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Couple Receives Seven-Year Ban from Animal Ownership

March 3, 2025, Yarmouth, NS – Lorraine Bain, 69, and Herb Bain, 73, from Plymouth, have received a prohibition from having ownership, custody, care or control of animals for seven years. The Bains were charged in August 2024 for permitting an animal to be in distress, contrary to section 26(2) of the *Animal Protection Act* of Nova Scotia.

On June 26, 2024, a dog in need of medical care was found by a member of the public on the side of the road and reported to the Nova Scotia SPCA. A Special Constable with the Nova Scotia SPCA Enforcement Department picked up the dog and brought the dog to the Yarmouth shelter.

Upon intake at the shelter, the dog was medically assessed by a veterinary technician and examined by a veterinarian. The dog was displaying significant evidence of distress from several medical conditions. Following an investigation, the animal cruelty charge was laid against the Bains. Despite considerable care and treatment by the SPCA, the dog, named Rocky, succumbed to issues related to his long-standing poor health.

As part of the January 28, 2025, sentencing, in addition to their prohibition, the Bains were also required to surrender any animals currently in their care and send an apology letter to the Yarmouth Nova Scotia SPCA, for their treatment of staff during the investigation.

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About the Nova Scotia SPCA Enforcement Team

The Nova Scotia SPCA Enforcement Department operates province-wide vested with authority from the Nova Scotia Department of Justice, to provide enforcement under the *Animal Protection Act* and the *Criminal Code* of Canada. Inspectors investigate, and where necessary, lay charges, conduct animal seizures, or issue orders of compliance to persons suspected of animal cruelty, abuse or neglect. The Nova Scotia SPCA Enforcement Department 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. Thousands of pets are helped yearly through animal rescue,

progressive programs, and rehoming opportunities. The Nova Scotia SPCA does 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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