

PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

We, the undersigned residents of Canada, draw the attention of the House of Commons in Parliament assembled to the following:

THAT there is scientific consensus and public acknowledgement that animals can feel pain and can suffer, and therefore all efforts should be made to prevent animal cruelty and reduce animal suffering, and that responsible and humane animal management provides a positive impact on land use, climate change, pollution, water supplies, habitat conservation and biodiversity;

THAT over 1 billion people around the world rely on animals for their livelihoods and many others rely on animals for companionship, and that proper animal care reduces the risk of diseases transmissible to humans and of food poisoning;

THAT people’s attitudes and behaviour towards animals overlap with their attitudes and behaviour towards each other, and that animals are often significantly affected by natural disasters and yet are seldom considered during relief efforts and emergency planning, despite their recognized importance to humans;

THAT in May 2007 the World Animal Health Organization (OIE), of which the Chief Veterinarian of Canada is a member, voted unanimously in favour of developing a UDAW;

THAT within Canada UDAW is supported by the World Society for the Protection of Animals, the Humane Society International – Canada, the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies and many member societies, the Animal Alliance of Canada, the Global Action Network, the British Columbia, Ontario, and Canadian SPCAs, and the SPA de l’Estrie, as well as some 2 million people around the world;

*THEREFORE, your petitioners call upon the House of Commons to support the **Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare.***

Name (Please Print)	Signature (Sign, do not print)	Address (City & Province)



