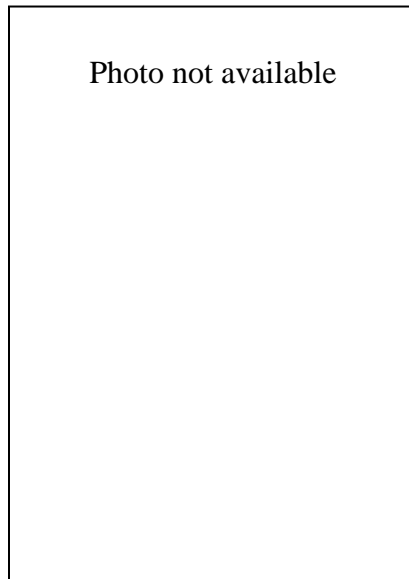
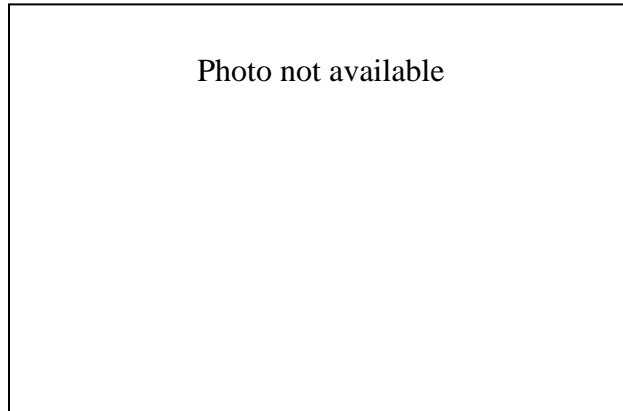


# What will it take?



# How much is ENOUGH?

**Animals in the care of the Burnaby SPCA**  
**Why isn't the SPCA speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves?**

Specifically stated in the BC SPCA Charter is the pledge that you as an organization will put your energies into inspiring and mobilizing society to create a world in which all animals, who depend on humans for their well-being, experience, as a minimum, five essential freedoms:

1. freedom from hunger and thirst
2. freedom from pain, injury and disease
3. freedom from distress
4. freedom from discomfort
5. freedom to express behaviors that promote well-being.

On Friday, in the March 7, 2003 edition of the BCSPCA Fast Track, the BC SPCA reported 2 German Shepherd type dogs being seized from their owner as one of the dogs was suffering a problem with its hind legs and the other from an eye infection. In reaction to this, the BC SPCA has cruelty charges pending. The SPCA acted on behalf of the animals.

**Burnaby SPCA**  
**Kilo Bby #12286**

Kilo was a 3 year old rotti that had been at the shelter since [REDACTED] took Kilo into the backyard area of the shelter to get him out of the kennel for a while and the first thing that was very obvious was that the dog had no muscle mass in his rear legs. His back was arched, his legs were extremely rotated when he walked and his knees appeared to be locked [REDACTED] immediately told a staff member [REDACTED] who then immediately wrote it on his kennel card and then entered it onto the computer, asking that the dog be seen by the clinic. All week the dog walkers reported the dog wouldn't even get up to see them but would just remain inside lying curled up on the floor. On the following w/e [REDACTED] we AGAIN reported it to the staff that the dog should be looked at because he couldn't walk properly. It was reported to the staff by 4 different volunteers. We were told that he has a "normal rotti gait" and [REDACTED] had taken him out during the week and also agreed that the dog had a "normal rotti gait." When we showed them that the dog could not sit down properly, we were told that he sits the way [REDACTED] called the clinic and Kilo was taken in. We later found out that the first thing the vet noted was LACK OF MUSCLE MASS in his rear legs, a stiff stifle, and he would have to be put under a general anaesthetic to get x-rays of his abdomen, hips and knees. He was also given Metacam for the pain. He remained at the clinic and had to have x-rays before his examination as he was in a great deal of pain. It is absolutely unacceptable that he had to spend 9 days in pain with no treatment, especially when the 5 Freedoms are clearly stated in the shelter. Kilo was euthanized because it was discovered he had torn cruciate ligaments in **BOTH** his right **AND** left legs as well as arthritic changes of the femoral heads. No picture available.

**Was Kilo given the five essential freedoms? Was he free of pain, distress or discomfort?**

**Burnaby SPCA**

**King Bby # 123**

King, a rottie cross had a bad eye infection (green exudate and each morning his eye was crusted shut) and hair loss from his back and tail areas. He came to the shelter as a stray [REDACTED] and had received **NO treatment** for either condition until [REDACTED] the weekend. When it was mentioned to the staff, we were told that it is normal for rottie's to have hair loss. Received email from concerned volunteers throughout the week who had come in to walk the dogs and had seen his eye and skin problems. [REDACTED] washed and applied medication to his eye for the past 2 days. King was eventually sent to the clinic where he indeed **required surgery** to correct his eye problem.

**Was King given the five essential freedoms? Was he free of pain, distress or discomfort?**





Campbell River SPCA successfully **convicts** a woman for inflicting unnecessary pain and suffering on an animal dating back to October 2001 for kicking it while the SPCA was present on a seizure on her property.  
**The SPCA acted on behalf of the animals.**

SPCA seizes 103 animals, including 15 primates, near Kaslo. It was reported that the **only** source of heat the animals had was a lightbulb hanging from the roof in front of their kennel doors. The monkeys would climb onto the fence and sit themselves in front of the light bulb to get warm

**The SPCA acted on behalf of these animals.**

### **Lucky Old English Sheepdog**

**Bby #12001**

Surrendered to the shelter Nov [REDACTED] 2002

Lucky was sent to a local vet clinic where he spent a week due to kennel cough and a badly infected rear foot. He was at the shelter for a week prior to this. Upon his return to the shelter for being at a clinic, he was put into iso [REDACTED] [REDACTED] went into check on him. In the iso area, **he was left without a single blanket or towel** [REDACTED] went and got him 4 or 5 blankets so that he would be able to keep himself warm. How can they treat a sick dog that way when he has also recently been shaved up and had been very sick. The iso area has no door that closes and it is completely exposed to the outside. **The only heat source is a single filament suspended on the ceiling of the room. Unfortunately the dogs can not climb the walls to sit in front of the heating filament.**

**How can the SPCA make a seizure of animals when the level of care they provide animals in their OWN care is below even that level?**



This was Lucky's only source of heat in the iso area. It is at least 12 feet off the ground and is completely insufficient to heat anything.





Please note: Lucky would have remained disheveled and matted up if he hadn't been sick and taken to the vet. It is at the vets that they shaved him up. The SPCA made no attempt to get him to a groomer. The only way he'd get to a groomer, would be if a volunteer take him and pay for it themselves.

This is an animal on public display under the care of the SPCA. He is more neglected than some of the recent puppy mill seizures. Unacceptable.

**Maggot Kitten 2 month old Manx  
Bby #11699**

Taken to AEC Oct 2002

Came into the shelter Oct 2002

H/D'd Oct 2002

When the cat was brought into the shelter [REDACTED] the smell of rotting or decaying tissue [REDACTED] made them all come to the kennel to smell it [REDACTED] did this with all the volunteers. The cat was placed into the cat room where [REDACTED] Nothing was done Sat or Sun. Finally Mon [REDACTED] there was a note asking that one of the volunteers give the kitten a bath [REDACTED] went to its kennel which was now in the iso room. The kennel was covered in blood [REDACTED] began to pull all the matted excrement and litter from its fur [REDACTED] started to bathe it [REDACTED] The water immediately turned red & brown and then maggots started falling from the kitten [REDACTED] turned it over and began to wash around its belly and rectum...was the hair pulling apart was actually in fact the skin ripping apart [REDACTED] was able to see the tail vertebrae. The kittens head started to droop [REDACTED] asked a volunteer to come and hold up the head [REDACTED] and reported the incident [REDACTED] asked if [REDACTED] immediately take it to the AEC [REDACTED] see if someone from Vancouver could come in to pick it up. As we were speaking more maggots fell off the cat [REDACTED] After about 30 to 45 minutes [REDACTED] took the kitten to the AEC. It had no blood pressure and was in shock by then. It was then transferred to the SPCA clinic the next day and was HD'd a few days later [REDACTED]

See picture.

**Was she given the five essential freedoms? Was she free of pain, distress or discomfort?**



She was a very friendly kitten, yet she looked mean. This was due to pain.

**Goofy/Scoffy DSH**  
**Bby #11644**

Came into the shelter Oct 2002

Scoffy was in the iso room. It was apparent just by looking at the cat that it was not well. [REDACTED] noticed it was dehydrated as his skin would remain standing and not rebound when pinched at the back of his neck. [REDACTED] that it go to the clinic right away for subQ (?) fluids and to be seen by a vet. [REDACTED] The cat was H/D'd. It is a shame that he would have remained to suffer in a kennel if his suffering had not been pointed out.

**Was Scoffy given the five essential freedoms?**





**Annie DLH**

**Bby #11873**

**Came into the shelter as a stray Nov 2002 and is currently in foster care.**

Sat Nov 2002 the cat looked odd and the jaw appeared to be off. She was drooling and her tongue was out. Her assessment forms showed that she hadn't produced any stool for 4 days and her eating was spotty. She was given tonic lax assuming it was a constipation problem.

the staff into the room to look at it suggesting that it looked as though it had a broken jaw came in and one tested the jaw and said it was most likely an old injury....made an appointment to go to the clinic on Tues Nov 12 the cat had a HUGE seizure and took it to Veterinary Clinic. There it was discovered that the jaw was broken in 2 different places. She had surgery to correct it that night. Her jaw was wired shut for 2 months.

See picture

**Was Annie given the five essential freedoms?**



## Shadow DSH

Bby #9968

Came into the shelter in Feb 2002 and is currently in foster care

He was returned to the shelter from foster care in Dec 2002. He was SEVERELY matted only on the dorsal surface. It was very painful and he didn't want to be touched. No one at the shelter bothered with him to a private groomer on Dec 2002 shaved his back and bathed him also commented that he may have a thyroid problem as DHS cats shouldn't be matted that way reported this to the staff No note was made of it reported concern again on the weekend reported the SSx of hypothyroidism and an appointment was made for him at the SPCA clinic but it was cancelled. He had dull dry flakey skin with severe dandruff and very bad matte. His coat was also dull and greasy. In general he is dull and lethargic and very overweight. He then became very ill and placed him into foster care and

See pictures.

**Was Shadow given the five essential freedoms?**



## Pregnant mother

Bby #

On the w/e, the staff noticed a cat who had been in iso for one week was not doing well [REDACTED]. The cat was pregnant extremely skinny and was losing her hair in large clumps. Her kennel was literally full of hair clumps. When we told the staff member doing the daily assessment [REDACTED] commented [REDACTED] didn't even notice her. When we took her out to show him the missing fur [REDACTED] wouldn't even approach or touch her. She was also having difficulty eating as every time she put her head into her bowl she would begin to cough uncontrollably. Rather than being seen at the clinic for this, she was put into the shelter iso [REDACTED] that she go to the clinic immediately and [REDACTED] took her in. She was immediately H/D'd as it was discovered she had a heart murmur and thus had congestive heart failure and every time she put her head down to eat she would begin to cough. The cat couldn't eat even if she had wanted to. Why was a cat that was so sick to be immediately HD'd left at the shelter so long?

See pictures

**Was she given the five essential freedoms?**



## Ladybird

Bby rabbit #11342

██████████ and immediately noticed a rabbit sitting in a cage up for adoption. ██████████ her left eye had yellow ██████████ inside it and that her pupil was blown. She was also lame in her hind legs. She wasn't even looked at but was just put in a cage up for adoption. ██████████ treated her at ██████████ Her lens is subluxated.

See picture

**Was Ladybird given the five essential freedoms?**





**Ellie**

**Bby rabbit #11230**

Rabbit was surrendered with a broken leg and immediately put up for adoption with no vet check. I took her to vet [redacted] and her femur was fractured.

See picture of x-ray. Does anyone care???

**Was Ellie given the five essential freedoms?**



**Regan**  
**Bby rabbit #12111**

█ came into the shelter █ noticed a rabbit in a cage and that her ankle was broken █ could take her to █ vet immediately as it was unacceptable that she was sitting in a shelter in a cage. Her ankle was fractured and the joint was severely infected. She had been at the shelter for 2 days and █ had seen her on the day before and recommended that she be seen by the clinic, yet █ left her at the shelter when █ returned to the clinic. This was a Friday, no appointment was made for her to go into the clinic and the Monday following was █ so chances are she wouldn't have been seen before █ Unacceptable!!!!

See picture of x-ray. You can actually see the infection on the x-ray.

**Was Regan given the five essential freedoms?**



**Bugsy****Bby rabbit #11980**

Surrendered to the shelter Nov [REDACTED] 2002

[REDACTED] saw the rabbit in the cage and [REDACTED] picked him up [REDACTED] he couldn't walk properly because his nails were the longest nails [REDACTED] seen on an animal [REDACTED] showed all the staff who didn't really seem concerned. One staff person even said, "Yeah I noticed it but [REDACTED]" then walked away to do something else. They were at least 2 inches or longer [REDACTED] cut the nails. It was obvious that they had been that way for some time as his toes are permanently turned sideways. To top it all off, he was covered in fleas and thus unable to scratch himself or relieve himself of the itching [REDACTED] in foster care.

**Was Bugsy given the five essential freedoms?****Teardrop****Bby rabbit #11716**

Surrendered Oct [REDACTED] 2002

This bunny was extremely filthy and urine scalded [REDACTED] into foster care to bathe him and to treat the urine burns. He was also covered in fleas and was placed in the cat room, up for adoption without a second thought.

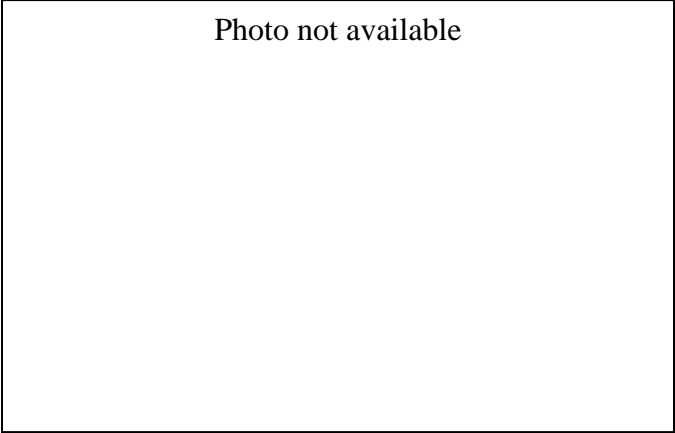
**Was Teardrop given the five essential freedoms? The SPCA failed to act.****White White****Bby rabbit #11870**

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He was extremely urine burned and [REDACTED] his genital area was extremely inflamed [REDACTED] him into foster care [REDACTED] his penis and genitals were swollen and his penis continually hangs out, unable to retract, thus causing him a great deal of pain [REDACTED] has records of this.

**Was White White given the five essential freedoms?**

**Neo**

**Bby rabbit #12118**

Recently neutered [REDACTED] Neo, was transported so poorly that his kennel was overturned on the way back to the shelter from the clinic. His box was placed in the back of the van where it over turned. How can an animal fresh out of surgery be treated in such a manner? Why could it not have been seat belted in the front seat? Or is he just a rabbit? **Was Neo given the five essential freedoms?**

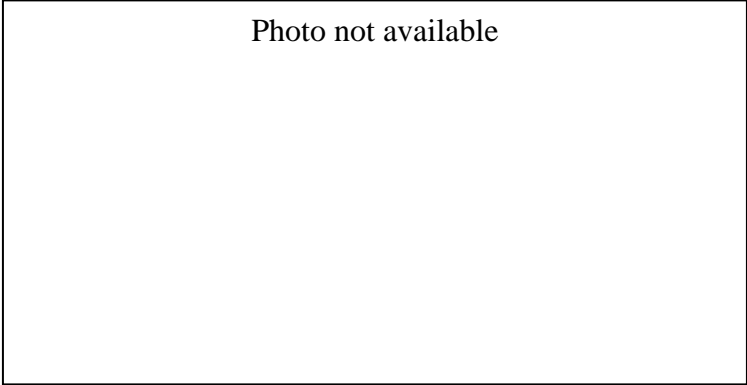


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**Charger Greater Swiss Mountain Dog  
Bby #12136**



For Charger's entire stay at the Burnaby shelter [REDACTED] reported that he had very sore ankles. His ankle joints look almost like rheumatoid arthritis would in a human. They were very red, swollen and raw. During the time we've been with him, they have cracked open even more. He favored them during his walk and did not want to lay down or sit so that there is pressure on them. He also did NOT want anyone to touch them. He also had a sore in his mouth that was reported and recorded by a staff member a week earlier. He was going to be adopted out on Sat Jan 4<sup>th</sup> but was not allowed to be adopted out until he was sent into the clinic. The potential adopters said they would adopt him and take him to the vet on that very day. Again they were denied. There are also many others wanting to adopt this dog. We were concerned that the dog had to go with sore legs for another 3 days but we were relieved that he was at least going to be checked out. Due to the fact that he didn't go to the clinic, he had to sit in a shelter rather than a new home.

A staff member made an appointment with the clinic and a call was also made on the computer [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] didn't feel he needed to go to the clinic.

**Note:** To date, Charger's legs are still not healed despite his second course of antibiotics. The diagnosis is yet to be made.



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**Lucas American Bull...**  
**Bby #11933**

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After dog walking, we reported that Lucas was having trouble breathing. It was apparent that his breathing was labored as we could hear the wheezing inside his lungs with a stethoscope. His posture also indicated that he was having difficulty breathing. We took him to the AEC and despite any discharge, he was diagnosed with kennel cough. They wouldn't take him into the clinic and sent him back. They gave us 2 days worth of antibiotics (2 tabs BID) and **we were told that he should be seen by the clinic immediately the following day and to get more medications.** No appt was made for him and the foster parents took him in as the staff said there was nothing wrong with him. Soon after, the foster parents had to take him to the SPCA clinic as he became very ill. They were given medications and were asked as to why he hadn't already been treated. What would have happened if he were not put into foster care? Why wasn't an appointment made for him following the AEC's instructions? Why did he not receive any medications?

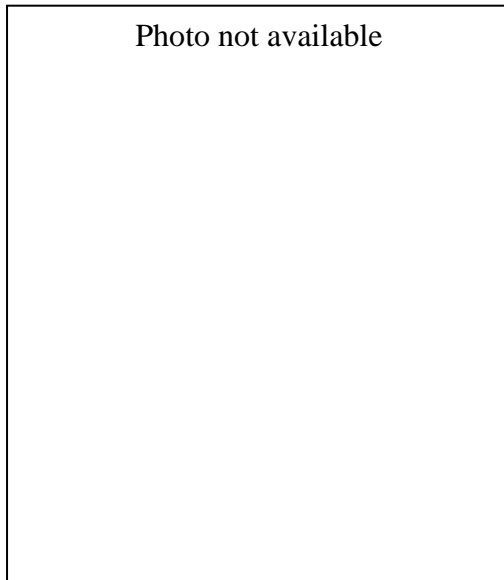
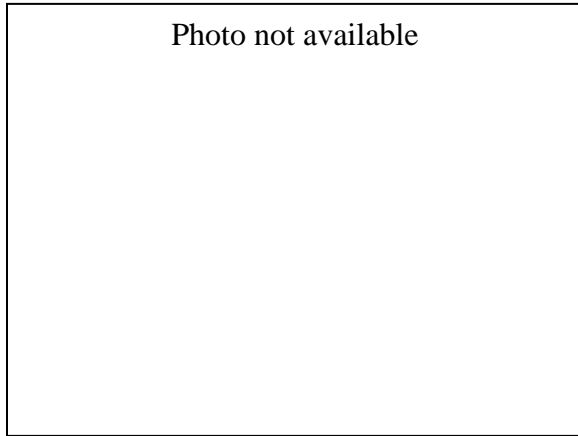
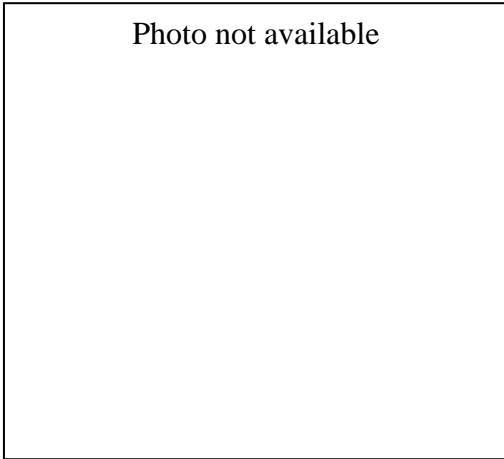
**Was Lucas given the five essential freedoms?**



**Zander Akita cross**  
**Bby #11883**

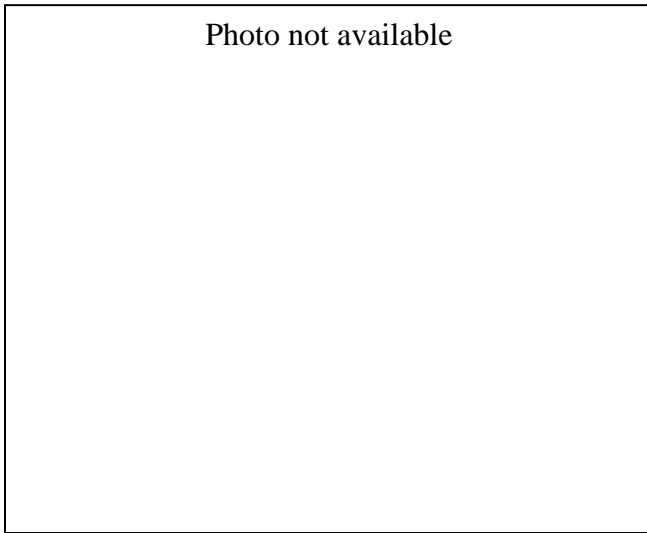
Zander was returned by his adoptive parents on [REDACTED] He had kennel cough. Due to this, we were told to take him into iso but when we got there, we found the kennel was still dirty and had feces in it from the previous dog in iso, Lucas. What type of disease control practice is this?

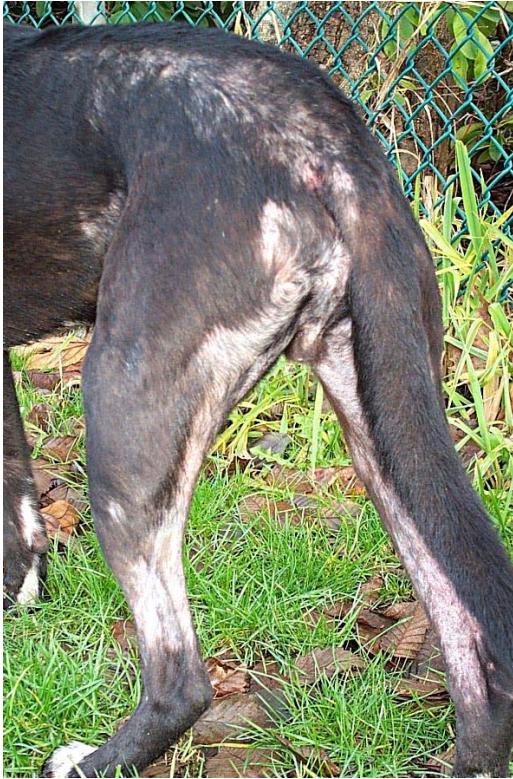
**Was Zander given the five essential freedoms? The SPCA failed to act. No one cared.**



**Buddy**  
**Bby #12345 ?**

Buddy was surrendered to the shelter on Fri Dec █ When we came to walk Buddy on the weekend we noticed that his skin was all inflamed...raw, scabby and he was missing alot of fur. He would NOT let you touch anywhere or his back legs or tail. He even shied away █ went to his back area to try and take a picture. He would try to snap if you went anywhere near it but he NEVER made contact and did not ever try to hurt us. He was only protecting himself █ note for the staff to check his skin and to have him seen and perhaps given something for his discomfort. Finally, on Sunday █ Advantaged him in order to try and do something for him. He had licked himself raw and had the alopecia pattern indicative of a flea allergy so I thought maybe it might help. This week he let us touch his back areas with no problem. It doesn't look as inflamed but the fact is the dog was in discomfort and nothing was done about it. **Eventually Buddy was euthanized.**  
**Was Buddy given the five essential freedoms?**





Note: This is an animal on public display under the care of the SPCA. He is more neglected than some of the recent puppy mill seizures. Unacceptable.









Molson  
Bby#12002

Molson large patches of hair missing from his body. He was never seen by a vet but was seen by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] notes only that he has a large patch of fur missing. Nothing further was done about it. This later posed problems for us as potential adopters wanted to know why he had the fur missing and what it might be. He was placed into foster care, where his foster parent had taken him into her own vet and he was treated.

**Was Molson given the five essential freedoms? The SPCA failed to act. No one cared.**

Sir - German Shepard  
Bby # 12046

Sir, is a GSD who was almost euthanized following his assessment. It was soon after his assessment that we were able to have our concerns listened to with respect to his stiffness and related pain (which no doubt played a part in his assessment results). We brought this forward to ■ who responded the following: ■ is that the dog is in pain. He is very stiff in the morning and has difficulty getting himself off the floor. Because of his advanced age, he is probably arthritic ■ one more day of stress and pain is too much. He should be treated for pain or euthanized. He should not have to spend one more day in this state. He was then taken to the clinic and given Metacam which greatly improved his condition. One week later we discovered that hadn't had any medications all week as they had run out and no one bothered to get more. If the volunteers hadn't pointed this out to the staff, he would have been left un-medicated and again in PAIN. We just dealt with this issue a week prior.

**Was Sir given the five essential freedoms?**

Terrier cross  
Bby #

This terrier came into the Bby shelter on [REDACTED] was brought in as a stray. The man was carrying him into the shelter because he was unable to walk well or stand for long periods of time. The dog was literally a skeleton covered with fur [REDACTED] took the dog from the man, got a blanket and some food and water for it and while it was in the front office being processed [REDACTED] to hold it's hips up so that it could stand to eat [REDACTED] offered to run the dog down to the clinic but was told there was **no rush for him to be sent to the clinic** The dog was then lead off to be put into a kennel. It couldn't walk [REDACTED] suggested that maybe the staff could carry it. [REDACTED]

Two days later, [REDACTED] the dog was unable to stand and was found lying in its own feces. We immediately took it into the AEC. The only instructions left regarding the dog was to give it canned food and TLC. [REDACTED] the staff considered taking it to the clinic but had decided against it since they said it stood up to eat.

At the AEC, it was immediately put onto sub-Q fluids and was assessed by the vet. Later that night, they had to H/D the dog as it was in critical distress, rating a 3/3 on the suffering scale.

**Was the terrier given the five essential freedoms?**









This is how we found the dog, lying in his kennel in his own feces [REDACTED] Apparently the staff felt there was “no rush” for this dog to be seen at the clinic. This was an animal on public display under the care of the SPCA. Unacceptable.





What do you think the member of the public would think about the care this animal received while in the care of the SPCA?

Chances are he brought the animal in thinking it would be treated, looked after and provided the FIVE ESSENTIAL FREEDOMS.