



Canada  
Province of British Columbia  
A Proclamation

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom,  
Canada and Her other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the  
Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

**To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting**

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia recognizes that the health, safety and well-being of all animals is vital, and believes that the prevention of cruelty to animals is a matter of humanity and not just a matter of legislation, and

WHEREAS British Columbia leads the country with the toughest penalties for anyone proven responsible for harming an animal, and

WHEREAS the lives of 56 sled dogs were lost on April 23, 2010, and

WHEREAS by working together and sharing information on how to prevent, recognize and report signs of animal abuse, British Columbians can help protect all animals from abuse and neglect, and

WHEREAS awareness of the connection between animal abuse and human violence can help protect those who are vulnerable;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that April 23, 2021, shall be known as

**“Animal Abuse Prevention Day”**

in the Province of British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this fifteenth day of April, two thousand twenty-one and in the seventieth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General and  
Minister Responsible for Housing  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

Lieutenant Governor