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Sipekne'katik Woman Sentenced with Animal Cruelty

Hants County, Nova Scotia – Joanne GooGoo, 56, of Sipekne'katik has been sentenced with animal cruelty under the Animal Protection Act of Nova Scotia. After several missed court appearances, GooGoo pled guilty to all charges and was convicted for permitting her dog to be in distress, contrary to Section 21 (2) of the Animal Protection Act of Nova Scotia, failing to provide adequate medical attention when an animal is wounded or ill, contrary to Section 22 (b) of the Animal Protection Act of Nova Scotia, and confining an animal to an enclosure or area with inadequate space and unsanitary conditions, contrary to Section 22 (d) of the Animal Protection Act of Nova Scotia. The sentencing on January 17 at Shubenacadie Provincial Court ordered GooGoo to be restrained from having custody of dogs or having dogs living in her home or on her property for life.

In April 2019, the Nova Scotia SPCA received a complaint that a dog was transported to an emergency veterinary clinic with a severely poor body condition. The dog had to be humanely euthanized. SPCA Enforcement Officers seized and transported the dog's body to the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture's pathology lab where a necropsy was performed. The results of the necropsy and a thorough investigation gave sufficient evidence to lay charges against the dog's owner.

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 animals@spcans.ca or filling out the online form at www.novascotiaspca.ca/reportcruelty. 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, nearly 12,000 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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