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### **Kings County Woman Charged with Animal Cruelty**

**Halifax, NS (December 30, 2019)** – Karin Robertson, 57 of Kings County, faces 2 charges of animal cruelty. SPCA officers attended her residence on December 10, 2019 and removed 35 dogs from the premises.

The Nova Scotia SPCA had been investigating since September 2019. The investigation began in response to a report of mistreatment made by visitors to the puppy mill. The SPCA issued compliance orders for several significant problems regarding the psychological and physical state of the animals and their unsanitary living conditions. Animal protection officers subsequently visited with an expert on animal psychology. With the evidence gathered the Nova Scotia SPCA was able to obtain a search warrant allowing them to enter the dwelling where many of the dogs were being kept. This intervention, combined with additional investigation findings, led to the seizure on December 10, 2019. This was one of the largest puppy mill seizures in the history of the Nova Scotia SPCA.

Robertson was charged with failing to comply with all reasonable directions of the inspector or peace officer 20(5)(b) to bring the environment of the animals up to minimum standards and for causing an animal to be in distress through her actions 26(1) under the Animal Protection Act of Nova Scotia. She is scheduled to appear in Kentville Provincial Court on January 21, 2020, at 9:30.

“Pets should be treated as family, not as a commodity”, said Jo-Anne Landsburg, Chief Provincial Inspector. “Puppy mills are not welcome in Nova Scotia. The SPCA takes all reports and complaints very seriously if you are concerned about an animal please report it to us.” The Nova Scotia SPCA operates on a policy of zero tolerance for animal cruelty. The 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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#### **About the Nova Scotia SPCA**

Proudly no-kill, the Nova Scotia SPCA operates on a policy of zero tolerance for animal cruelty. Our shelters provide medical care, rehabilitation, spay and neuter services and re-homing opportunities for thousands of animals in Nova Scotia every year.

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