

PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

(Cruelty to Animals)

We, the undersigned Residents of Canada, draw the attention of the Government of Canada to the following:

Whereas:

- Canada's animal protection legislation has not been substantively revised since 1892 and Canada is ranked below some third-world countries when it comes to its animal protection legislation;
- 92% of Canadians surveyed by Environics Research in June 2015 support "updating the criminal code to make it easier to convict on acts of cruelty to animals";
- Research confirms that there is a link between animal cruelty and violence toward humans;
- Bill C-246, the Modernizing Animal Protections Act, was defeated by Parliament on October 5, 2016; and
- Minister of Justice Jody Wilson-Raybould stated after Bill C-246 was defeated that "We all agree animal cruelty is a significant social issue that needs to be addressed. In terms of looking at the animal cruelty provisions in the Code, that's what I've always committed to do and we're going to follow up on that."

THEREFORE, your petitioners call upon the **Minister of Justice** to address the significant social issue of animal cruelty by immediately conducting a review of the animal cruelty provisions in the Criminal Code.

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