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Eleven Animals in Distress

Canso, Nova Scotia – Maureen Davis, 68, from Canso, has been charged with permitting 11 animals to be in distress, contrary to section 26(2) of the *Animal Protection Act of Nova Scotia*.

On September 21, 2023, the Nova Scotia SPCA received a complaint of animals living in unsanitary conditions. Officers responded and found 10 dogs and one cat at the residence living in unhealthy conditions. Orders to comply were given, and upon inspection on November 7, due to non-compliance, the animals were seized.

On November 28 Davis appeared in front of the Nova Scotia Animal Welfare Appeal Board to appeal the seizure. The Board found that the seizure was reasonable and carried out appropriately under the *Animal Protection Act of Nova Scotia* and that the animals would remain with the Nova Scotia SPCA.

Davis is scheduled to appear in Antigonish Provincial Court on February 28, 2024.

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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