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Man Charged in Dog's Death

Sydney, Nova Scotia– Hugh Matthews, 34, from Marion Bridge, has been charged with causing distress to an animal, contrary to section 26(1) of the *Animal Protection Act of Nova Scotia*.

On August 25, SPCA Enforcement Officers responded to a request from the Cape Breton Regional Police, after reports of a dog tethered to a truck being driven in Marion Bridge. The dog was later pronounced deceased.

Matthews is scheduled to appear in Sydney Provincial Court on October 27, 2023.

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

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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. More than 16,000 pets are helped every year 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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