

Asked by:

Member for Great Slave

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Actions to Improve Animal Welfare in the Northwest Territories

The NWT Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (NWTSPCA) intakes animals from across the territory, re-homing and caring for them in the interim, and organizes spaying, neutering and vaccination clinics across many communities.

The benefits extend far beyond the lives of the animals themselves and can contribute to humaneness and public safety such as preventing unintended litters people are unprepared to care for and thereby creating stray animals and preventing the spread of zoonotic diseases like rabies.

My questions are to the Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs:

1. Can the Minister provide details on the age of the *Dog Act*, and related policy and Committee work that has been conducted on this piece of legislation over the past five years?
2. Can the Minister provide information on relevant amendments and updates that have been made to the *Dog Act* since its inception?
3. Can the Minister work with communities to provide estimates of amounts spent by community governments on the enforcement of the *Dog Act* over the past five years?
4. Can the Minister provide details on its work with community governments, including the support provided to community governments, on the creation and enforcement of community by-laws related to the *Dog Act*.