



Ask your Premier to stop the sale
of lost pets to research



Laurie and her elderly companion Royal. Royal was
killed by researchers hours after he went missing.



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Personalized, hand-written letters are best, or you can use our draft letter below to send a letter by post, fax or email.

NOTE: As Ontario has the Animals for Research Act, there is a separate letter to send to Premier Doug Ford (on page 4).

This is the sample letter for you to send to your Premier:

Dear Premier,

Subject: Our pets need your help! Please stop researchers from taking our lost pet cats and dogs for experimentation.

In just 5 years (from 2012 – 2016), over 86,000 pet dogs and cats from across Canada, were used for research in Canada. They're subjected to a life of pain and suffering and eventually killed. Families search for their lost pets – not knowing that researchers have taken them. It's not fair and it needs to end.

The Canadian Federation of Humane Societies supports Animal Alliance of Canada's No Pets in Research position (Pierre Sadik, Policy and Legislative Affairs, CFHS December 15, 2017). And, I'd like you to support it as well and use your power to stop researchers acquiring pets in your province.

Researchers will tell you that the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) is responsible for the welfare of animals used for research in Canada. However, the CCAC is a voluntary body. Privately funded research and testing facilities are not required to join the CCAC and therefore they do not report the number and species of animals used, the purpose for which they are used and the level of invasiveness of the research. In addition, despite receiving public funds, the CCAC is exempt from Access to Information and provides very little information on its web site about registered research institutions and the requirement to reduce the numbers of animals used. In fact, as opposed to reducing the number of animals, the CCAC oversaw an increase of over one million animals from 2008 to 2009, a number which has persisted every year since. The number of pet dogs and cats used for research has increased as well. The CCAC is made up of 22 member organizations, the vast majority having interests in animal based research. All members of the CCAC Animal Care Committees are subject to confidentiality agreements and have no avenue to resolve disputes.

Several countries including Great Britain, Sweden and the Netherlands have prohibited the use of pets for research. And, progressive Canadian cities like Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto, Oshawa, Clarington and Vancouver have also banned the practice. In Ontario, many cities are defying the law – Ontario’s Animals for Research Act – that mandates the sale of pet cats and dogs to researchers.

In the United States, Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, John Hopkins University and all New York City, Boston and Washington D.C. based research institutions do not use pet dogs and cats for research. There is no justification for researchers taking our lost pets.

Public trust and confidence in our pounds and shelters and our entire pet rescue networks is severely compromised when the public can’t trust municipalities to care for their lost pets.

Please use your position to ensure that our lost pet dogs and cats find loving homes and are not incarcerated in laboratory cages for cruel experiments.

I look forward to your response.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Our pets need your help. Please amend the Animals for Research Act to stop researchers taking our lost pet cats and dogs.

Ontario is one of Canada's largest users of pet dogs and cats in experimentation and you have the power to protect them from a life of pain, suffering and death at the hands of the researchers.

Over 4,700 of our lost pet cats and dogs are taken by researchers each year according to government statistics. Under the Animals for Research Act, it's the law. Researchers acquire cats for as little as \$2 and dogs for as little as \$6. The Act protects researchers rather than the families who are looking for their lost pets. It's archaic and needs to stop.

It's no wonder that Ontario residents struggle to find their lost pets when they can be sold to a research facility anywhere in Ontario. It's not fair to families or their pets.

As Premier you can make a simple amendment to the Animals for Research Act to ensure that families and their pets won't suffer. It won't cost a thing and it will prove to families that you care about them.

I look forward to your response. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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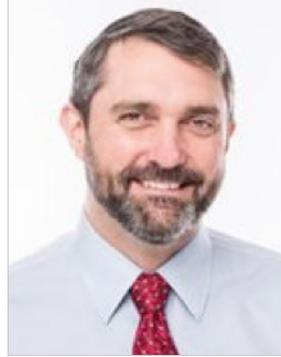
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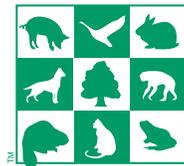
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to end the taking of pet cats and dogs
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