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Sent: Monday, April 8, 2019 6:55 PM
To: Monica Hawkins
Subject: Ministry of the Solicitor General - Animal Welfare Survey

Dear Municipal Chief Administrative Officers,

The Ontario government is exploring options to ensure appropriate measures are in place to provide animals with the protections they deserve and that Ontarians expect.

Recently, the Superior Court of Justice recently provided a ruling on *Bogaerts v. Attorney General of Ontario* that will affect the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) Act, which is the province's main legislation related to animal welfare. While the Ontario government is appealing this decision, our government intends to strengthen and improve animal welfare.

The OSPCA and the Ontario government have entered into an agreement, whereby the OSPCA will continue to enforce animal welfare laws in Ontario until June 28, 2019.

To inform our next steps, my ministry will survey municipalities regarding the current landscape of animal welfare enforcement, including details of bylaws and existing partnerships. Municipalities are important partners in developing an approach that ensures effective enforcement, is transparent and accountable, and ultimately improves the animal welfare system across Ontario.

We are asking for your input by **April 24, 2019** to ensure we have the information needed to support our development of a new animal welfare model. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Patricia Liaw, Senior Policy Advisor in the Strategic Policy, Research and Innovation Division at patricia.liaw@ontario.ca. Thank you for taking the time to provide your input through this survey.

I look forward to hearing more from municipalities as we move forward with this important and crucial work.

Sincerely,

Mario Di Tommaso
Deputy Minister

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