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## Charges Laid in Case of Five Dogs in Distress

**Annapolis County, Nova Scotia** – Tyler Bezanson, 29, from Annapolis County, has been charged with five counts of permitting an animal to be in distress, contrary to Section 26 (2) of the *Animal Protection Act of Nova Scotia*.

On June 7, 2022, Nova Scotia SPCA Enforcement Officers received a call that a number of dogs were suffering from neglect. Officers responded and found five dogs at the residence that appeared to be in distress. As a result of the living conditions and unhealthy physical appearance, officers seized the dogs, and all were taken immediately for veterinary care.

After a thorough investigation by SPCA officers, it was determined that there was sufficient evidence to support charges against the owner of the dogs. Bezanson is scheduled to appear in Annapolis Provincial Court on September 19, 2022.

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

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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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