

Nova Scotia SPCA Provincial Office  
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## Dartmouth Dog Groomer Charged

**Dartmouth, Nova Scotia** – Lorraine Murphy, 39, of Dartmouth, has been charged with four counts of causing distress under the *Animal Protection Act* of Nova Scotia, section 26(1).

The Nova Scotia SPCA investigated several animal cruelty complaints of animal abuse during grooming appointments with Murphy at a Dartmouth grooming facility. Murphy is scheduled to appear in Dartmouth Provincial Court on March 2, 2026.

The Nova Scotia SPCA investigates complaints of animal cruelty and neglect across the province. 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](mailto:animals@spcans.ca), or filling out an online form at [www.novascotiaspca.ca/reportcruelty](http://www.novascotiaspca.ca/reportcruelty).

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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. In 2024, over 24,000 pets were helped 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](http://www.novascotiaspca.ca).

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