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# Windsor Woman Charged After 5 Animals Found in Distress

Windsor, Nova Scotia – Kendra McIellan, 27, from Windsor, 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 July 6, 2022, the Nova Scotia SPCA received a complaint of an abandoned dog in serious medical distress. The SPCA Enforcement team seized the dog and launched a detailed investigation. On July 11, 2022, a search warrant was executed at a residence in Newport, Nova Scotia, where four additional dogs were in distress. The four dogs were subsequently seized.

McIellan launched an appeal to retain custody of the dogs. On July 21, 2022 the Nova Scotia Animal Welfare Appeal Board upheld the seizure in favour of the Nova Scotia SPCA.

As a result of the SPCA's investigation, charges were laid against the animals' custodian. Mclellan is scheduled to appear in Windsor Provincial Court on September 6, 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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