

# PETITION TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

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THE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED RESIDENTS OF THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA, HUMBLY SHEWETH and urge the Honorable Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to amend the current *Animal Care Act*.

We strongly feel our current Animal Care Act is inadequate and not offering effective protection for the animals in our province.

Our grievances are:

1. **Minimum standards of care:** fresh food and fresh water whereas stagnant water and moldy food has been accepted.
2. **Transparency of investigations** of all animals and living conditions for possible secondary investigation or review by an independent citizen. At present a citizen has to wait for a news release to find out if anything has been done with a case.
3. **Transparency of background qualification requirements** for Animal Protection officers as there are none currently. A regular citizen should have access to this information.
4. **Horses classed as commercial animals:** as the greater number are kept as pets and companions within our province, we would like horses to be re-classed as companion animals.

Only through stronger legislation that allows for prosecution of animal cruelty and neglect, will Manitoba be a just and compassionate Province. WHEREOF YOUR PETITIONER HUMBLY PRAYS THAT YOUR HONORABLE HOUSE MAY BE PLEASED to work towards stronger protection for our companion animals, AND AS IN DUTY BOUND YOUR PETITIONER WILL EVER PRAY

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Please forward completed petitions to: No Animal Left Behind, 267 Rose Hill way, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2R1Y8

# NO ANIMAL LEFT BEHIND

Concern for animal welfare has become paramount with greater public awareness and “shock” posting on social media. Along with these concerns, the current **Animal Care Act** has come under the scrutiny of concerned citizens. Persons with pets, view their four-legged friends more as family members than “property.”

In June of 2013, **NO ANIMAL LEFT BEHIND** was created. We stand behind the betterment of our laws and to continually improve the lives of those without a voice, within the Province of Manitoba. Our current goals are to change the wording within the current **Animal Care Act** to:

1. **Change** section 2 paragraph (1), (a) of the **Animal Care Act** from “shall ensure that the animal has an adequate source of food and water”, to “shall ensure that the animal has an adequate source of FRESH food and FRESH water”, as stagnant water and moldy food has been considered an adequate source.
2. **Create** transparency with regards to investigations and how they are conducted. To ensure that proper records are kept as to living conditions and body condition of the animals so that a secondary review may be conducted or a citizen may request records for an independent review. At present, citizens must wait to see if a news release is given into the status of a case.
3. **Creating** transparency with regards to the required background education and/or training of an **Animal Protection Officer**. Currently, these are not searchable on any public database.
4. **Changing** the current classification of Horses from commercial animals to companion animals. The majority of horses within the Province of Manitoba are kept as pets or working animals, with the exception of PMU (pregnant mare urine) farms where they are used for the collection of an animal by-product.

We will continue to work towards future changes to the **Animal Care Act** to ensure that the health and welfare of animals is met with **more than just a minimum** standard of care, as well as working with local partnerships to ensure that the goals are attainable.

**NO ANIMAL LEFT BEHIND** will continue to advocate for the animals by requiring a stronger background in education & training for Animal Protection Officers, making photo-documentation mandatory within any and all investigations, and working with our partnerships to make sure that the laws not only have teeth, but how we can make them stick.

Now is our time to act. By signing our petition, you are helping strengthen Animal Protection Laws within Manitoba, thereby making it a safer place for our pets to live. Animal Welfare laws have never been at the forefront as in the last 5 years. Help us by being that voice for the voiceless.

The People of Manitoba want their voices heard. We are committed to making this Province a better place for our pets!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of your support!

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