

The Honourable Stephen Harper
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Dear Honourable Steven Harper,

I am writing to ask that you please pass Bill C-229 to amend the Animal Cruelty Law. The legislation as it stands is ineffective and outdated. Only through legislation that allows for prosecution of animal cruelty, will stronger penalties be imposed on those found guilty and animal abuse will be stopped. Animals are still considered property under the law and a person can dispose of his property in any legal way he sees fit, as long as no suffering is caused. Animal abuse cases make headlines across Canada on a regular basis and there is a proven link between animal abusers and serial killers.

Five small dogs were killed by their owner in New Brunswick (he was not charged); a family cat was microwaved to death in Alberta; a hobby farmer near Ottawa was accused of severe animal neglect to 50 sheep, some rabbits, chickens and ducks. His 9 year old Rottweiler had to be euthanized due to severe medical issues and chronic pain. This kind of abuse must be stopped and only through passing this law will this be achieved.

I ask you to please stop the suffering of these defenceless animals. They only want to be loved and cared for. Is this too much to ask?

Yours truly,