joined as a party to such legal proceeding or investigative action; or
- (b) is or may be liable for or in respect of a judgment, penalty or fine awarded or imposed in, or an amount paid in settlement of, such legal proceeding or investigative action.

13.2 Purchase of Insurance

The Society may purchase and maintain insurance for the benefit of any and all Directors, officers, employees or agents against personal liability incurred by any such Person as a Director, officer, employee or agent.

14. NOTICE TO MEMBERS

14.1 Who is Entitled to Receive Notice

Notice of every general meeting of the Society must be given to every Member on the day notice is given and to the auditor if one is required. No other person is entitled to receive notice of general meetings.

14.2 How to Give Notice

Sufficient notice shall be considered to have been given in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) personal delivery;
- (b) mail delivery;
- (c) electronic mail.

14.3 Giving Notice by Mail

If a notice is sent by mail, delivery of the notice will be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, prepaying and mailing the notice and the notice will be deemed to have been given on the day, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays excepted, following the date of mailing. A certificate signed by the Chief Executive Officer or of any other entity acting in that behalf for the Society that the letter, envelope or wrapper containing the notice, statement or report was so addressed, prepaid and mailed will be conclusive evidence thereof.

15. CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

15.1 Members are Entitled to a Copy of the Constitution and Bylaws

On being admitted to Membership, on request, a Member is entitled to, and the Society must provide the Member with, a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society free of charge or, if the Directors so resolve, on payment of an amount set by the Directors to help cover production and distribution costs of the Constitution and Bylaws.

15.2 Amending the Constitution and Bylaws

The Constitution and the Bylaws may be amended only by a Special Resolution passed by the voting Members in good standing.

Re: Question regarding BCSPCA response situations

From: Marcie Moriarty <mmoriarty@sPCA.bc.ca>
To: Daniels, Gray AGRI:EX <Gray.Daniels@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 3, 2021 11:01:29 AM PST
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Hi Gray,

Thanks for reaching out on this. I have asked Shawn Eccles, the senior manager cruelty investigations, to provide you with a response. It is excellent Saskatchewan is conducting this scan and I would be really interested in the results. Hope you are well.

Regards,

Marcie

Marcie Moriarty

**Chief Prevention and Enforcement Officer
and guardian to Pip and Zorro**

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Sent: February 2, 2021 1:29 PM

To: Marcie Moriarty <mmoriarty@sPCA.bc.ca>

Cc: Giacomazzi, Terri AGRI:EX <Terri.Giacomazzi@gov.bc.ca>; Rasmussen, Simon AGRI:EX <Simon.Rasmussen@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Question regarding BCSPCA response situations

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To: Gray.Daniels@gov.bc.ca, Daniels, Gray AGRI:EX
Cc: Marcie Moriarty <mmoriarty@spca.bc.ca>, Terri.Giacomazzi@gov.bc.ca, Simon.Rasmussen@gov.bc.ca, Giacomazzi, Terri AGRI:EX, Rasmussen, Simon AGRI:EX
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Good afternoon Gray,

As senior manager of cruelty investigations with the BC SPCA Marcie asked me to respond to your email.

The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (PCAA) does not provide the authority to inspect for non-compliance and only permits for the removal of animals if they are in distress and then only with a warrant or in situations of critical distress without a warrant, but does not include a provision for removal of animals from an individual found to be in breach of conditions or court order.

Having said that this is actually a fairly common occurrence. Although we do not have the authority to inspect for non compliance of a court order, we will investigate - where we have a history with the individual and have knowledge of a court order relating to the keeping/possession and we receive a concern or complaint about the animals an officer would attend and gather information of the non-compliance, and forward the information to the Crown to pursue a charge of breach of court order.

The owner would be reminded of the conditions or court order and may be given the opportunity to surrender the animals

We would be interested in reviewing any jurisdictional scan once completed,

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me

Regards

Shawn

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From: Alison Cuffley <acuffley@spca.bc.ca>
To: Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX <AGR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>, Minister, AFF AFF:EX
Cc: Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>, Craig Daniell <cdaniell@spca.bc.ca>, Marcie Moriarty <mmoriarty@spca.bc.ca>
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Attachments: BC SPCA Food bank Infographic - social media.png

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Good afternoon Minister Popham,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us on February 2nd. We appreciate the time in your busy schedule for such an in-depth conversation.

As discussed, I have copied below the portion of the Report on the Budget from the Select Standing Committee on Finance where we were specifically mentioned.

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We understand during this difficult period that the government has many competing priorities, but as our services align with other areas of your mandate, including food security initiatives, we greatly appreciate your consideration of our budget request. We believe that our facilities upgrades meet economic recovery goals for job creation. Operating funds will also supporting people and their animals around BC who have been impacted by the pandemic, and who will continue to need supports in the future.

As Craig noted, our request does not need to be entirely allocated this budget year and we would be pleased to work with the province to find a suitable schedule for contributions.

Above my signature, I've included a few news stories about our food bank programming. I have also attached an infographic about the astounding amount of food and supplies distributed over the past few months thanks to the emergency relief provided in 2020 for your use in social media as requested.

Thank you again for meeting with us and your consideration of our budget request.

Kind regards, Alison

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<https://www.pqbnews.com/community/covid-19-groups-set-up-program-to-help-parksville-qualicum-beach-pet-owners/>

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<https://www.haidagwaiiobserver.com/news/greater-masset-food-bank-partners-with-bc-sPCA/>

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34 BC SPCA locations providing
food bank outreach to
communities



>70 social service partners to
reach people in need

17,864

dogs fed for a week



Over 9 months you helped distribute:



62,380 KG
of dog and cat kibble



THE SAME WEIGHT AS TEN T-REX DINOSAURS!



9,000 KG
of cat litter



THAT AMOUNT WOULD FILL 30 BATHTUBS!



44,935
cans of wet dog
and cat food



STACKED ON TOP OF EACH OTHER,
THAT'S 8 TIMES THE HEIGHT OF
THE EIFFEL TOWER!

15,425

cats fed for a week



BCSPCA
SPEAKING FOR ANIMALS

RE: AGRI SPCA Monthly Check-In

From: Anderson, Arlene AGRI:EX <Arlene.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
To: Alison Cuffley <acuffley@spca.bc.ca>, Marcie Moriarty <mmoriarty@spca.bc.ca>
Cc: Giacomazzi, Terri AGRI:EX <Terri.Giacomazzi@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 19, 2021 8:35:56 AM PST
Received: February 19, 2021 8:35:57 AM PST

Hi Alison,

Sorry for the delay in responding. I has been very busy here of late.

There is no pressing issues for use to discuss so I will cancel today's meeting.

Thank you
Arlene

From: Alison Cuffley <acuffley@spca.bc.ca>
Sent: February 12, 2021 9:26 AM
To: Anderson, Arlene AGRI:EX <Arlene.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>; Marcie Moriarty <mmoriarty@spca.bc.ca>
Cc: Giacomazzi, Terri AGRI:EX <Terri.Giacomazzi@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: AGRI SPCA Monthly Check-In

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Good morning Arlene,

I hope you and yours have been keeping safe and healthy! I wanted to check in to see if there was a pressing agenda for our meeting next Friday the 19th?^{s.22} then and we don't have any updates for you, but I'm happy to organize a rescheduled meeting if there are issues you would like to discuss.

Have a wonderful long weekend!

Best, Alison

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Anderson, Arlene AGRI:EX [<mailto:Arlene.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Anderson, Arlene AGRI:EX; Marcie Moriarty; Alison Cuffley
Cc: Giacomazzi, Terri AGRI:EX
Subject: AGRI SPCA Monthly Check-In
When: Friday, February 19, 2021 9:30 AM-10:00 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).
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Cc: Giacomazzi, Terri AGRI:EX

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RE: Meeting with Craig Daniel and DM Tom Ethier

From: Amanda Frith <afirth@spca.bc.ca>
To: Evers, Charlene AGRI:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>
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Hi Charlene,
I hope this finds you well!
I had just wanted to confirm that Geoff Urton (gurton@spca.bc.ca) will also be attending this meeting.
Many thanks,
Amanda Frith
Executive Assistant to Craig Daniell, CEO
BC SPCA

From: Evers, Charlene AGRI:EX [<mailto:Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: February 9, 2021 2:36 PM
To: Amanda Frith <afirth@spca.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting with Craig Daniel and DM Tom Ethier
Thank you – meeting request has been sent.
Have a great afternoon!

From: Amanda Frith <afirth@spca.bc.ca>
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Subject: RE: Meeting with Craig Daniel and DM Tom Ethier

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Absolutely – please find below:

- cdaniell@spca.bc.ca
- mmoriarty@spca.bc.ca
- acuffley@spca.bc.ca

Many thanks!
Amanda Frith
Executive Assistant to Craig Daniell, CEO
BC SPCA

From: Evers, Charlene AGRI:EX [<mailto:Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: February 9, 2021 2:30 PM
To: Amanda Frith <afirth@spca.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting with Craig Daniel and DM Tom Ethier

Hi Amanda,
Thank you for getting back to me so quickly. Can I please get you to send me everyone's email addresses and I will add them all to the calendar invitation.
Thank you!
Charlene

From: Amanda Frith <afirth@spca.bc.ca>
Sent: February 9, 2021 2:20 PM
To: Evers, Charlene AGRI:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting with Craig Daniel and DM Tom Ethier

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Hi Charlene,

Could we please go ahead and confirm the meeting on March 1st at 11am?

Marcie Moriarty, our Chief Prevention & Enforcement Officer, and Alison Cuffley from our Government Relations team, will also attend.

Many thanks,

Amanda Frith

Executive Assistant to Craig Daniell, CEO

BC SPCA

From: Evers, Charlene AGRI:EX [<mailto:Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>]

Sent: February 9, 2021 1:07 PM

To: Amanda Frith <afirth@spca.bc.ca>

Subject: Meeting with Craig Daniel and DM Tom Ethier

Good afternoon Amanda,

Tom has asked me to set up a meeting with Craig, as a follow-up meeting with Minister Popham, to discuss strategies around compliance and national codes of practice.

Tom is available the following times:

March 1, 11am-12pm

March 2, 10-11am

March 8, 10-11am or 11am-12pm

Please let me know which works best for Craig and I will send a calendar request.

Thank you!

Charlene

Charlene Evers

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Cc: Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca, Craig Daniell <cdaniell@spca.bc.ca>, Marcie Moriarty <mmoriarty@spca.bc.ca>, Alison Cuffley <acuffley@spca.bc.ca>, Evers, Charlene AFF:EX
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Dear Tom and Jennifer,
Many thanks again for taking time with us this coming Monday. I've attached a briefing note we've prepared to ground our conversation.

Looking forward to speaking more then,

Geoff

Geoff Urton

General Manager, Strategy & Innovation

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Fwd: SPCA case against^{s.22}

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To: Lange, Katie AFF:EX <Katie.Lange@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Sundhu, Ellora AFF:EX <Ellora.Sundhu@gov.bc.ca>, Garnier, Jack AFF:EX <Jack.Garnier@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 5, 2021 11:28:55 AM PST
Received: March 5, 2021 11:28:55 AM PST
Attachments: Informal email in support of ^{s.22} March 3 2021.docx, ATT00002.htm, ATT00001.htm, ATT00003.htm, Email to SPCA in support of ^{s.22} Mar 1 2021.docx, Post by ^{s.22} March 4, 2021.docx

Pls cliff and action for advice today.

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From: "Popham, Lana AFF:EX"
Date: March 5, 2021 at 11:24:05 AM PST
To: "Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX"
Subject: Fwd: SPCA case against^{s.22}

Cheers,
Lana

Begin forwarded message:

From: Catherine MacRae
Date: March 5, 2021 at 11:22:53 AM PST
To: "AGRIServiceBC AFF:EX"
Cc: "Popham, Lana AFF:EX", mmoriarty@spca.bc.ca, ^{s.22}
Subject: SPCA case against^{s.22}

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Good morning - as the Administrator of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and the Sled Dog Standards of Care Regulation, I urge you to become involved in this case to provide oversight to the SPCA. A number of egregious and potentially illegal activities have been carried out by the SPCA in relation to the seizure of ^{s.22} sled dogs from his kennel near ^{s.22}. There appears to be a complete lack of due process or transparency around these activities.

My understanding is that these dogs were seized because the SPCA inspector was attempting to enforce a standard of care above what is legally required in the legislation. Terrified dogs were loaded into an unventilated U-haul van which did not have crates secured to the vehicle; both of which I believe violate the Regulation.

I also understand these dogs are now being held in various facilities in several BC communities without access to the level of exercise this breed of Alaskan Husky requires to thrive.

Further, it appears that due process and transparency is completely lacking in this case. s.22 was required to pay the SPCA to access the charges against him from a drop box, was not given adequate time to secure a lawyer and prepare a proper defence, and is being charged almost s.22 for his animals, at the same time as the SPCA is soliciting donations for their care on social media.

I question whether the SPCA is operating within the provisions of the legislation. It appears that s.22 property was seized under false/misleading pretences, the SPCA is charging him a large fee to house his dogs in what appears to be inadequate facilities, while at the same time is using the situation as an opportunity to solicit donations; and It is also my understanding the SPCA will return the dogs to s.2 for a large fee. From an outside perspective, this has all the optics of legislated theft and extortion.

I urge your Ministry to do the following:

- Immediately return s.22 dogs into his care ensuring safe and legal transport from the facilities where they are being held to s.22 kennel; the SPCA to cover all costs of transport
- Provide oversight in this case and ensure that a fair transparent process occurs throughout s.22 hearing; have any experts from the sled dog industry been approached by the SPCA to be part of the investigation and sit on the review panel?
- Initiate an independent investigation into the operations of the SPCA with respect to the legislation

I have attached a copy of an email I sent to the SPCA March 1, 2021 outlining my concerns regarding due process, an informal email I sent to friends March 3, and an email with a testimonial from s.22 so your Ministry has another perspective to this case other than that of the SPCA.

Please do the right thing; ensure that a fair, open and transparent process occurs, and return s.22 dogs immediately to his care while the process is ongoing.

Respectfully,

s.22

March 3, 2021

The situation is incredibly disturbing on so many different levels and has been at the top of my thoughts since it happened.

s.22 so I have known of the family for a long time. They are a good family, were active in the community and are all into horses and dogs. To my knowledge their animals have always been well cared for. s.2 is generous with his time and expertise helping others, myself included - he gave me some good advice a few years ago around a problem Trubs was having with his foot.

s.2 takes in last chance shelter dogs for rehabilitation and successfully rehomes most of them; he has adopted some of the more challenging dogs himself. s.22 developing a line of Alaskan huskies.

I haven't spent any time at his kennels and I don't know much about sled dogs, however, we are friends on fb and unless he has been photoshopping every single picture he posted on fb, the dogs all looked healthy and happy. Lots of pics of his s.22 interacting with the sled dogs as well.

The SPCA rolled in there with a U-haul and took every single dog except for a few house dogs - no ventilation for the dogs in the back of the U-haul and a long drive to various communities where they are being held. I don't know the specifics of the charges, however, the dogs were understandably freaking out during the process so they now are being labelled as unsocialized. I think the SPCA thinks they are under-fed, dehydrated and that their kennels are inadequate. Again, unless s.2 is into big-time photoshopping, these are some of the most in-shape dogs I have ever seen.

Then the SPCA made s.2 pay to download the charges against him from a drop box late on a Friday and gave him the weekend to respond. I believe s.22 however, not sure if they were able to get any kind of response prepared; hopefully the lawyer convinced the SPCA to allow due process to occur. The SPCA is also charging him thousands of dollars a week to 'care' for his dogs; s.22 and it sounds like they will give them back to him for somewhere between s.22 Extortion is illegal in Canada but somehow the SPCA is getting away with it.

s.2 has posted a snow machine and groomer - ski hill kind - for sale on fb and the go fund me you asked me about are all in an attempt to pay for this and get his dogs back.

So I am in a place where I fear for s.22 I have a soft spot for anyone from s.22 that is from s.22 for sure, and I am utterly aghast that an organization that I always thought did good work would treat someone or their animals in this manner. I have been reading the stories people have been sharing in the comments on fb and this seems to be typical for how the SPCA does business. It feels like a mafia organization.

So that is all I know - no person, especially a respected elder, or animal deserves to be treated like this. We have laws and a mechanism for due process in Canada that needs to be followed.

Feel free to share this with anyone you would like.

March 1, 2021

Good Morning – please accept this email in support of s.22 and the case against him that resulted in the SPCA removing his dogs from his property.

I was distressed and saddened to read in the local newspaper and on social media what transpired between s.22 and the SPCA and to learn his dogs had been removed from his care. Having s.22 s.22 I have known s. and his family for many years and have always found them to be involved in the community and to be kind, compassionate, and generous around their knowledge of animals. I emailed s.22 a few years ago about a s.22 and despite running a busy kennel, he immediately and generously responded to my email.

I have always had respect for the SPCA and the work they do and agree wholeheartedly with your 'Principled Behaviour' Guiding Principle which reads as follows: *"We are open, honest and transparent in our relationships with our staff, volunteers, members, donors and the public. We treat each other and those we serve, including the animals, with integrity, respect, and compassionate caring"*.

I would like to remind the SPCA of the aforementioned guiding principle now that you have confiscated s.22 dogs and they are in your care. It is the SPCA's responsibility to ensure that s.22 receives a fair and transparent hearing that allows due process to occur. It is my understanding that the charges against s.22 were not available to him until Friday Feb 26th; he had to pay to download them from a drop box; and the SPCA allowed him one weekend to justify why his dogs should be returned to him. This is not fair or due process, does not allow time for s.22 to secure a lawyer and mount a proper defence, and certainly does not live up to 'Principled Behaviour'.

Another of your Guiding Principles is 'Leadership'; *'We exercise leadership in the protection and promotion of animal welfare by demonstrating courage, compassion, wisdom and advocacy.'* It is my understanding that s.22 is being charged large sums of money for the weekly care of his dogs and has been quoted over s.22 to have them returned. Given that s.22 appears to rely upon s.22 and no longer has access to his dogs, this situation appears by any ethical standard to be the antithesis of *compassion, wisdom, and advocacy*. The optics from my outside perspective are that the SPCA is purposely creating a situation where s.22 s.22 for his dog's care or return. This is not a demonstration of *"integrity, respect, and compassionate caring"*.

Another of your Guiding Principles that resonates is 'Learning'; *'We honour the need to grow and learn, using an evidence-based approach to guide improvements and constantly evaluate the impact of our work'*. s.22 reputation in the sled dog world and his dog rehabilitation skills are well known and respected. Many shelters over the years have sent their last chance dogs to s.22 he has successfully rehabilitated a large number of them, found homes for many, and he has adopted a number of the more challenging dogs himself. I strongly urge the SPCA to *'evaluate the impact of your work'* as it relates to this case, because as it stands now, s.22 reputation, livelihood, s.22 and the health and well-being of the Alaskan husky line that s.22 may be in serious jeopardy as a result of SPCA actions. Do SPCA actions thus far in this case fit with the concept of *'we serve'* and *Open, Honest, Transparent, Integrity, Respect, Compassionate Caring, Courage, compassion, wisdom, and advocacy*?

I strongly urge the SPCA to return^{s.22} dogs to him immediately while this process is ongoing and to commit to working with AI in a *compassionate caring* manner to ensure his kennel complies with the *Sled Dog Standards of Care Regulation*.

Respectfully –s.22

March 4, 2021

Friends, my heart is in agony for §.22 and his beloved dogs. §.22 is in a terrible situation. As you may know, he has a sled dog operation and dog behaviour rehab facility §.22

He has owned sled dogs for §.22 and is very highly respected in the Musher world. He has enjoyed a good relationship with the SPCA for over §.22 and has always complied to requests for change.

§.22 also has a rehab facility for canine behaviour problems. These dogs are considered, "third strike dogs" and unadoptable, vicious, aggressive, etc. and were brought to §.22 for extreme issues. Due to a discrepancy between what is required by law vs a novice SPCS inspector's opinion, §.22 dogs were seized. We are devastated and distraught. Worried sick for the dogs, and especially for §.22. He is determined to fight these charges and clear his good name. Please keep §.22

FW: BC SPCA | Additional budget materials

From: Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>
To: McGuire, Jennifer AFF:EX <Jennifer.Mcguire@gov.bc.ca>
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Sent: March 8, 2021 4:49:16 PM PST
Received: March 8, 2021 4:49:16 PM PST

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From: Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 8, 2021 3:47 PM
To: Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: BC SPCA | Additional budget materials

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From: Craig Daniell <cdaniell@spca.bc.ca>
Sent: March 8, 2021 2:43 PM
To: Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: BC SPCA | Additional budget materials

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Dear Sam,

I hope this finds you well on this return to the legislative session and the pace I'm sure that brings.

I wanted to follow-up on our Budget request to ask if there are any supplementary budget materials that could be helpful in considering our request. As noted in our conversation, we would welcome funds that were allocated over multiple years if that is the best model.

We also had a positive meeting with Minister Robinson with our local shelter and SPCA team recently and the budget proposal came up. We were pleased to know she has seen the request as we feel it will provide jobs to support economic recovery and services communities and the province needs now more than ever. We have had a number of very good meetings with government MLAs recently about local needs and were pleased to see high levels of support.

Please do let me know if we can provide additional information.

Sincerely,
Craig

FW: Spirit of the North Kennels vs SPCA

From: Giacomazzi, Terri AFF:EX <Terri.Giacomazzi@gov.bc.ca>
To: Cavallin, Sandra L AFF:EX <Sandra.Cavallin@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 9, 2021 11:41:23 AM PST
Received: March 9, 2021 11:41:23 AM PST
FYI...

From: Margerison, Elizabeth AFF:EX

Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:50 AM

To: Giacomazzi, Terri AFF:EX

Cc: AGRIServiceBC AFF:EX ; Anderson, Arlene AFF:EX ; Daniels, Gray AFF:EX

Subject: RE: Spirit of the North Kennels vs SPCA

I did send it last week, as per Gray's email.

I wasn't sure if the email was also sent to the Minister or was just a blind cc'd to AgriServiceBC.

There is already a CLIFF regarding s.22 property and the SPCA from s.22 (194171). The CLIFF seems to be sitting with the Deputy Minister at the moment.

Elizabeth Margerison

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From: Giacomazzi, Terri AFF:EX <Terri.Giacomazzi@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 8, 2021 9:59 AM

To: Anderson, Arlene AFF:EX <Arlene.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>; Daniels, Gray AFF:EX <Gray.Daniels@gov.bc.ca>;

Margerison, Elizabeth AFF:EX <Elizabeth.Margerison@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Spirit of the North Kennels vs SPCA

Elizabeth, was this already sent?

Either way, I assume we will need to draft a reply from government to the writer following normal protocols.

Elizabeth, I can provide some language if that helps but what would be the normal government correspondence channel in a case like this (i.e. email addressed to MLAs through AgriServiceBC)?

Thank you,

Terri.

From: Anderson, Arlene AFF:EX <Arlene.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:50 AM

To: Giacomazzi, Terri AFF:EX <Terri.Giacomazzi@gov.bc.ca>; Daniels, Gray AFF:EX <Gray.Daniels@gov.bc.ca>;

Margerison, Elizabeth AFF:EX <Elizabeth.Margerison@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Spirit of the North Kennels vs SPCA

Good catch Terri, I agree.

From: Giacomazzi, Terri AFF:EX <Terri.Giacomazzi@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 8, 2021 9:44 AM

To: Daniels, Gray AFF:EX <Gray.Daniels@gov.bc.ca>; Margerison, Elizabeth AFF:EX

<Elizabeth.Margerison@gov.bc.ca>; Anderson, Arlene AFF:EX <Arlene.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Spirit of the North Kennels vs SPCA

Hello all,

This email was addressed to three different MLAs and it is related to concerns with the BCSPCA. Typically we would not forward this to the BCSPCA.

I noticed that a recent email concerning an SPCA seizure was sent to the BCSPCA, which is fine, but this one is different and it is a complaint to government re the BCSPCA. I just wanted to point that out and flag my concern.

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From: Daniels, Gray AFF:EX <Gray.Daniels@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 2:34 PM

To: Margerison, Elizabeth AFF:EX <Elizabeth.Margerison@gov.bc.ca>; Anderson, Arlene AFF:EX

<Arlene.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Giacomazzi, Terri AFF:EX <Terri.Giacomazzi@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Spirit of the North Kennels vs SPCA

Hi Elizabeth.

I believe this is best suited for Marcy Moriarty of the BCSPCA. If it is easier for you I can reach out to her on this.

Kind Regards,

Gray

Marcie Moriarty

Chief Prevention and Enforcement Officer

and guardian to Pip and Zorro

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From: Margerison, Elizabeth AFF:EX <Elizabeth.Margerison@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 5, 2021 11:16 AM

To: Anderson, Arlene AFF:EX <Arlene.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>; Daniels, Gray AFF:EX <Gray.Daniels@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Giacomazzi, Terri AFF:EX <Terri.Giacomazzi@gov.bc.ca>; AGRIServiceBC AFF:EX <AgriServiceBC@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Spirit of the North Kennels vs SPCA

Arlene and Gray,

I receive this in our AgriServiceBC inbox this morning. Would you be the correct person to send it to.

Terri had previously given me a contact with the SPCA, Amy Morris, but her email is bouncing.

This is the other email that I will told you about in the previous email, talking about legal action about the same matter.

Elizabeth Margerison

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Sent: March 5, 2021 9:23 AM

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From: s.22

Date: Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 9:07 AM

Subject: Spirit of the North Kennels vs SPCA

To: <Katrine.Conroy.mla@leg.bc.ca>, <brittney.anderson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>, <Rob.Morrison@parl.gc.ca>

To whom it may concern

Re: Spirit of the North Kennels vs SPCA

I am appealing for your assistance in a matter that is a serious concern with the ongoing unbridled authority of the SPCA.

Specifically this relates to a recent confiscation of 40 sled dogs among others from a well respected and well known sled dog kennel operation in the West Kootenays. (Besides being unlawfully done in the back of a unventilated U-Haul van)

The Spirit of the North Kennels have been hard hit, as with all local businesses catering towards tourism in the country, but yet every one of their dogs have been treated with due care and loving attention during this period.

What shocks me tremendously is that the SPCA uses their Bylaw enforcement as a fund raiser to generate a significant portion of their annual revenue as can be seen below from their annual financial reports.

Kenneling & Bylaw Enforcement (1000's) 2019 \$1,590 - 2018 \$2,009

<https://spca.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019-annual-report.pdf>

It was to this end that I started a funding campaign which I would hate to see is used to bolster their income in what has been a travesty of justice in this matter.

These funds are now accumulating and if anything, should rather be directed to the kennel owner towards improved conditions at the kennels than go towards legal and bylaw collection by the SPCA.

<https://ca.gofundme.com/f/get-spirit-of-the-north-working-dogs-back-home>

Your assistance to raise this tragic situation where the SPCA - responsible for ultimately euthanizing animals they cannot find safe (in their sole opinion) homes for - uses their authority to confiscate loved animals which provide an economic benefit to the region.

Thank you for your attention.

s.22

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From: Skogstad, Holly AFF:EX <Holly.Skogstad@gov.bc.ca>
To: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>
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November 6, 2020

Mr. Tom Ethier
Deputy Minister of Agriculture
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Dear Mr. Ethier,

Re: Enforcement of the PCA Act on commercial farms

I am writing to provide an update on an evolving issue regarding the BC SPCA's enforcement of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (PCA Act) on commercial farms.

In 2019, the BC SPCA received a complaint and a video appearing to depict the unacceptable treatment of animals allegedly at Excelsior Hog Farm in Abbotsford. In response to this video, BC SPCA special constables, with prior notice to and subsequent later approval from Excelsior, attended at the farm with experts in porcine welfare to investigate the allegations, but observed no evidence of code violations at the time of the inspection. As the only evidence in the investigation was a video that was subsequently discovered to be obtained illegally following a break-in to the property, the BC SPCA was advised by Crown counsel that the case could not move forward as the evidence would not be admissible in court. From an investigative perspective, the file was then closed.

As you are no doubt aware, the Excelsior case has resulted in significant media attention and public protests, many of which have been directed against the BC SPCA. The protesters and their supporters (a number of which are BC SPCA donors and supporters) mistakenly believe that the decision to not proceed with a prosecution was solely that of the BC SPCA. More concerning is the belief that the BC SPCA is condoning acts of animal cruelty perpetrated by Excelsior and protecting the interests of industry by failing to take action in this case.

While I fully support the decision made by our Cruelty Investigations Department not to pursue the allegations further criminally, there is no doubt that this incident has caused significant and potentially long lasting challenges for the organization including recent protests at both our Abbotsford and Vancouver facilities this week, impacting the operations of our animal care, hospital and provincial office teams. This is particularly challenging to address during a pandemic. In addition, some of our staff have been subjected to unacceptable personal attacks on social media as a result of the case. Moreover, the BC SPCA has lost financial support from a number of long time donors, who now believe the Society is not doing enough for farm animals.

The BC SPCA has been active in advocating for higher standards of care for farm animals throughout its 125-year history. In addition to our work in B.C., our farm animal experts actively participate in the NFACC Code development process that brings together industry, animal welfare, veterinarians, scientists and others to seek mutually agreed improvements to farm codes of practice. We have always been a strong supporter of this inclusive process, believing that more is achieved through collaboration rather than adversarial relationships. That approach, however, is based on the premise that Codes of Practice are indeed implemented by industry

associations and we are growing increasingly skeptical that this is the case.

While we cannot confirm the veracity of the claims made on the Excelsior video, we are extremely concerned by a trend we see developing, namely that industry lead verification schemes are not achieving a level of public accountability and trust and that what is needed is government mandated regulation and oversight, perhaps through a third party auditing program that provides the assurance needed for British Columbians that commercially raised farm animals are being raised according to industry supported Codes of Practice.

At present, it appears the task of regulating industry appears to fall to the BC SPCA, via its enforcement function. This is a wholly unacceptable situation on at least three levels. Firstly, enforcement is not an effective tool to regulate an industry. Secondly, the BC SPCA, as a donor funded organization, has no capacity to regulate the more than 6,000 commercial farms in British Columbia, nor does it wish to be involved in such an endeavor, and finally we are well aware of the apparent lack of trust that industry has in the work of the BC SPCA.

We understand that no new directives can be taken at this time prior to the formation of government and Cabinet members being sworn in, but hope it is my hope that you will prioritize this issue for the incoming Minister, as well as provide them with a brief on the challenges raised. We look forward to scheduling a meeting with the new Minister to discuss the issue further upon their appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Daniell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a small flourish at the end.

Craig Daniell
Chief Executive Officer

Re: AGRI SPCA Monthly Check-In

From: Alison Cuffley <acuffley@spca.bc.ca>
To: Anderson, Arlene AFF:EX <Arlene.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>, Marcie Moriarty <mmoriarty@spca.bc.ca>
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Good morning Arlene,

I am in training this morning, but Marcie informed me that she's able to join the call. I will send off a quick text!

Thanks, Alison

From: Anderson, Arlene AFF:EX <Arlene.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 19, 2021 09:35

To: Marcie Moriarty <mmoriarty@spca.bc.ca>; Alison Cuffley <acuffley@spca.bc.ca>

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Subject: AGRI SPCA Monthly Check-In

Hi,

Just checking in to see whether you would still like to meet this morning?

Thanks,

Arlene

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Client / Writer: Catherine MacRae

Main issues: BC SPCA Seizure

Bullets prepared by: Terri Giacomazzi

Date prepared: 2021-03-10

Date due: March 12, 2021

Response points for Correspondence Unit:

- The B.C. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BC SPCA) is mandated by the B.C. government under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* (PCA Act) to respond to animals in distress.
- The BC SPCA independently establishes policy and procedures in executing cruelty investigations, and their enforcement actions are performed by Special Provincial Constables (SPC) who receive mandatory training and are appointed under the *Police Act*.
- To provide oversight of BC SPCA animal seizures, the B.C. Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) hears appeals about certain animal custody and related cost decisions of the BC SPCA under the PCA Act.
- This external appeal mechanism was established to provide an opportunity for members of the public to have decisions of the BC SPCA independently reviewed while keeping this kind of dispute out of the court system.
- For further information about this process please visit the following:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/ministries-organizations/boards-commissions-tribunals/bc-farm-industry-review-board/animal-custody-appeals-info>.
- Specific concerns or complaints about a SPC can be made directly to the BC SPCA. Please contact Marcie Moriarty, Chief Prevention and Enforcement Officer, BC SPCA, 604-647-1318
- Animal welfare and an effective regulatory system to address animal cruelty is a government priority.

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