

## FW: MMB's Notice to Industry

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From: Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>  
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Cc: Norton, Chris AFF:EX <Chris.Norton@gov.bc.ca>, Evers, Charlene AFF:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>, Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX <Kelly.Rainforth@gov.bc.ca>, Hansen, Erin AFF:EX <Erin.Hansen@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: October 25, 2021 3:00:31 PM PDT  
Attachments: 2021\_10\_25 - Notice to Industry - Cedarwal Farms.docx

Arif Lalani | ADM | Agriculture Resource Division | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries  
C s.17 | E arif.lalani@gov.bc.ca

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**From:** Pedersen, Kirsten AFF:EX <Kirsten.Pedersen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** October 25, 2021 2:58 PM  
**To:** Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** peterdonkers@gmail.com  
**Subject:** FW: MMB's Notice to Industry

Hi Arif – for info

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**From:** Peter Donkers <peterdonkers@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Peter Donkers <peterdonkers@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** FW: NTI

Here you go  
We plan to issue after the notice has been delivered to the farm.

Our staff are just heading out now to deliver the notice of suspension.

Janice

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**From:** Zahra Abdalla <zabdalla@bcmilk.com>  
**Sent:** October 25, 2021 2:47 PM  
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**Cc:** Rob Delage <RDelage@bcmilk.com>  
**Subject:** NTI

As discussed.

Zahra Abdalla-Shamji  
Director, Policy & Industry Affairs  
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October 25, 2021

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## **Fwd: Industry notice - Farm Suspension. Advance release**

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Sent: October 27, 2021 3:02:23 PM PDT  
Attachments: 2021\_10\_27 - Notice to Industry - Cedar Valley Farms.pdf

**Arif Lalani** | ADM | Agriculture Resource Division | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

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Arif,

This is the industry notice that will be issued in the next hour

Jeremy

**Jeremy Dunn**  
General Manager  
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Cc: Evers, Charlene AFF:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>, Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX <Kelly.Rainforth@gov.bc.ca>, Hansen, Erin AFF:EX <Erin.Hansen@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: October 27, 2021 3:59:42 PM PDT

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**Sent:** October 27, 2021 3:58 PM  
**To:** Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>  
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General Manager  
BC Dairy Association  
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**From:** BC Milk Marketing Board <[info@bcmilk.com](mailto:info@bcmilk.com)>  
**Date:** October 27, 2021 at 3:30:46 PM PDT  
**To:** [jdunn@bcdairy.ca](mailto:jdunn@bcdairy.ca)  
**Subject:** Notice to Industry - Cedar Valley Farms License Suspension  
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**BC Gov News - Minister's statement on suspension of dairy farm licence**

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Sent: October 28, 2021 2:48:00 PM PDT  
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**Minister's statement on suspension of dairy farm licence**

Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture Food and Fisheries, has released the following statement in response to the BC Milk Marketing Board's decision to suspend the licence of Cedar Valley Farms over allegations the farm violated the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Dairy Cattle:

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Sent: October 29, 2021 12:37:34 PM PDT  
Attachments: Updated Key Messages for Media - Oct 29.pdf, BC Dairy Statement on suspension of dairy farm license (website use) Oct. 29 DRAFT.pdf, DRAFT Consumer Messages for Social Media (Updated October 29th @ 12pm) - BC Dairy .pdf

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**From:** Jeremy Dunn <jdunn@bcdairy.ca>  
**Sent:** October 29, 2021 12:23 PM  
**To:** Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: BC Dairy messaging

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draft social messaging, statement, and key messages

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**BC Dairy Key Messages – UPDATED (prior to video release) – Oct 29  
For Holger Schwichtenberg**

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**Oct. 29th, 2021 (DRAFT)**

**BC Dairy Association statement on suspension of dairy farm licence**

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## **Consumer Messages for Social Media (Oct 29) - BC Dairy**

***Issue status:*** BCMMB Industry Notice and Ministry of Agriculture Statement has been published, but no other video or statements have been made public.

**Note:** when a consumer question can be answered by linking to the BCMMB Industry Notice, that is the preferred response for the time being. Do not offer additional information unless asked. Whenever appropriate, emphasize that 'BC Dairy fully supports the decision of the BC Milk Marketing Board in this matter.'

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## RE: Cedar Valley Farms

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From: Rayner, Jena AFF:EX  
To: Chai, Shauna-Lee AFF:EX <Shauna-Lee.Chai@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Correspondence Unit AFF:EX <MCU@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: November 8, 2021 10:27:23 AM PST  
Attachments: image001.jpg  
Hi Shauna,

I will have to check in with the MO on this. I think a batch response may occur anyways as over the weekend they received over 200+ emails on this subject via a template-like write in campaign to the MO inbox.

I will chat with the today and get back to you. If something like this does occur, I will be creating a cliff and sending it over to PAHB to draft and then once the draft has been approved by all levels, the approved language can be used by AgriServices to respond to their own incomings on the matter.

Feel free to give me a call if you have any additional questions.  
Thanks



**JENA RAYNER (She/Her)**  
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**From:** Chai, Shauna-Lee AFF:EX <Shauna-Lee.Chai@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** November 5, 2021 1:18 PM  
**To:** Rayner, Jena AFF:EX <Jena.Rayner@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Cedar Valley Farms

Hi Jena, could we develop a template to respond to the issue at Cedar Valley Farms?

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**From:** Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** November 5, 2021 11:46 AM  
**To:** Chai, Shauna-Lee AFF:EX <Shauna-Lee.Chai@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Cedar Valley Farms

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021AFF0064-002064>

see above mlp statement, suggest working with correspondence to develop a template response to similar incoming letters, CU has previous ones on similar topics they can reference

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**From:** Chai, Shauna-Lee AFF:EX <Shauna-Lee.Chai@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 11:42 AM  
**To:** Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Cedar Valley Farms

Any advice? Did we have messaging prepared?

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**From:** Droppo, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Droppo@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** November 5, 2021 10:53 AM  
**To:** Chai, Shauna-Lee AFF:EX <Shauna-Lee.Chai@gov.bc.ca>; Gunvaldsen, Rayna AFF:EX <Rayna.Gunvaldsen@gov.bc.ca>; Radke, Brian AFF:EX <Brian.Radke@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Beyers, Georgina AFF:EX <Georgina.Beyers@gov.bc.ca>; AGRIServiceBC AFF:EX <AgriServiceBC@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Cedar Valley Farms

Good morning Shauna-Lee, Rayna & Brian:

An AgriService BC request was forwarded to my attention today from an individual<sup>s.15; s.22</sup> expressing grave concerns & a call for action against the owners & employees of Cedar Valley Farms pertaining to the current animal abuse case on that dairy farm.

With the PAHB having the authority on BC animal welfare legislation & actioning on this particular case, I believe enquiries related to this case need to be triaged through the PAHB for response, particularly with the reference to videos of the case that have surfaced. I have not been directly involved nor requested to provide support to this case nor viewed the referenced videos, and thus feel it inappropriate for me to respond to <sup>s.15; s.22</sup>

I am forwarding this enquiry to PAHB to decide whom within PAHB responds to <sup>s.15; s.22</sup> I suspect PAHB may have standard messaging it's prepared to respond enquiries regarding this case.

Thank you very much.

Tom

**Tom Droppo, M.Sc., C.I.M., P.Ag.**  
**Industry Specialist - Dairy & Pork**  
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**From:** AGRIServiceBC AFF:EX <AgriServiceBC@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** November 5, 2021 8:45 AM  
**To:** Droppo, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Droppo@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** AGRIServiceBC AFF:EX <AgriServiceBC@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Cedar Valley Farms

Good Morning Tom

Could you please let me know what I am to do with this complaint? Can you please respond or suggest where I should direct this?

Thank you,

HAPPY FRIDAY & Have a GREAT rest of your day and weekend! woot woot

Dana

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**From:** <sup>s.15; s.22</sup>  
**Sent:** November 5, 2021 8:15 AM  
**To:** AGRIServiceBC AFF:EX <AgriServiceBC@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Cedar Valley Farms

Good morning,

I'm writing regarding the recent animal cruelty allegations against Cedar Valley Farms to see if criminal charges in alignment with either the BC PCA Act or the Federal Act 445.1 for the prevention of cruelty to animals will be filed against the farm owners and staff, who were seen abusing animals in the recently released videos.

The abuse seen in the videos is not in alignment with regular farm animal care and should not be protected by NFACC codes. WorkSafeBC should also be investigating these farms for unacceptable working conditions for staff witnessing the cruelty and abuse.

Unfortunately, this is not the first nor will it be the last case of farm animal abuse because there are limited consequences for abusers. None of these people should be allowed to ever work with farm animals since they have proven they don't take responsibility for the well-being of the animals in their care.

The majority of farm animals live in deplorable conditions, so to add physical abuse to their daily suffering is unconscionable. These animals are intelligent and feel pain and sadness as much as humans do.

I encourage you to take action in addition to removing their license, and to make examples of all those involved in order to deter future animal abuse. Also, the installation of surveillance cameras in all farm locations seems to be a reasonable request if no one has anything to hide.

Thank you and I look forward to your response.

s.15; s.22



## FW: Animal Justice - Meeting Request to Discuss Oversight of Farmed Animal Welfare in British Columbia

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From: Daniels, Gray AFF:EX <Gray.Daniels@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Yawney, Lauren AFF:EX <Lauren.Yawney@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: November 9, 2021 1:12:38 PM PST  
Attachments: Animal Justice Letter to Minister Popham re Meeting Request (Farmed Animal Welfare in BC).pdf  
For your reading pleasure

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**From:** Scott Tinney <stinney@animaljustice.ca>  
**Sent:** November 2, 2021 6:56 AM  
**To:** Minister, AFF AFF:EX <AFF.Minister@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Camille Labchuk <camille@animaljustice.ca>  
**Subject:** Animal Justice - Meeting Request to Discuss Oversight of Farmed Animal Welfare in British Columbia

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Good Morning,

I write to you on behalf of Animal Justice. In light of recent reports of "serious instances of animal abuse" taking place on Cedar Valley organic farm, we request the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your government's oversight of the welfare of animals on BC farms. Please see attached correspondence for our detailed request.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Scott

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November 2, 2021

Hon. Lana Popham  
Minister of Agriculture  
PO Box 9043 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

*Via Email*

Dear Minister Popham:

**Re: Meeting Request to Discuss Oversight of Farmed Animal Welfare in British Columbia**

I write to you on behalf of Animal Justice—Canada’s leading national organization focused on improving legal protections for animals. We request the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your government’s oversight of the welfare of animals on BC farms.

As you are aware, the BC SPCA has received lengthy video footage taken at Cedar Valley organic dairy farm in Abbotsford, British Columbia. Cedar Valley is owned by Cedarwal Farms. The BC SPCA is in the midst of investigating this matter and has characterized the footage as depicting “very serious instances of animal abuse.”<sup>1</sup> The BC Milk Marketing Board suspended the dairy license for Cedar Valley Farms, pending further investigation.<sup>2</sup> Although the footage at issue has not yet been released publicly, this matter has already been the focus of national and local news coverage over the last week.<sup>3</sup>

We appreciate the level of concern that you expressed in your public statement in response to the suspension of Cedar Valley’s dairy license by the BC Milk Marketing Board. Unfortunately, this is not the first time that footage obtained from inside a BC farm has shown violent abuse and mistreatment of animals. In fact, footage from employee whistleblowers and others has repeatedly shown appalling conditions and abuse at farms.

For instance, in 2014, Mercy For Animals Canada (“MFAC”) released shocking footage from Chilliwack Cattle Sales Ltd. – a dairy company in Chilliwack, British Columbia – showing employees kicking, punching, and beating cows on their faces and bodies with

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<sup>1</sup> See: <https://spca.bc.ca/news/animal-cruelty-fraser-valley-dairy-farm/>

<sup>2</sup> See: <https://bcmilk.com/notice-to-industry-cedar-valley-farms-license-suspension/>

<sup>3</sup> For example, see: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/cedar-valley-dairy-farm-licence-suspension-1.6229582>; see also: <https://www.abbynews.com/news/bc-sPCA-investigating-alleged-animal-abuse-at-fraser-valley-farm/>

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canes, chains, metal pipes, and rakes, among other horrific acts.<sup>4</sup> Following the release of this footage, the BC SPCA laid charges against the company and employees responsible for the abuse, several of whom pleaded guilty to animal abuse and faced fines and jail time.<sup>5</sup> The veterinarian who was responsible for overseeing operations at Chilliwack Cattle Sales Ltd. when this exposé was released,<sup>s.22</sup> appears to be an owner of Cedarwal Farms.

In 2017, MFAC released footage obtained by an employee whistleblower showing horrific conditions at <sup>s.3</sup> Ltd. — a chicken catching company also located in Chilliwack, British Columbia. That footage showed, among other things, individuals kicking, beating, and throwing birds; chickens being smashed into walls and having their wings ripped off while still alive; and sexual abuse of birds. As a result of the exposé, several charges were filed against <sup>s.3</sup> Ltd., among others. In September, 2021, the company pleaded guilty to causing undue suffering to animals.<sup>6</sup>

In 2019, PETA released eyewitness video from <sup>s.3</sup> in Abbotsford, British Columbia which showed pigs in unsanitary conditions crammed inside tiny crates, pigs that were evidently injured, hobbled, or sick, and piglets suffering and dying beside their mothers.<sup>7</sup> Because of the shocking nature of this footage, there was significant public outrage when authorities declined to lay charges against the facility, resulting in several protests.<sup>8</sup> Those who entered the farm's premises as a part of the protests are now facing charges.<sup>9</sup>

The Cedar Valley footage serves as one more example of the type of animal abuse that appears to be all too common in BC's animal agriculture industry. We urge you to improve government oversight of BC farms to protect the welfare of animals.

The BC SPCA — a donor-funded charitable organization — is responsible for enforcing the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act*, RSBC 1996 c. 372 (the “PCA Act”). It has operated under a complaint-based system, but because animals cannot report abuse themselves, in practice there are very few means by which abuse and mistreatment can be brought to the BC SPCA's attention when it takes place behind the closed doors of intensive livestock operations. Furthermore, the standards of care referenced in the PCA Act are themselves largely drafted by industry via the National Farm Animal Care Council (“NFACC”) — a non-governmental organization largely made up of animal agriculture industry groups. Animal Justice was pleased to see the BC SPCA's

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<sup>4</sup> See: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/chilliwack-cattle-sales-to-fire-8-workers-caught-on-tape-abusing-cows-1.2670098>

<sup>5</sup> See: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/3-men-in-chilliwack-cattle-abuse-scandal-get-jail-time-1.4121997>

<sup>6</sup> See: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/chicken-catching-service-company-guilty-please-1.6192709>

<sup>7</sup> See: <https://headlines.peta.org/pigs-british-columbia/>

<sup>8</sup> See: <https://globalnews.ca/news/5331984/no-charges-abbotsford-hog-farm/>

<sup>9</sup> See: <https://fraservalleynewsnetwork.com/2021/08/09/back-to-back-thursday-protests-in-abbotsford-re-excelsior-hog-farm/>

announcement that it would be conducting unannounced inspections of 12 farms and ranches this year, but with more than 6,000 farms across the province much more needs to be done to protect farmed animals.

As a result of public backlash following the <sup>s.3</sup> matter, the BC SPCA itself wrote to Deputy Agriculture Minister Tom Ethier expressing concern about the state of farmed animal welfare in the province.<sup>10</sup> BC SPCA CEO Craig Daniell called for government mandated regulation and oversight to protect the welfare of farmed animals. He was clear that relying on the BC SPCA to regulate industry via its enforcement function is “a wholly unacceptable situation”. In response to the recent Cedar Valley footage, Mr Daniell once again noted that “huge gaps in accountability...exist on commercial farms” that need to be addressed via significant government action.<sup>11</sup>

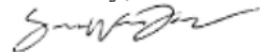
Even unannounced, randomized inspections are unlikely to capture the full extent of abuse that occurs on farms when no one is watching. For instance, farm workers and operators that may beat or otherwise abuse animals are unlikely to do so in the presence of inspectors. Requiring constant video surveillance of farm operations would help ensure that this type of abuse is less of a regular occurrence.

Animal Justice is writing to request that the Ministry of Agriculture take action to implement proactive measures to prevent future abuse. In particular, we recommend the following:

1. Regular unannounced inspections of animal agriculture facilities;
2. Requirements for large farms and slaughterhouses to install video surveillance systems to monitor conditions, with the surveillance feed accessible to the public; and
3. Legally binding standards of care to protect the welfare of farmed animals. These standards should be drafted based on the advice of independent experts rather than NFACC.

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to provide further information on these measures and to discuss means of improving the oversight of farmed animal welfare in BC.

Sincerely,



Scott Tinney  
Staff Lawyer, Animal Justice  
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<sup>10</sup> See: <http://r2klegal.protestarchive.org/docs/2020-11-06-Letter-Daniell-to-Ethier.pdf>

<sup>11</sup> See: <https://spca.bc.ca/news/animal-cruelty-fraser-valley-dairy-farm/>

## FW: Dairy cruelty at Cedar Valley Farms

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Sent: November 17, 2021 12:48:45 PM PST

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From: s.22  
Sent: November 5, 2021 4:55 PM  
To: Minister, AFF AFF:EX <AFF.Minister@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: Re: Dairy cruelty at Cedar Valley Farms

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To: BC Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lana Popham  
Re: Dairy cruelty at Cedar Valley Farms  
Dear Minister Popham,

I am outraged and sickened by video footage depicting horrific cruelty to dairy cows at Cedar Valley Farms in Abbotsford. Film was shot between June and October of this year. **Cows were violently and repeatedly beaten with canes, wrenches, & pitchforks all over their bodies. They were dragged by heavy machinery. Newborn calves were ripped away from their mothers, while the mothers bellowed & chased after their babies. There was suffering due to botched euthanasia.**

**This cruelty is inconceivable.** Without a doubt, farm employees were treating animals in contravention of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and “potentially” Canada’s Criminal Code. The SPCA is preparing a case recommending charges to Crown counsel. If convicted, penalties must be severe.

Currently, there are no Canadian laws that govern commercial farm practices involving the welfare of animals although the National Farm Animal Care Council, a member-led organization of some industry officials, has voluntary codes pertaining to them.

However, there is no oversight, no transparency, and no surveillance cameras with a third-party auditing system on farms to ensure that proper animal welfare practices are being upheld. In fact, current “standard” practices are inhumane, and would not be tolerated if these same animals were categorized as “pets” or companion animals. Every time, secret video shows abuses to animals used for food. The public deserves to know what’s going on. Why isn’t there a proactive inspection and monitoring compliance system in place?

**Furthermore, government must stop propping up the powerful and antiquated animal agriculture industry with funding such as subsidies or bailouts.**

Leaving it to the industry to police itself is not an effective way to enforce animal welfare standards & prevent abuse. We have a broken system, with the fox guarding the henhouse.

I strongly urge government to pass new and updated animal welfare laws and practices. What happened to the **cows at the Vanderwal family’s Cedar Valley Farms is unconscionable.**

Sincerely,

s.22

*Compassion, respect, and justice for those with no voice*

## FW: please do something about the animal activists

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From: Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>  
To: McGuire, Jennifer AFF:EX <Jennifer.Mcguire@gov.bc.ca>, Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Norton, Chris AFF:EX <Chris.Norton@gov.bc.ca>, Evers, Charlene AFF:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>, Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX <Kelly.Rainforth@gov.bc.ca>, Hansen, Erin AFF:EX <Erin.Hansen@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: November 24, 2021 6:30:07 PM PST

Arif Lalani | ADM | Agriculture Resource Division | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries  
Cs.17 | E [arif.lalani@gov.bc.ca](mailto:arif.lalani@gov.bc.ca)

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**From:** Sundhu, Ellora AFF:EX <Ellora.Sundhu@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** November 24, 2021 4:20 PM  
**To:** Todosichuk, Ardice AFF:EX <Ardice.Todosichuk@gov.bc.ca>; Williamson, Connor AFF:EX <Connor.Williamson@gov.bc.ca>; Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: please do something about the animal activists

FYI

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 24, 2021 8:43 AM  
**To:** Minister, AFF AFF:EX <AFF.Minister@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** please do something about the animal activists

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Honourable Lana Popham

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I have several things that are really heavy – I was just informed this morning, that the animal activist groups are going around in canoes and taking pictures of the animal devastation in Sumas Prairie, taking pictures of the dead animals and posting on their web pages, asking for donations because of the horrible conditions that the farm animals are living in, this is a national disaster zone – we have farmers crying over the loss of their animals and now, we as farmers have to face the abuse from the animal activists- when is this going to stop!!

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From: Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Whittington, Elissa AFF:EX <Elissa.Whittington@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Todosichuk, Ardice AFF:EX <Ardice.Todosichuk@gov.bc.ca>, Williamson, Connor AFF:EX <Connor.Williamson@gov.bc.ca>, Martinson, Karl AFF:EX <Karl.Martinson@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: November 26, 2021 12:44:36 PM PST  
Attachments: IN\_Animal Welfare and on-farm protests\_Oct\_21.docx

Hi Elissa, not sure on who the signature would be, but hope the attached can contribute to the response, as well as the below summary that MLP mentioned today and yesterday at the BC press conference, and can be referred to as MLP making public requests that and so on.

With Highway 1 reopening it also brings more people through the impacted area and I want to reiterate my message from yesterday on allowing livestock producers a chance to breathe.

- Images of a disaster are unsettling and hard to see.
- These pictures we're seeing are of our neighbours and our communities.
- Please be respectful of the suffering and hurt on our farms and in our farmer's hearts right now.

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**From:** Whittington, Elissa AFF:EX <Elissa.Whittington@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** November 26, 2021 12:09 PM  
**To:** Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Todosichuk, Ardice AFF:EX <Ardice.Todosichuk@gov.bc.ca>; Williamson, Connor AFF:EX <Connor.Williamson@gov.bc.ca>; Martinson, Karl AFF:EX <Karl.Martinson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: please do something about the animal activists

Hi Rob,

The email below is about animal activism specific to flooding. Do you know what AFF's messaging is about animal activism in this context?

Also, do you know what the process is for drafting responses to correspondence like this (e.g., about policy or practice) that are directly related to flooding & emergency management? Ardice said usually they would go out under an MLP signature but she's wondering if they should be going out from someone different because MLP and others are so busy with emergency response.

Thank you,  
Elissa

**Elissa Whittington**

Executive Liaison Support | Ministry Emergency Operations Centre | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries | Phone 236-478-1638

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## **ADVICE TO MINISTER**

## Dairy farms - and need for oversight

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From: s.22  
To: Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>, Minister, AFF AFF:EX <AFF.Minister@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: December 11, 2021 9:26:07 PM PST

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Dear Minister Popham,

The scale and devastation of the tragedy related to flooding in the Fraser Valley is disturbing.

The video from an organic dairy farm in the region was also upsetting.

From news reports I understand that the license of that farm was reinstated. The following news report comments that *"BC Milk has confirmed there were multiple violations of the Code of Practice at this farm .... but there was no oversight, ... and that lack of oversight allowed a culture of abuse towards the farm's animals to develop."*

[https://www.countrylifeinbc.com/cedar-valley-licence-reinstated/?utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=cedar-valley-licence-reinstated](https://www.countrylifeinbc.com/cedar-valley-licence-reinstated/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=cedar-valley-licence-reinstated)

Despite this - no third party inspections or oversight have been recommended - the news report states that the BC milk marketing board will be providing oversight.

The BC SPCA has clearly called for independent 3rd party inspections and oversight for dairy farms. The BC milk marketing board and BC SPCA as a charitable organization should not alone be responsible.

Did you also watch the footage from the Cedar Valley farm - and the Chilliwack Dairy Farm - one of the largest dairy farms in Canada? It is difficult to watch - but it is the reality of what happens on these massive dairy farms without independent governmental oversight.

You have a very difficult job, are good at it, and I don't mean to be disparaging, but I do want to advocate for better welfare and public health standards,

Thank you

Kind regards,

s.22

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 12, 2021 9:44 AM

**To:** Minister, AFF AFF:EX <AFF.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>

**Cc:** Eby.MLA, David LASS:EX <s.17 <barbara@humanecanada.ca>

; Barbara Cartwright

**Subject:** Utmost care and respect

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Dear Minister Popham,

Thank you for meeting with me back in January to discuss public health risks related to mink fur farming. Large intensive breeding operations here in BC continue to present a risk, both during this COVID-19 pandemic, and for future influenza pandemics.

In learning more about the mink fur industry, and animal farming in general, I have read through the NFACC codes of practice.

In describing these codes, you have publically stated:

*“By accepting these codes of practice in their animal management practices, farmers and ranchers are making it clear that animals in their care are **being treated with the utmost care and respect.**”*

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019AGRI0019-000298>

However, you know full well that these codes establish as standard practice the killing of foxes by anal electrocution using rectal probes and metal bite bars. And this despite their being multiple alternative forms of killing foxes that have been kept in a small cage their whole lives.

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[https://www.nfacc.ca/pdfs/codes/Farmed\\_Fox\\_Code.pdf](https://www.nfacc.ca/pdfs/codes/Farmed_Fox_Code.pdf)

I have written to you about this on previous occasions. I am concerned that your public statements have misrepresented the standard practices on fur farms.

Am I off base here in thinking that members of the public would not consider deciding to kill foxes using anal electrocution, when other forms of causing death are available, as demonstrating "the utmost care and respect"?

I am not sure what recourse I have available in better understanding and seeking to rectify this situation.

I have cc'd my MLA David Eby, who is also a human rights lawyer and our province's Attorney General.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Sincerely,

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## FW: Call for Records AGR-2021-15593 - Judy Law

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From: Anderson, Arlene AFF:EX <Arlene.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Whittington, Elissa AFF:EX <Elissa.Whittington@gov.bc.ca>, Yawney, Lauren AFF:EX <Lauren.Yawney@gov.bc.ca>, Wang, Yichuan AFF:EX <Yichuan.Wang@gov.bc.ca>, Rasmussen, Simon AFF:EX <Simon.Rasmussen@gov.bc.ca>, Remillard, Patrick AFF:EX <Patrick.Remillard@gov.bc.ca>, Giacomazzi, Terri AFF:EX <Terri.Giacomazzi@gov.bc.ca>, Cushing, Jackie AFF:EX <Jackie.Cushing@gov.bc.ca>, Williamson, Connor AFF:EX <Connor.Williamson@gov.bc.ca>, Daniels, Gray AFF:EX <Gray.Daniels@gov.bc.ca>, Cavallin, Sandra L AFF:EX <Sandra.Cavallin@gov.bc.ca>, Edmunds, Sarah AFF:EX <Sarah.Edmunds@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: January 18, 2022 10:39:04 AM PST  
Attachments: image003.png, G - Call for Records form.docx  
Hi,

Any responsive records. I am not aware of anything that came in from the SPCA on this.

Arlene

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**From:** Norton, Chris AFF:EX <Chris.Norton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** January 10, 2022 3:06 PM  
**To:** McGuire, Jennifer AFF:EX <Jennifer.Mcguire@gov.bc.ca>; Karod, Suneil AFF:EX <Suneil.Karod@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Graham, Deanna AFF:EX <Deanna.Graham@gov.bc.ca>; AFF FOI AFF:EX <FOI.Agriculture@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Call for Records AGR-2021-15593 - Judy Law

Looping in CPPB for any relevant records.

**Chris Norton**

**Executive Administrative Assistant**

Science, Policy and Inspection Division | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

☎ (c) (236) 478-1998 | ✉ [chris.norton@gov.bc.ca](mailto:chris.norton@gov.bc.ca)

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**From:** AFF FOI AFF:EX <FOI.Agriculture@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** January 10, 2022 2:59 PM  
**To:** Evers, Charlene AFF:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>; Norton, Chris AFF:EX <Chris.Norton@gov.bc.ca>; Zabek, Erin AFF:EX <Erin.Zabek@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** AFF FOI AFF:EX <FOI.Agriculture@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Call for Records AGR-2021-15593 - Judy Law

Hello all,

Can you please review the FOI request below and let me know if we have any records? Anything that can be done to expedite this would be greatly appreciated, I mistakenly only sent this to Claire Smid and we are getting a little close to the deadline.

Please let me know if you have any questions

Thank you for your help.



Ministry of  
Agriculture

**Hemant (Sunny) Joshi**

Information Analyst

Deputy Minister's Office

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

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**From:** [IAOFlexTeam@gov.bc.ca](mailto:IAOFlexTeam@gov.bc.ca) <[IAOFlexTeam@gov.bc.ca](mailto:IAOFlexTeam@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** December 9, 2021 8:13 AM

**To:** AFF FOI AFF:EX <[FOI.Agriculture@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FOI.Agriculture@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Call for Records AGR-2021-15593 - Judy Law

Request for Documents for Request # 'AGR-2021-15593'. Your response due date is: 12/23/2021 12:00:00 AM Message from SENDER:

Please see details below regarding this formal request made under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA):

Correspondence (including letters, emails, memos, etc.) sent to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries by the BCSPCA regarding alleged animal abuse / misconduct at Cedar Valley Dairy Farms in Abbotsford, BC (Date Range for Record Search: From 10/10/2021 To 12/6/2021) Date Format is MM/DD/YYYY

Applicant Type: Interest Group

Records Due: December 23, 2021

Legislated Due Date: January 21, 2022

Please email Judy Law at [IAOFlexTeam@gov.bc.ca](mailto:IAOFlexTeam@gov.bc.ca) for all questions regarding clarification, deadlines, routinely releasable records, or publicly available records.

#### **Routine Release**

Information that can be provided to the applicant without the need for an FOI request under FOIPPA can be "routinely released". If the Ministry deems these records routinely releasable, please respond to this CFR as soon as possible with responsive records, or with the contact information of the individual who will facilitate access. IAO will release the records and/or the contact information of the individual who will facilitate access and close the request. Please contact IAO for advice regarding making this determination.

#### **Fees**

If any of the following apply, a fee estimate may be required:

- The search and retrieval time are anticipated to exceed 3 hours;
- The volume of hard-copy records is anticipated to exceed 200 pages;
- Preparation time can reasonably be expected to exceed 15 minutes or more.

If so, please complete Sections 2 and 4 of the CFR, add it to the FOI Fileshare, and then email the [IAOFlexTeam@gov.bc.ca](mailto:IAOFlexTeam@gov.bc.ca) using the subject line "AGR-2021-15593 - Judy Law - Fee Estimate". For information regarding fee calculation, please refer to the standard Fee Estimate Guidelines.

#### **Load Records to the FOI Fileshare**

Please send your completed CFR form and responsive records to IAO via the FOI Fileshare, instead of by email.

- Create a new folder in the FOI Fileshare titled "AGR-2021-15593 - Judy Law - Records"
- Copy all responsive records and the completed CFR to the folder
- Send an email to [IAOFlexTeam@gov.bc.ca](mailto:IAOFlexTeam@gov.bc.ca) with the subject line "AGR-2021-15593 - Judy Law - CFR Complete"

If you are having difficulties accessing the FOI Fileshare, please contact [IAOFlexTeam@gov.bc.ca](mailto:IAOFlexTeam@gov.bc.ca).

**Judy Law, Junior FOI Analyst**

**IAO Flex Team | Information Access Operations | Ministry of Citizens' Services**

Reminder

FOIPPA obligates us to assist every applicant and to respond without delay, openly, accurately, and completely. If the public



body must defend the adequacy of its search to the Information and Privacy Commissioner at Inquiry, those involved in searching for records may be required to sign affidavits confirming they have conducted an adequate search for relevant records.

Thank you,



## Section 1: FOI Request Details

**General Request** ☒ **Personal Request** ☐ **Authorization Received:** N/A

**Applicant Type:** Interest Group **Request Received:** December 7, 2021 **FOI Analyst:** Judy Law

**Legislated Due Date:** January 21, 2022 **Fee Estimate Due:** December 16, 2021 **Records Due:** December 23, 2021

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## Section 2: Initial Records Assessment

**Do you hold responsive records?** YES ☐ NO ☐

If no, please provide an explanation that can be given to the applicant (if applicable):

**Are you aware of other records that may be responsive to this request within your public body?** YES ☐ NO ☐

**Are you aware of other records that may be responsive to this request held by another public body?** YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, specify:

## Section 3: No Records Response Approval

Please forward to public body FOI contact (if applicable) for delegated head's final public body approval if no records have been located

<b>Final public body approval (full name and title):</b>	<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b> Date
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## Section 4: Fee Estimate – General request only (if this is a personal request skip to section 5)

Please ensure that all reasonable efforts are made to <u>generate as accurate an estimate as possible</u>	<b>Estimated Hours</b>	<b>Actual Hours</b>
<b>Locating/Retrieving – this includes searching all relevant sources. Areas to consider searching include:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Outlook (including 'deleted' and 'sent' folders)</li><li>Records management systems (ex. EDRMS)</li><li>LAN, shared drives, SharePoint, databases</li><li>Offsite records</li></ul>		
<b>Producing – this only applies where you are creating records from other sources* (e.g. developing a program to create new records from a database) and tasks include</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Identifying relevant sources of data/information</li><li>Manual time spent creating and producing records</li></ul>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ex: generating a custom report from a database using existing data</li> </ul>		
<b>Preparing – this may include time spent by IAO (for electronic records) or the Ministry (for hardcopy records) and tasks include</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Converting records to PDF</li> <li>Consolidating records into a single PDF document</li> <li>Organizing records packages (e.g. by date department, staff, records type, etc.)</li> <li>Photocopying or scanning records into electronic format</li> <li>Ensuring completeness of responsive records</li> <li>Copying other types of media (audio and/or video)</li> </ul> <p><b>For electronic records, you do not need to provide a time estimate, please provide the number of files where requested below and IAO will be in a position to calculate the time required and to consider charging a fee.</b></p>		
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Electronic records</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Files (e.g. emails, Word Docs, Excel sheets, PDFs, photos, etc.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Hardcopy records</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Average file folder = 1" and holds approx. 200 pages (single-sided)</li> <li>1 standard Records Centre Services box: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legal sized folders = 1800 pages</li> <li>Letter sized folders = 2200 pages</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>Suggestions for possible narrowing:</b>		

## Section 5: Search Summary

Please describe the search for records including what records were searched, (e.g., files, email, databases, EDRMS, offsite records, etc.) duration of search time, and who conducted the search for records:

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## Section 6a: Program Area Harms Assessment

Harm – **disclosure of the records would significantly harm the public body’s position, or a third party’s interests on a given topic.** The harms assessment allows FOI staff to better understand the context of the records and make informed severing recommendations based on potential harms. Issues associated with possible disclosure through the FOI process that are unrelated to the harms assessment should be communicated to your public body executive and/or Government Communications and Public Engagement office.

- Please reference the applicable records and information of concern, the harms, and associated page numbers below.
- If any of these records have been prepared for, or created to inform a decision of Cabinet or any of its committees, section 12 (Cabinet confidences) may apply. Please identify the applicable records and advise (1) what is the status of the issue? And (2) has the decision been made public or implemented?

Could the release of any/all of the responsive records potentially cause harm? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, which information, if released, may cause harm?

#### Section 6b: Publication on Open Information (if this is a personal request skip to section 7)

**General requests only** - Unless specific [exemption criteria](#) apply, records provided to the applicant in response to this request will be published on the Government’s [Open Information](#) website. **If you have any concerns about the publication of the responsive records please indicate here or discuss with your FOI Analyst:**

#### Section 7: Contact Information

Who completed this form (full name and title):	Phone Number:	Date: Date
Harms Assessment completed by (full name and title):	Program Area:	
Harms Assessment approved by (full name and title):		

## FW: SPCA meeting

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From: Cuthbert, Erin AFF:EX <Erin.Cuthbert@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Basok, Murdena AFF:EX <Murdena.Basok@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: April 5, 2022 11:36:12 AM PDT  
Attachments: Outlook-5vhyadh5.png  
Email chains as per FOI request.

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**From:** Gunvaldsen, Rayna AFF:EX <Rayna.Gunvaldsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** October 27, 2021 3:39 PM  
**To:** Cuthbert, Erin AFF:EX <Erin.Cuthbert@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: SPCA meeting

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**From:** McGuire, Jennifer AFF:EX <Jennifer.Mcguire@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** October 27, 2021 2:56 PM  
**To:** Gunvaldsen, Rayna AFF:EX <Rayna.Gunvaldsen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** SPCA meeting

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See location and details below.

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**From:** Marcie Moriarty <mmoriarty@spca.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** October 27, 2021 2:54 PM  
**To:** Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** McGuire, Jennifer AFF:EX <Jennifer.Mcguire@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Follow up

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Hi Tom,  
I confirm that I will be at provincial office to greet the ministry staff and show some of the video clips on the understanding that this information is highly confidential and to be used only for the purpose of briefing the Minister as you indicate below.  
Regards,  
Marcie

**Marcie Moriarty**

(She/Her)

**Chief Prevention and Enforcement Officer**

**and guardian to Pip and Zorro**

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**From:** Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <[Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** October 27, 2021 2:38 PM  
**To:** Marcie Moriarty <[mmoriarty@spca.bc.ca](mailto:mmoriarty@spca.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** McGuire, Jennifer AFF:EX <[Jennifer.Mcguire@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Mcguire@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Follow up

Good Afternoon Marcie,

Thank you for the call this morning. This email is to confirm with you that we will have two staff at your office tomorrow morning at 9 am to view videos in your possession of alleged animal abuse. The viewing will be for the purpose of briefing the Minister. Thank you for your assistance. Regards, Tom.

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## FW: Cedar Valley Farms

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From: Cuthbert, Erin AFF:EX <Erin.Cuthbert@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Basok, Murdena AFF:EX <Murdena.Basok@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: April 5, 2022 11:44:54 AM PDT  
Not sure if this is relevant for FOI?

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**From:** Cuthbert, Erin AFF:EX <Erin.Cuthbert@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** November 5, 2021 11:37 AM  
**To:** Chai, Shauna-Lee AFF:EX <Shauna-Lee.Chai@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Cedar Valley Farms

Hi,

I would refer it to Rayna at this time. I'm happy to assist if needed though.

Erin

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**From:** Chai, Shauna-Lee AFF:EX <Shauna-Lee.Chai@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 5, 2021 11:32:39 AM  
**To:** Cuthbert, Erin AFF:EX <Erin.Cuthbert@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Cedar Valley Farms

Hi Erin – does this one reside with you?

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**From:** Droppo, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Droppo@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** November 5, 2021 10:53 AM  
**To:** Chai, Shauna-Lee AFF:EX <Shauna-Lee.Chai@gov.bc.ca>; Gunvaldsen, Rayna AFF:EX <Rayna.Gunvaldsen@gov.bc.ca>; Radke, Brian AFF:EX <Brian.Radke@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Beyers, Georgina AFF:EX <Georgina.Beyers@gov.bc.ca>; AGRIServiceBC AFF:EX <AgriServiceBC@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Cedar Valley Farms

Good morning Shauna-Lee, Rayna & Brian:

An AgriService BC request was forwarded to my attention today from an individual s.15; s.22 expressing grave concerns & a call for action against the owners & employees of Cedar Valley Farms pertaining to the current animal abuse case on that dairy farm.

With the PAHB having the authority on BC animal welfare legislation & actioning on this particular case, I believe enquiries related to this case need to be triaged through the PAHB for response, particularly with the reference to videos of the case that have surfaced. I have not been directly involved nor requested to provide support to this case nor viewed the referenced videos, and thus feel it inappropriate for me to respond to s.15; s.22

I am forwarding this enquiry to PAHB to decide whom within PAHB responds to s.15; s.22 I suspect PAHB may have standard messaging it's prepared to respond enquiries regarding this case.

Thank you very much.

Tom

**Tom Droppo, M.Sc., C.I.M., P.Ag.**  
**Industry Specialist - Dairy & Pork**  
**Extension and Support Services Branch**  
**BC Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries**  
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**From:** AGRIServiceBC AFF:EX <AgriServiceBC@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** November 5, 2021 8:45 AM  
**To:** Droppo, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Droppo@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** AGRIServiceBC AFF:EX <AgriServiceBC@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Cedar Valley Farms

Good Morning Tom

Could you please let me know what I am to do with this complaint? Can you please respond or suggest where I should direct this?

Thank you,

HAPPY FRIDAY & Have a GREAT rest of your day and weekend! woot woot

Dana

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**From:** s.15; s.22  
**Sent:** November 5, 2021 8:15 AM  
**To:** AGRIServiceBC AFF:EX <AgriServiceBC@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Cedar Valley Farms

Good morning,

I'm writing regarding the recent animal cruelty allegations against Cedar Valley Farms to see if criminal charges in alignment with either the BC PCA Act or the Federal Act 445.1 for the prevention of cruelty to animals will be filed against the farm owners and staff, who were seen abusing animals in the recently released videos.

The abuse seen in the videos is not in alignment with regular farm animal care and should not be protected by NFACC codes. WorkSafeBC should also be investigating these farms for unacceptable working conditions for staff witnessing the cruelty and abuse.

Unfortunately, this is not the first nor will it be the last case of farm animal abuse because there are limited consequences for abusers. None of these people should be allowed to ever work with farm animals since they have proven they don't take responsibility for the well-being of the animals in their care.

The majority of farm animals live in deplorable conditions, so to add physical abuse to their daily suffering is unconscionable. These animals are intelligent and feel pain and sadness as much as humans do.

I encourage you to take action in addition to removing their license, and to make examples of all those involved in order to deter future animal abuse. Also, the installation of surveillance cameras in all farm locations seems to be a reasonable request if no one has anything to hide.

Thank you and I look forward to your response.

s.15; s.22

## RE: Call for Records AGR-2022-21081 | Estimate Due: April 7

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From: Cuthbert, Erin AFF:EX <Erin.Cuthbert@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Basok, Murdena AFF:EX <Murdena.Basok@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: April 5, 2022 11:49:21 AM PDT  
Attachments: image002.png, image001.png, 2022-04-05-Notes from SPCA meeting.pdf  
Please find attached my notes from the meeting I attended with Rayna at the BCSPCA offices in October 2021.

Erin

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**From:** Hughes, Marie Julie AFF:EX <MarieJulie.Hughes@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 5, 2022 11:17 AM  
**To:** Basok, Murdena AFF:EX <Murdena.Basok@gov.bc.ca>; Joseph, Tomy AFF:EX <Tomy.Joseph@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Cuthbert, Erin AFF:EX <Erin.Cuthbert@gov.bc.ca>; Marty, Gary D AFF:EX <Gary.Marty@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Call for Records AGR-2022-21081 | Estimate Due: April 7

Hi Murdena,

Erin has some handwritten notes that were "relating to video footage of dairy cows at Cedar Valley Farms or any allegations of animal abuse or mistreatment of dairy cows at Cedar Valley Farms". Erin has performed inspections at this farm during the time period in question, however, the inspections were not "relating to video footage of dairy cows at Cedar Valley Farms or any allegations of animal abuse or mistreatment of dairy cows at Cedar Valley Farms".

Erin will send you the records she has.

*Julie*

(Marie) Julie Hughes  
Compliance, Operations and Data Officer  
British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries  
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**From:** Basok, Murdena AFF:EX <Murdena.Basok@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 5, 2022 11:11 AM  
**To:** Joseph, Tomy AFF:EX <Tomy.Joseph@gov.bc.ca>; Hughes, Marie Julie AFF:EX <MarieJulie.Hughes@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Call for Records AGR-2022-21081 | Estimate Due: April 7

Tomy, Julie:

Extremely similar request. Julie I am wondering if Erin Cuthbert made any inspections during this period of time?

Murdena

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**From:** AFF FOI AFF:EX <FOI.Agriculture@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 30, 2022 2:45 PM  
**To:** Lyttle, Shawna AFF:EX <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca>; Evers, Charlene AFF:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>; Graham, Deanna AFF:EX <Deanna.Graham@gov.bc.ca>; Basok, Murdena AFF:EX <Murdena.Basok@gov.bc.ca>; Chandler-Pease, Ashley AFF:EX <Ashley.Chandler-Pease@gov.bc.ca>; Margerison, Elizabeth AFF:EX <Elizabeth.Margerison@gov.bc.ca>; Rayner, Jena AFF:EX <Jena.Rayner@gov.bc.ca>

**Cc:** AFF FOI AFF:EX <FOI.Agriculture@gov.bc.ca>; McQueen, Andrea AFF:EX <Andrea.McQueen@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Call for Records AGR-2022-21081 | Estimate Due: April 7

Hello,  
Please see details below regarding this formal request made under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA):

Any and all internal communications including emails, instant messages, voicemails, recordings of telephone calls, documents, reports, briefing notes, meeting minutes, or materials in any other format relating to video footage of dairy cows at Cedar Valley Farms or any allegations of animal abuse or mistreatment of dairy cows at Cedar Valley Farms (Date Range for Record Search: From 6/1/2021 To 3/28/2022) Date Format is MM/DD/YYYY  
**Applicant Type: Law Firm**

If the records exceed the below guideline for a fee estimate, please send over a completed CFR ASAP.

- Fees**  
If any of the following apply, a fee estimate may be required:
- The search and retrieval time are anticipated to exceed 3 hours;
  - The volume of hard-copy records is anticipated to exceed 200 pages;
  - Preparation time can reasonably be expected to exceed 15 minutes or more.

If the record count is under 200 pages and 3 hours please send the records to myself in their native format for de-duplication and package creation.

Thank you



**Hemant (Sunny) Joshi**  
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## SACA Meeting

OCT 28, 2021

### ① Milking parlor (entire)

- Employee beating cow across face + neck with milking cone
- cow falls down on knees + beating stops
- ↳ trying to back cow up?
- cows get up @ 2:10 min mark
- Excessive force

### ② Milking parlor

- Emp 2♂  
+ 3♀
- Employee hitting cow in face with wrench "wrench hurts me"
  - Hits legs with milking cone

### ③ MP

- employee using wrench on cows face. Not overly excessive. to get cow to back up
- ↳ Lack of animal handling skill

### ④ MP - Holding pen

- up 1
- Employee hits cow excessive force in chute + she can't move forward
  - door closed

### ⑤ Euthanasia

- Emp 5
- Employee euthanize cow
  - 45 seconds after shooting employee leaves
  - Wrong place to shoot the cow.
  - Cow is not dead
  - Employee seen again @ 14 mins and leaves
  - 18:36 → Second Employee comes with small steer with regular bucket to move cow (Still alive)
  - Cow is kicking legs
  - cow dead @ 20 mins - ish
  - \* Not appropriate use of equipment

### ⑥ Euthanasia

- Shot fired @ 1:06 in correct spot
- Second shot @ 2:22
- Employee stays with animal
- ↳ Equipment effectiveness

### ⑦ Calving pen

- Drags calf to wheel barrow after grabbing ears.
- Return calf into wheel barrow

⑦ calf fall out of wheel borrow.

→ Excessive force used on calf  
to put back into wheel borrow

⑧ Calving pen

- moving calf into wheel borrow

awkwardly

↳ Poor handling

⑨ Calving pen

- carrying Jersey calf by two legs

⑩ Calving pen

- Poor handling of calves  
into wheel borrow

⑪ Cattle movement

- Dragging cow using hip lifters

on skid steer to bedded pack  
pen

⑫ Cattle movement

- Dragging ~~cow~~ hanging cow w/  
skid steer and hip lifters  
to bedded pack



⑬ Fork lift on skid steer moving  
cow - Is the cow dead?

- Excessive force
- Inappropriate use of equipment
- Verbal
- Poor practice

## FW: Cedar Valley and SPCA

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From: Paton, Ian s.17  
To: Popham, Lana s.17  
Cc: Pokorny, Peter AFF:EX <Peter.Pokorny@gov.bc.ca>, Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: April 6, 2022 8:35:01 AM PDT  
Attachments: Letter.pdf, AnonymousLetter-Feb22.pdf, spcanoticeofdamage.docx

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Much appreciated ..... Ian

s.17; s.21; s.22





## Fwd: Cedar Valley and SPCA

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From: Lalani, Arif AFF:EX  
To: McGuire, Jennifer AFF:EX <Jennifer.Mcguire@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: April 6, 2022 9:37:40 AM PDT  
Attachments: Letter.pdf, spcanoticeofdamage.docx, AnonymousLetter-Feb22.pdf

Arif Lalani, ADM, MInistry of Agriculture and Food

Sent from iPhone

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**From:** Paton, Ian s.17  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 6, 2022 8:35:01 AM  
**To:** Popham, Lana s.17  
**Cc:** Pokorny, Peter AFF:EX <Peter.Pokorny@gov.bc.ca>; Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>  
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February 25, 2022

Lana Popham, MLA,  
Minister of Agriculture,  
Room 325 - 501 Belleville Street,  
Victoria, BC  
V8V 1X4

Dear Ms. Lana Popham,

s.22      showed me a letter she wrote you and others last week about the organic dairy farm. She is correct, there's a lot wrong. We are proud to run riot, but we all know this one is vile. We all know about the video editing. Deepfake is just software, and I know we have people.  
s.22

Guess the dairy people don't lie enough or aren't corrupt enough to keep up with the SPCA.

You say you stand up for farmers - do with it what you want. I should sign this, but I guess I still want to fit in and must be a bit of a coward – you are the Minister of Agriculture, figure it out.

s.22

cc: Marcia Moriarty SPCA

cc: Cedar Valley Farm

**From:** Christine Carey - APO, Lower Mainland - BC SPCA  
**Sent:** November 1, 2021 7:33 PM  
**To:** s.22 >  
**Subject:** Re: Cedar Valley

Hello s.22 and thanks so much for your email and for this information. I was so sorry to read about the distress that s.22 and very glad that you s.22

I have forwarded your message and invitation to my Manager and will leave that response up to them. Speaking with everyone involved in this investigation is certainly something we will wish to do, in due course.

I appreciate your cooperation and willingness to find solutions.

Regards,

Christine Carey  
Special Provincial Constable  
Animal Protection Officer  
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Guardian to Tarzan (RIP), Cedar and Nala

*"I think using animals for food is an ethical thing to do, but we've got to do it right. We've got to give those animals a decent life and we've got to give them a painless death. We owe the animal respect."* — **Temple Grandin**

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** October 31, 2021 10:34 AM

**To:** Christine Carey - APO, Lower Mainland - BC SPCA <[ccarey@spca.bc.ca](mailto:ccarey@spca.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Cedar Valley

Dear Christine,

As a follow up to Wednesday.

s.22; s.3

s.22

February 11, 2022

Lana Popham, MLA,  
Minister of Agriculture,  
Room 325 - 501 Belleville Street,  
Victoria, BC  
V8V 1X4

Dear Ms. Popham

This is not OK anymore.

I love my vegan life. I love most of my vegan friends. I have some activist friends. I got excited about their passion to let all animals live free.

I hate that we took something bad in the Abbotsford flood and took pictures to "prove" all animal farming is cruel. To make it not bad but make it evil. It's just not true. Many farmers risked their lives to save animals and help their farmer neighbours. Now a bunch of my vegan friends are going nuts anti-vaxx on me. Its all fun. Then its not.

As the Minister of Agriculture, I want you to know that Cedar Valley dairy is getting screwed. When the 3 guys took the farm videos, we were excited. But I know s.22 and others edited those clips. What CTV got isn't all real. What the SPCA has for video includes fake shit. It's the worst kept secret in our group. I think even the SPCA knows, but they want the money.

We have assignments to call up and insult anyone known to be with Cedar Valley. It's just abuse. The number I got was answered by a lady that sounded young, and she just started crying when I went off on her. I am shit. Now I'm sure the farmers are just people trying to do their best. And we just get to lie and cheat and personally crap on them? To decide how we all eat?

What are we doing?

This is not OK anymore.

Now it's farm family abuse.  
And we are the corrupt ones.

Who's next? We are told they are corporations, but they are farm families and people. Can we all just stop the lies?

s.22

cc: Marcia Moriarty SPCA  
cc: Cedar Valley Farm

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## RE: Cedar Valley and SPCA

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Cc: Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>, Evers, Charlene AFF:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>, Sundhu, Ellora AF:EX <Ellora.Sundhu@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: April 7, 2022 4:33:41 AM PDT

Hi MLA Paton – Thanks for reaching out. I am currently in Toronto for FPT meetings but will be contacting<sup>s.22</sup> to set up a discussion for early/mid next week.

Thanks,  
Peter

Peter Pokorny  
Deputy Minister  
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**Cc:** Lalani, Arif AFF:EX <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>; Evers, Charlene AFF:EX <Charlene.Evers@gov.bc.ca>; Sundhu, Ellora AF:EX <Ellora.Sundhu@gov.bc.ca>  
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