

PETITION for PROVINCIAL OVERSIGHT of the OSPCA

Petition to the Parliament of Ontario

Whereas the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) recently and unilaterally announced that it would euthanize all animals in its care at its Newmarket shelter citing a ringworm outbreak as justification;

Whereas the euthanasia plan was stopped in the face of repeated calls for a stay in the legislature and by the public, but not until 99 animals had been killed;

Whereas the Premier and Community Safety Minister Rick Bartolucci refused to act claiming the provincial government has no jurisdiction over the OSPCA;

Therefore, we the undersigned, petition the Parliament of Ontario to immediately implement the Resolution tabled at Queen's Park by Newmarket-Aurora MPP Frank Kleeson June 1, 2010 which reads as follows:

That, in the opinion of this House, the Ontario Legislature call on the Government of Ontario to review the powers and authority granted to the OSPCA under the OSPCA Act and to make the necessary legislative changes to bring those powers under the authority of the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services to ensure that there is a clearly defined and effective provincial oversight of all animal shelter services in the province, and to separate the inspection and enforcement powers of the OSPCA from its functions as a charity providing animal shelter services.

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