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Woman Sentenced After 5 Animals Found in Distress

Sydney, Nova Scotia – Jenna MacNeil, 40, of Caribou Marsh, Nova Scotia, has been sentenced for animal cruelty. MacNeil was convicted in Sydney Provincial Court on April 13, 2023, for two counts of permitting an animal to be in distress, contrary to section 26 (2) of the Animal Protection Act of Nova Scotia. The sentencing on July 7, 2023, included a 10-year prohibition from owning animals, a restitution of \$3,371.77, and a \$500 fine.

On September 9, 2022, the Nova Scotia SPCA received a complaint regarding the welfare of animals. SPCA Enforcement Officers responded and left Orders to Comply. After receiving a search warrant, SPCA Enforcement Officers returned for a third time on September 14, 2022. Inside the property, three dogs and two cats were found to be in critical distress in unsanitary living conditions. All five animals were seized and immediately taken for medical care. They have since made full recoveries.

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. 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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