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## Yarmouth Pair Charged with Animal Cruelty

**Yarmouth, Nova Scotia** – Jennifer Hurlburt, 36, and Matthew Hart, 34, of Yarmouth, have been charged under the Animal Protection Act of Nova Scotia under Section 26 (2) for permitting an animal to be in distress.

On June 25, 2020, a Nova Scotia SPCA Enforcement Officer responded to a dog running loose. As a direct result of the dog's poor physical condition and investigation, the dog was seized and taken for immediate medical care. The caregivers were given a seizure notice and appeal documents. However, no appeal was filed with the Animal Welfare Appeal Board.

"The dog in distress was less than half the weight he should have been," said Jo-Anne Landsburg, Chief Provincial Inspector at the Nova Scotia SPCA. "It is the owner's responsibility to reach out for help if they cannot provide appropriate care. The Nova Scotia SPCA accepts animals across the province with no surrender fee."

Hurlburt and Hart are both scheduled to appear in Yarmouth Provincial Court on September 15, 2020 at 9:30am. The Nova Scotia SPCA has a zero-tolerance policy for animal cruelty. They urge you to report acts of animal cruelty by contacting the SPCA confidential toll-free line at 1-888-703-7722.

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### About the Nova Scotia SPCA

Proudly following no-kill principles, the Nova Scotia SPCA is a registered charity that helps companion animals in need. Every year, more than 16,000 pets are helped through animal rescue, progressive programs, and rehoming opportunities. They do not receive any government funding for their shelters, so the SPCA relies on community support to help care for local pets in need. To learn more visit [www.novascotiaspca.ca](http://www.novascotiaspca.ca)

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