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The proposed law changes are giving power way beyond the scope that should ever be given to a non profit organization. These broad changes will punish so many responsible pet owners, but not addressing the true animal welfare abusers. Someone having the right to enter a home, could expose puppies to disease, virus etc, on the footwear, clothing of SPCA staff (who will have this unpresided power) based on some random accusation. One individual has been charged numerous times for stealing dogs in the province in NS and still continues to do so, to this day. Yet the law has done little to protect the owners from this abuser, by allowing her to remain at large. Cats roam freely, in record numbers, spreading disease, flees etc. but those complaints fall on deaf ears with the SPCA and municipalities. The SPCA cherry picks what issues take priority and prefer to focus on purebred dog owners who focus on preserving the breeds well being and integrity. Focus perhaps on spreading education on the explosion of "designer dogs", mutts that are flooding the pet market. These backyard breeders do no health testing, eyes, hips, heart, genetic irregularities etc. Less than 5% of surrender dogs are purebred. Extensive screening into potential new owners is extensive, sometimes waiting years to adopt one from reputable breeders. Stop punishing those who are putting their pets (usually before themselves) to provide the best health care and wellness. The animal abusers are not the educated pet owner, but the puppy mill, mutt breeders, in it only to make a quick buck.

Changing the law will not protect animals from those willing to profit at any cost, they just don't care. The proposed law gives authority to people with less knowledge that the majority of purebred dog breeders who specialize and study their breeds. I take my dogs out of province to have their ears cropped, tails docked. Broken tails in breeds that can be docked, is extremely painful and totally preventable. The urgency in which this bill is being rammed through, is not well thought out and full of ways to abuse authority upon law abiding citizens. If people don't agree with docking and cropping that is a personal opinion, based on emotion not fact. I can assure you, being with my puppy immediately after cropping, was happy and stress free. He enjoyed all of the attention at the airport flying home in the cabin, business class. I can guarentee the animals left outside, with little shelter, quality food, medical care, affection, able to run at large, suffer more than you will ever know. Yet the SPCA can't deal with and chose not to, the laws they have in place. Punishing breeders and purebred owners will change nothing.

Sincerely
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