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Man and Woman from Hantsport Charged with Animal Cruelty

Hants County, NS (February 26, 2019) – Loretta McLellan, 63, and Nicholas McLellan, 34, of Hantsport were both charged with causing three dogs and four cats to be in distress contrary to section 21 (1) and failing to provide the animals with adequate medical attention when the animal is wounded or ill contrary to section 22 (b) of the Animal Protection Act of Nova Scotia.

On February 11th, 2019, SPCA officers received a call from RCMP who were on scene, that there were several dogs and cats in the home that appeared to be in distress.

SPCA officers attended the residence and did find the dogs and cats to be in distress and in need of medical attention. Three dogs and four cats were removed from the property by the SPCA and immediately taken for veterinary care.

In Nova Scotia, when an animal is seized by an enforcement agency including the SPCA, the owner has a right to an appeal by the Animal Cruelty Appeal Board. No appeal has been filed and therefore the dogs and cats will remain in the custody of the SPCA where they will receive ongoing medical treatment and assessed for adoption placement.

“It is common for the SPCA to work closely with RCMP and police agencies and as a result more animals are being saved,” says Chief Provincial Inspector Jo-Anne Landsburg.

McLellan and McLellan are both scheduled to appear in Windsor Provincial court on April 16, 2019.

The Nova Scotia 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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