

To the Law Amendments Committee:

Please accept my support for Law 27 – the Animal Protection Act. I wanted to pass along my support and thank you for the opportunity to do so.

- I feel it is not humane to have cosmetic surgeries put upon an animal who hasn't chosen to endure the pain of an unnecessary procedure. Cosmetic surgery is much different than a medical procedure. It is not necessary and simply cruel to force this upon any animal.
- For non-private individuals, in allowing inspectors within their premises, this promotes transparency. As a customer, I would like the reassurance that the animal that is being purchased has been well taken care for, in a safe environment. Transparency is a positive aspect. Inspectors would have the opportunity to visit the premises if they believed there were concerns and this would give them the ability to investigate properly.
- To enforce the court order in relation to animal ownership will ensure offenders are not permitted to bring harm to other animals. Inspectors need the ability to act in these situations.
- For private individuals, I feel it is necessary to allow inspectors to inspect animals they suspect are in jeopardy. Imagine knowing an animal is being harmed yet due to a policy, inspectors simply cannot do anything about it. That is truly terrifying. Inspectors need to have the ability to use their discretion to inspect an animal to ensure it is safe and unharmed. If individuals are concerned about inspectors acting unnecessarily, defined criteria could be created to alleviate any concerns. Animals in jeopardy are the concern, not pets being well taken care for.

Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to voice my opinions on Bill 27. Animals are unable to protect themselves and it is our responsibility to have their best interests in mind and allow policies in place to ensure this is being done.

Sincerely,
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