



## ASK YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (MP) TO SUPPORT AN ALL-PARTY ANIMAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENT

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1) Find your MP's contact information by inserting your postal code in the search box at the following link: <http://www.ourcommons.ca/Parliamentarians/en/constituencies/FindMP>
- 2) **Using the information in the template below**, email, phone, or see your MP in person (the most influential) to ask that s/he support the following request: *the convening of a Special All-Party Parliamentary Committee to review existing animal protections and how they can be improved, and introduce national animal protection legislation to implement the committee's recommendations.*
- 3) Ask your MP to give you a response to your request to support the Committee.
- 4) Let us know your MP's name and what they say by sending us an email at [aclacanada@live.ca](mailto:aclacanada@live.ca)

### **TEMPLATE** (*this template is a guide only—including some of your own words is very useful*)

(Dear Name of MP),

Canadians care about ending animal cruelty.

In the last year, there have been some positive steps towards this goal, including Senate legislation to address cosmetic testing on animals, modest Criminal Code amendments to address specific animal cruelty, and new resources to save our whale populations.

However, there is more work to be done.

In past surveys, over 80% of Canadians have supported ending the trade in shark fins, over 90% have supported strengthening the Criminal Code against animal cruelty, and over 90% have supported stronger action to protect endangered species.

It is important we listen to Canadians, and begin a constructive dialogue across all sectors, advocacy groups, and political parties, in order to determine how else the Government of Canada can improve animal protections.

The Government of Canada should convene a Special All-Party Parliamentary Committee to review existing animal protections and how they can be improved, and introduce national animal protection legislation to implement the committee's recommendations.

Please let me know if you will agree to support this proposal and encourage dialogue and constructive debate to advance animal protections.

Sincerely,

(Your name and address\*)

\*please include your address so your MP will know you are one of their constituents

*This campaign is an initiative of Member of Parliament Nathaniel Erskine-Smith.*