

Petition to the Government of Canada to Protect Animals from Cruelty

WHEREAS the vast majority of Canadians support modern and enforceable legislation that protects all animals from deliberate and reckless acts of cruelty;

WHEREAS animal cruelty is considered a property offence under provisions in the Criminal Code which have not been significantly revised since they were first enacted in 1892;

WHEREAS the amendments to these provisions which Parliament passed in April 2008 merely raised the potential penalties for the few accused persons who can be convicted and did not materially improve protection for animals;

WHEREAS further amendments to the Criminal Code are still required to close the loopholes that allow perpetrators of animal cruelty to avoid conviction;

WHEREAS Canada still has weaker legislation than the Philippines, Ukraine and many other countries around the world;

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, residents of Canada, call upon the Government of Canada to modernize the animal cruelty provisions in the Criminal Code to effectively protect all animals from deliberate acts of cruelty.

Name (printed)	Address - full home address OR city and province (printed)	Signature

Please mail this original petition (no copies) to: World Society for the Protection of Animals, 90 Eglinton Ave. E, Suite 960, Toronto, ON M4P 2Y3

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