

From: Gracie Harvie (Residence of Kentville, Nova Scotia)
Subject: Opposition to proposed Bill 27 – Animals Rights Act
Date: Sunday September 16th, 2018
To: Law Amendments Committee (Expressing My Opposition For Bill 27)

Dear Law Amendment Committee,

I am a resident of Kentville Nova Scotia and I own an English Cocker Spaniel. Murphy my English Cocker Spaniel is my best friend. I have done a lot of research on my breed of choice and I am happy I found a breeder that would provide me a dog that had his tail docked and dewclaws removed. I did not want a dog that I was going to have to worry about later on in life when his tail was damaged after running through the field or it's dewclaw damaged and requiring surgery. Taking her right away as a reputable breeder performing animal husbandry is wrong. Taking my right away to choice is also wrong.

I am writing you today because I oppose Bill 27. I would like to express my opposition to this newest step of government regulation for companion animals.

These concerns include:

- The bill to make tail docking and dewclaw removal illegal in Nova Scotia for it is a standard practice of animal husbandry and should be allowed to continue.
- The chief inspector may formulate and co-ordinate the establishment of industry customs and codes of practice supporting the human treatment of companion animals. No one person should have the power to determine industry customs and codes of practice. This should be a committee with all stakeholders represented (CKC, Dog Breeders, SPCA, Rescue Groups, Veterinarians, and so on)
- They also have the right without proof to seize an animal (Protecting The Welfare Of Animals - (7) Where an animal is not in distress, but the inspector has reasonable and probable grounds for believing that an animal has been abused or tortured by the actions of its custodian, the inspector may seize the animal.) An inspector should not have the power to seize an animal without proof that the animal is in distress. There needs to be due process. Checks and balances in place.
- Inspector in the amendment law has the right without a warrant, and by force if necessary, to enter the premise and search for the animal. Giving an inspector more power than our police force that requires a warrant is over stepping our constitution rights as residences of Canada.
- An animal is in distress if the animal is (e) subjected to cosmetic surgery as defined in Section 27. If you did your research you would know that if done between 1 and 5 days there is little to no pain. There are long term benefits.

As a residence of Nova Scotia, a dog owner, and a tax payer, I vote against Bill 27. Please do not act in a short sighted manner and do the proper thing and vote NO to Bill 27.

Regards,



Grace Harvie