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Cambridge Man Sentenced for Animal Cruelty

Kentville, Nova Scotia – Hans Geser, 66, of Cambridge, has been sentenced for animal cruelty under the Animal Protection Act of Nova Scotia. In May 2019, Geser was charged for permitting an animal to be in distress, contrary to Section 21 (2) of the Animal Protection Act of Nova Scotia (2008) along with failing to provide an animal with adequate medical attention, contrary to Section 22 (B) of the Animal Protection Act of Nova Scotia (2008). Geser was convicted in Kentville Provincial Court on January 18, 2021 and was charged \$25 per offense; \$50 total.

On April 26th, 2019, the Nova Scotia SPCA received a complaint that a dog was outside with porcupine quills in his face. SPCA Enforcement Officers responded and found a large dog in distress. When the owner refused to seek treatment, the dog was seized and immediately taken for medical care. The dog endured three surgeries to remove the buried quills. He fully recovered and was later rehomed.

The Nova Scotia SPCA has a zero-tolerance policy for animal cruelty and neglect. You can report acts of animal cruelty by calling the SPCA toll-free at 1-888-703-7722, e-mailing <u>animals@spcans.ca</u> or filling out the online form at <u>www.novascotiaspca.ca/reportcruelty/</u> All concerns and complaints are kept confidential.

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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

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