ANIMAL CRUELTY LEGISLATION PETITION

INFORMATION SHEET

INTRODUCTION

This petition is in honour and memory of Captain, a 2-year-old German Shepherd dog, who was discovered on July 18, 2012 wrapped in a bloody sheet and left in a dumpster in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. When Captain was found he was emaciated, and had been stabbed and brutally beaten (likely being rendered quadriplegic, and with brain hemorrhaging). Captain passed away from cardiac arrest shortly after being rescued from the dumpster. The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has recommended charges related to Captain's abuse, in accordance with the *Criminal Code of Canada*, and Brian Whitlock, Captain's owner, has pled guilty.

A Member of Parliament from British Columbia, Mr. Alex Atamanenko, will be introducing this petition in the House of Commons.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIGNING AND SUBMITTING THIS PETITION

Signing:

1) Only residents of Canada may sign this petition.
2) The petition form should be printed one-sided to prevent "bleed" of ink from one side of the paper to the other.
3) If you anticipate receiving more than 30 signatures and use a stack of petition signature sheets, please ALTERNATE between page 1 and page 2 of the petition form. A "batch" of 25 valid signatures constitutes one petition, so using only page 2 will result in signatures being "wasted."
4) Please do not write anything (such as comments) in addition to what is requested on the petition form.
5) Please PRINT the **FULL NAME OF THE TOWN OR CITY** in which you reside (NO ABBREVIATIONS ARE PERMITTED); Provinces MAY be abbreviated.

Submitting:

If you have assumed responsibility for submitting this petition, please ensure the following:

1) That all required information is provided on the petition form, and that at least 28 signatures have been obtained.

2) That the **ORIGINAL** signed petition (PHOTOCOPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE) is mailed to Mr. Atamanenko at the address on the petition. Please ensure your return address is on the envelope in case it needs to be returned to you for any reason such as insufficient postage.

3) If you wish to receive a response regarding the outcome of this petition, please include a short cover letter with the petition, including your name and the address to which a response can be sent (a template cover letter is available for download at the link below).

This information sheet, the petition, and the cover letter are available for download at the following location: http://www.facebook.com/justiceforcaptainpetition

Any questions about this petition may be directed to the following e-mail address: captainpetition@live.ca

TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

Petition for stronger animal cruelty legislation

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

Whereas, the emaciated, stabbed, and brutally beaten 2 year old German Shepherd dog named Captain was discovered wrapped in a bloody sheet in a Vancouver, BC dumpster on July 18, 2012 and died the next day;

Whereas, Canadians are tired of hearing about animals that are being abused while their abusers walk free;

Whereas, the link between cruelty to animals and cruelty to humans has been well-documented, and better protection for animals will also serve to protect humans in the long run;

THEREFORE, your petitioners call upon the House of Commons in Parliament assembled to work with the Provinces to ensure that federal and provincial laws are constructed and enforced that will ensure that those responsible for abusing, neglecting, torturing, or otherwise harming animals, are held appropriately accountable.

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