

# Press release



## A victory for SPA Canada

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### **Owners of Outaouais puppy mill Paws R Us plead guilty to accusations of animal cruelty**

The owners of the Clarendon puppy mill Paws R Us, shut down on September 16, pled guilty to 17 charges of animal cruelty. Thanks in large part to the pressure of SPA Canada members and leaders, MAPAQ has decided to take action with regard to these puppy mills. In result, Paws R Us had over 600 of its dogs seized.

SPA Canada has also been lobbying the government to introduce legislation in Québec to prohibit the sale of cats and dogs in pet shops, a practice that inevitably results in an unacceptable number of pets being abandoned. Cats and dogs are bought on a whim, only to end up dead or in municipal or city pounds.

"We hope that this action from the MAPAQ will be but one of many" stated Gabriel Villeneuve, Campaign Coordinator with SPA Canada, which has been lobbying MAPAQ to take any sort of positive action in this regard. "The events involving Paws R Us are indeed a victory, but there are many other such battles to be won. SPA Canada needs the public's support."

We greatly need the public's help. This help - donations, toys, blankets, etc. - has been extremely generous thus far. However, we still need you.

"Become a SPA Canada member. This allows us to lobby on your behalf, and in so doing, magnifies the organization's potential impact with the government," added Mr. Villeneuve. "Our goal? To close every puppy mills and help draft stricter laws dedicated to the protection of animals."

SPA Canada will be happy to grant media interviews.

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