



April 16th, 2019

Canadian Veterinary Medical Association
339 Booth Street
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Attn: AM RHYN, Mr. Jost Chief Executive Officer

Re: Public's voice- Tail Docking, Ear Cropping and Dew Claw removal

(<https://www.change.org/p/association-for-preservation-of-purebred-dogs-public-s-voice-tail-docking-ear-cropping-and-dew-claw-removal>)

As a Purebred dog owner/admirer registered with the Canadian Kennel Club I signed the petition for a scientific study to be undertaken in cooperation with the College of Veterinarian of Ontario and Canadian Kennel Club. As explained in the petition the ABVMA had a chance to partake in this study program as well, but due to communication errors were unable to proceed.

With the 4,222 signatures, a combination of Vet techs, Veterinarians, Groomers, Trainers, Holistic Vets, Breeders and Owners of purebred dogs, it is our hopes that communication is no longer an issue.

Far too much money has been wasted on legal representatives in protecting the animal welfare of Purebred dogs. Money wasted in court that should have been used towards science. Still, today most would rather seek a legal representative or government assistance than actually spending the money where it belongs on a project designed to track the health and wellbeing of Purebred Dogs in relation to the animal husbandry practices known as dew claw removal, ear cropping and tail docking.

It is my hope during CVMA April Council meeting when discussing the revised position statement regarding "**Elective and Non-therapeutic Veterinary Procedures for Cosmetic or Competitive Purposes (formerly Cosmetic Alteration)**" that all CVMA members consider joining the CKC and the CVO in this scientific study program.

YOU the membership of the CVMA have a unique chance to participate in a scientific study program; we all support this endeavour 100% and applaud the CVO for their offer to help start and complete this research. (The role and authority of the provincial licensing bodies is to protect and serve the public interest through the regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine.)

It is our anticipation that with CKC's now supporting memberships and the CVO that we ask the other 11 veterinary licensing bodies to allow their members to participate as well. With all of our Canadian Veterinary Medical association's participation, we believe true progress can be made, in undertaking the research that is so valuable and needed. No emotions, no opinions, no politics just real purebred dogs and Veterinary science.

Due to the sensitive nature of this issue, I request a read receipt to the return address.

Respectfully submitted by Signature: _____

Name:
Address:

Email contact: