

## Petition to the House of Commons

### WHEREAS:

1. Animals are sentient beings, capable of feeling pain, and are not property;
2. Stray and wild animals are not sufficiently protected by animal cruelty laws under the property section of the Criminal Code;
3. It is imperative that those who abuse animals face conviction and significant penalty;
4. Loopholes in existing legislation too often allow those who abuse animals to escape penalty;

### We call upon the government of Canada to

- *recognize animals as beings that can feel pain and move animal cruelty crimes from the property section of the Criminal Code.*
- *strengthen the language of federal animal cruelty law in order to close loopholes that allow abusers to escape penalty.*

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