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# Charges Laid in Case of Abused Dog

Amherst, Nova Scotia - Kuper Oldham, 21, from Wallace, Nova Scotia, has been charged with causing an animal to be in distress, contrary to section 26 (1) of the Animal Protection Act of Nova Scotia.

On June 8, 2023, the Nova Scotia SPCA received a complaint of abuse regarding a dog located in the Wallace area. Through further investigation, the dog and the accused were located. The dog was seized, and the accused issued an appearance notice to attend court at a later date.

Oldham is scheduled to appear in Amherst Provincial Court on September 25, 2023.

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 <u>animals@spcans.ca</u>, or filling out an online form at <u>www.novascotiaspca.ca/reportcruelty</u>.

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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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