

Michèle,

Thank you for your correspondence on animal welfare, and for World Animal Protection's advocacy to protect animals and improve their living conditions. We have heard from Islanders and stakeholders that more needs to be done to improve animal welfare on Prince Edward Island. Below I have provided answers to your questions:

**1. Would your party support regulations to prohibit interactions between people and wild animals that pose a risk to public health and/or safety or cannot be done humanely?**

Yes, and this work would be done in consultation with our Chief Public Health Office and animal welfare groups.

**2. Would your party support regulations to restrict the trade, keeping and breeding of exotic wild animals as pets, in cases where these animals either cannot be kept humanely or may pose a threat to public health and safety or the environment?**

Yes.

**3. Would your party commit to implement the recommendations of the 2021 PEI Animal Welfare report developed by the Department of Agriculture and Land?**

Yes, we would commit to the implementation of the report's recommendations. Additionally, a Green government would strengthen our provincial animal protection policies and enforcement, which would be led by an office of animal welfare housed within the Department of Justice and Public Safety. The scope of this review would include regulation of animal breeding (e.g. puppy mills) which is not adequately controlled. It would also look at trapping rules to make sure pets can be kept safe.

Best wishes,



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Leader of the Green Party of PEI