

Press release



**For animals at the Berger Blanc,
death occurs every day,
not just on Halloween.**

For immediate release

**Demonstration in Montreal against for-profit pounds and the Berger Blanc
Mayor of Hochelaga-Maisonneuve, Réal Ménard and our spokespersons Patricia Tulasne, Georges Laracque and Marc-André Labrosse will be present to make speeches.**

More than six months ago, the Society for the Protection of Animals (SPA) Canada declared war on pounds thanks to the operation at Berger Blanc and the April 2011 Radio Canada broadcast of the horrors that were perpetrated there. After two Montreal boroughs announced that they would not renew their contracts with Berger Blanc last May, the Tremblay administration reacted mildly by informing their citizens that it intended to sanction them by issuing fines to owners of non-sterilized animals. At the same time, still nothing has been done about the torture of animals and the 30 000 animals which are taken in on the territory of Montreal every year. This is especially alarming given the fact that the responsibility for a surprising number of abandoned animals in Quebec falls, in part, on the government which refuses to properly legislate the problem so that the non-controlled breeding of dogs and the sale of non-sterilized animals are made illegal. Also, here in Quebec, we enjoy the highest concentration of puppy mills in North America because our leaders give the green light to the breeders.

Following many protests in front of the City Hall and the office of Jean Charest, as well as two simultaneous protests in many big cities in Quebec numbering thousands of sympathizers to the animal cause, our organization has noted, with great consternation, the lack of openness of the elected representatives towards the taxpayers. Therefore, we plan, once again, to send a clear message on October 30th: *Put an end to private pounds.*

On the occasion of Halloween, SPA Canada and its spokespersons **Particia Tulasne, Georges Laracque** and **Marc-André Labrosse** (more to be announced) want to proclaim once again that the inaction of the highest government and city authorities contribute to the daily horrors in the private pounds. We hope that the Prime Minister will be haunted by the ghosts of hundreds of thousands of animals which are unnecessarily killed every year in Quebec. Please also note the presence of the Mayor of Hochelaga-Maisonneuve, **Réal Ménard**, who will speak to the crowd. The population and the militants are invited to participate in a 2011 ultimate manifestation, in Montreal, on Sunday, October 30th at 1 p.m. in front of the office of Prime Minister Charest, (2001, av. McGill College, corner with Sherbrook), in order to remind Charest that the time has come for him to remove his ostrich costume.

We are available for interviews.

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