



Changes to Animal Cruelty Enforcement and Reporting

As of June 29, 2019 the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) will no longer be investigating nor enforcing animal cruelty laws. Ontario's solicitor general has launched a new 24 hour animal cruelty hotline as well as named a new Chief Inspector to over-see a temporary anti-cruelty enforcement regime. The temporary anti-cruelty enforcement regime will include a team of police officers with expertise in inspecting zoos, aquariums, horses and livestock. The new regime will be led by Ontario Provincial Police Inspector Paula Milne as the new Chief.

The OSPCA will assist and support OPP officers as they enforce animal cruelty laws.

Ontario is developing new animal cruelty laws and the new legislation is expected to be introduced in fall 2019.

Ontario residents can call 1-833-9ANIMAL with cruelty concerns 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.