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Berwick Man charged with Animal Cruelty

Berwick, NS (November 2018)-A 53-year-old man from Berwick, has been charged with 4 counts of animal cruelty under the Animal Protection Act of NS, and 1 count of failing to comply with an order given pursuant to the Act.

The Nova Scotia SPCA has charged Darryl Darcy with causing a dog to be in distress contrary to section 21 (1) of the Animal Protection Act of NS, failing to ensure that an animal (dogs) had an adequate source of food and water contrary to section 22 (a) of the APA, failing to provide an animal (dogs) with adequate medial attention when the animal was wounded or ill contrary to section 22 (b) of the APA, confining an animal to an area with inadequate space, unsanitary conditions, inadequate ventilation or without providing an opportunity for exercise so as to significantly impair the animal's health or well being contrary to section 22 (d) of the APA and for failing to comply with an order contrary to section 18 (D) of the APA

In September 2018, the SPCA received a complaint regarding an injured dog and several other dogs located on a property not receiving proper care. On October 9th, 2018, Darcy released one dog to the Waterville SPCA shelter. On October 31st, and after numerous visits to the property for non-compliance, SPCA officers seized 9 dogs and 1 bird under the Animal Protection Act and 1 dog was impounded for running at large.

In Nova Scotia when any animals are seized under the Animal Protection Act, the owner would have the opportunity to appeal to the Animal Cruelty Appeal board to have their dogs returned. On November 15th a hearing was held in Dartmouth and a decision was handed down on November 19th that the seizure was justified, and no animals would be returned to Darcy, leaving the 9 seized dogs and 1 bird in the custody of the Nova Scotia SPCA.

“We’re very pleased with the appeal board’s decision to uphold the seizure of all the animals. This means that we will be able to find new homes for all of the animals however these dogs are highly under socialized and fearful. This means that we are in urgent need of experienced foster homes that are willing to help these dogs develop the social skills they have been deprived of.” Chief Provincial Inspector, Jo-Anne Landsburg.

Darcy is scheduled to appear in court in Kentville court house on December 18, 2018.

The NS SPCA operates on a policy of zero tolerance for animal cruelty and sets the standard of animal care for the province of Nova Scotia. The NS SPCA urges you to report acts of animal cruelty by contacting our confidential toll free hotline at: 1-888-703-7722

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