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Three from Centre Burlington face a total of 32 charges under the *Animal Protection Act*

Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia – Tasha Nicole Farmer, 45, Christopher Clark, 52, and Russell Salter, 51, of Centre Burlington, have been charged under the *Animal Protection Act* of Nova Scotia. In September 2025, Nova Scotia SPCA Investigators executed two simultaneous warrants on two homes during an investigation, seizing 27 animals in total.

Under the *Animal Protection Act*, Farmer has been charged with 12 counts of permitting an animal to be in distress under Section 26 (2), five counts of failing to provide information to an Inspector under Section 22 (2), one count under Section 22 (1) of interfering or distracting a person exercising powers or performing duties under the Act, and one count of failing to comply under Section 23 (1), for a total of 19 charges under the *Animal Protection Act* of Nova Scotia.

Clark has been charged with seven counts of permitting an animal to be in distress under Section 26 (2).

Salter has been charged with six counts of permitting an animal to be in distress under Section 26 (2).

All charges have not been proven in Court, and the accused are scheduled to appear in Shubenacadie Provincial Court on Monday, May 11, 2026.

The Nova Scotia SPCA investigates complaints of animal cruelty and neglect across the province. 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@spscans.ca, or filling out an online form at www.novascotiaspca.ca/reportcruelty.

About the Nova Scotia SPCA Enforcement

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.

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