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Woman sentenced in case of permitting 15 Rabbits to be in distress

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia – Karie Pye, 46, of Fletchers Lake, has been sentenced for permitting 15 rabbits to be in distress, under the *Animal Protection Act* of Nova Scotia, section 26(2).

Pye is prohibited from owning any new animals for six years and must make a contribution of \$50 to the Nova Scotia SPCA. Pye was allowed to maintain custody of her four cats, with terms and conditions for their ongoing care, including inspection rights for the SPCA.

In early 2023, the SPCA received an animal cruelty complaint. Upon investigation, officers found 15 rabbits living in unsanitary and poor conditions. After Orders to correct the conditions were not met, the SPCA seized 15 rabbits.

“Owning an animal comes with responsibilities to care for them,” says Kevin Strooband, Chief Inspector, Nova Scotia SPCA. “Clean water, food, shelter, and veterinary medical care are required; this is taken seriously in our province. Pet owners are encouraged to reach out for assistance before it becomes too overwhelming.”

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About Nova Scotia SPCA Enforcement

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. Last year, over 24,000 animals were helped through animal rescue, progressive programs, rehoming opportunities, and veterinary hospitals. 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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