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## **Man Charged with Breach of Court Order**

**Kings County, Nova Scotia** – Brian Merrill Levy of Wolfville has been charged with breach of a December 2021 court order under the *Animal Protection Act of Nova Scotia*. Levy is scheduled to appear in court on June 28 in Kentville on breaching a court order under section 42(1).

On December 2, 2021, Levy was convicted of failing to provide an animal with adequate medical attention when an animal is wounded or ill, contrary to Section 22 (3) of the *Animal Protection Act of Nova Scotia*, and contrary to Section 21 (2), permitting an animal to be in distress. He was prohibited from owning animals for breeding purposes but permitted custody of up to two spayed/neutered dogs for companionship provided he abided by the court's conditions. Inspectors with the Nova Scotia SPCA found after both compliance checks and confidential tips, that Levy had breached the court's conditions, and that there were five dogs under his care. On May 19, 2022, the SPCA seized three dogs from the residence because of a breach of a court order.

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](mailto:animals@spcans.ca), or filling out the online form at [www.novascotiaspca.ca/reportcruelty](http://www.novascotiaspca.ca/reportcruelty). All concerns and complaints are kept confidential.

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### **About the Nova Scotia SPCA Enforcement Team**

The Nova Scotia SPCA Enforcement Team is a province-wide agency vested with the authority from the Nova Scotia Department of Justice, to provide enforcement under the *Animal Protection Act* and sections of the Criminal Code, to investigate, and where necessary, lay charges, conduct animal seizures, or issue orders to persons suspected of animal cruelty and neglect.

The Nova Scotia SPCA Enforcement Team employs Special Constables appointed under the *Police Act* of Nova Scotia.

### **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, approximately 15,000 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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