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January 30, 2025

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)
BC SPCA Provincial Office
Attn: Mr. Craig Daniell, CEO
1245 East 7th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5T 1R1

Dear Mr. Daniell,

Re: Urgent Request for Clarification and Intervention Regarding the Humane Killing of Ostriches should that happen.

I am writing to express grave concerns regarding the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's (CFIA) plan to cull 400 ostriches in Edgewood, BC, on February 1, 2025. As President of the Kelowna Citizens Safety Association, I am seeking your expert guidance and immediate intervention under the BC Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act to ensure that the methods used are humane and comply with animal welfare standards.

It has come to my attention that your organization has suggested shooting as a potentially humane method for euthanizing ostriches. If this indeed reflects the SPCA's stance, I urge you to provide a clear justification for how this aligns with humane treatment standards. Additionally, I request clarification on the measures in place to mitigate distress among the remaining flock during this process.

Ostriches are highly social, intelligent creatures that form strong bonds within their groups. It is well-documented that the trauma and stress experienced by these animals when witnessing the harm or death of their companions can have profound psychological impacts. How can the use of such methods possibly be viewed as humane, given the inherent distress it will cause to the flock?

As the organization responsible for enforcing animal welfare standards in British Columbia, I respectfully request that the SPCA:

1. Conduct a thorough review of the proposed culling methods to ensure full compliance with the humane practices mandated by the BC Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. This involves discussions with CIFA.
2. Assign SPCA representatives to be present on-site on February 1, 2025, to monitor and enforce the humane treatment of these animals.
3. Support and request a 30 day stay of execution.

Furthermore, I request a direct response regarding the proposed use of firearms to euthanize 400 ostriches, specifically whether this method complies with the humane euthanasia standards set by the BC Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. Please provide a detailed justification for this approach under the law, and outline the humane euthanasia practices approved by the SPCA.

Your intervention is crucial to prevent unnecessary suffering and uphold the rights of these sentient animals. I urge you to oppose this culling and request that the Minister declare a 30-day stay of execution. As you do not have a direct email, please instruct your staff to ensure correspondence is copied to you.

I look forward to your immediate response and action from the SPCA to guarantee the humane treatment of these Ostriches.

Sincerely,

Your Signature

[Your Full Name]

[Your Affiliation, if applicable]