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East Hants Woman Charged After Animals Abandoned

East Hants, Nova Scotia –Belinda Singer, 42, from Noel, has been charged with three counts of permitting an animal to be in distress, contrary to Section 26 (2) of the *Animal Protection Act of Nova Scotia*.

On July 17, the Nova Scotia SPCA Enforcement team received an emergency complaint about a deceased dog. Upon entering the residence, officers took into custody a dog and cat and seized the deceased dog. The remains have been brought to the Dalhousie Agricultural College Pathology Laboratory for a necropsy. This investigation is ongoing.

Singer is scheduled to appear in Shubenacadie Provincial Court on September 15, 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, or filling out an online form at 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

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