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Sent by email:michelehamers@worldanimalprotection.ca

Re: Ontario Progressive Conservative's 2022 Election Priorities – Animal Welfare

Dear Michele,

Thank you for your letter addressed to the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party.

Ontario's Progressive Conservatives are the only party that can get things done and we are proud of our record over the last four years doing exactly that. In 2019, under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government established the Provincial Animal Services (PAWS) Act, the very first provincial animal welfare enforcement system in Canada.

While there has been lots of progress on our made-in-Ontario animal welfare model, important regulations related to this legislation can not be rushed. The PAWS Act enables the potential development of future regulations that can prohibit the possession or breeding of certain animals, this, as you are aware, includes captive wildlife regulations.

We will continue to be the only party that has said 'yes' to pet owners and lovers across Ontario and if elected, we will continue to work in consultation with the PAWS Advisory Table and other stakeholders on any future prohibitions and restrictions.

Thank you once again for taking the time to write to the Ontario Progressive Conservatives. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out again in the future.

Sincerely,

Ontario PC Campaign