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Man Convicted of Animal Cruelty Charges

Halifax, Nova Scotia –Thai Lowe, 23, of Fletcher’s Lake, was convicted in Halifax Provincial Court today, July 20, 2022, for willfully and without lawful excuse, killing a dog that is kept for a lawful purpose, contrary to section 445 (1) (a) of the Criminal Code of Canada.

Lowe was sentenced to a 10-year prohibition from owning, being in the custody or control of, and residing with animals. Lowe was given a conditional sentencing order of 180-days which includes 60-days of house arrest except for legal or medical counseling, or employment obligations. He will be on probation for 12 months, during which he must also keep the peace. Lowe was ordered to pay restitution, a victim surcharge, and abide by the court's conditions.

On December 27, 2019, the Nova Scotia SPCA responded to a complaint that involved a dog at a veterinary clinic with undetermined medical conditions in need of immediate assistance. The serious wounds inflicted on the dog led to its passing. SPCA Enforcement Officers conducted a thorough investigation and as a result, animal cruelty charges were laid.

“Today shows how a confidential complaint to the SPCA helps to hold individuals responsible for their actions,” says Jo-Anne Landsburg, Chief Provincial Inspector at the Nova Scotia SPCA. “When you see that an animal is suffering, or is being abused, please contact the SPCA. Our officers will investigate.”

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.

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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