

“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated...” Mahatma Gandhi

Mister, Madam deputy,

The situation of pets in Quebec is absolutely shameful, and because of this we have gained the reputation of being the “North American capital of cruelty to animals”. And we have unfortunately been featured too often as such in the media.

Pet lovers in Quebec have decided to unite to request your help and support in order to improve the fate of animals, to rectify the above-mentioned situation and to restore Quebec’s reputation.

We are asking you to intervene in favor of a request put forward by the SPCA (Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals) and its affiliates throughout Quebec so that the government can grant it the right to apply the Animal Health Protection Act (P-42), just like other provincial SPCA organizations throughout Canada.

I’m certain that you are aware of the fact that the SPCA has been working for the welfare of Quebec animals, and by the same token of the public, for the past 137 years, and is by far the oldest humanitarian organization in Canada. Its experience and its professionalism are indisputable.

The SPCA and its affiliates have offered the government to assume all costs related to administering the P-42 law when it obtains the mandate to do so from the Quebec government, just like it was granted the right by the Canadian government to administer the penal code concerning the welfare of animals since its coming into force in 1892.

I join my voice to that of 83 % of the population (according to a Léger Marketing survey done in January 2005), who would like this mandate given to the SPCA, and I request that you officially send a letter in my name to the Prime Minister of Quebec as well as to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in Quebec (Ministère de l’Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l’Alimentation du Québec – MAPAQ) so that they can respond in favor of the motion requested by the SPCA and its affiliates. Could you also be so kind as to mail back to me a copy of the letters you will have sent in my name to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

As the representative of my riding, I rely on your implication and your cooperation, and I thank you for helping us out with this noble cause.

Very sincerely yours,

(Name and signature)

(Complete address)