



March 17th, 2019

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association
Building #3, Elm Business Park
Suite 104, 9452-51 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T6E 5A6

Attn: Dr. Darrell Dalton- Registrar

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 registered with the Canadian Kennel Club I signed the petition for a scientific study to be undertaken in cooperation with the College of Veterinarians of Ontario and the Association for the Preservation of Purebred Dogs. 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.

It is my hope that during ABVMA's April Council meeting while discussing a possible ban on dew claw removal, tail docking and ear cropping that the members consider joining the CKC and the CVO in this scientific study program. DR. Dalton, you yourself stated that there is no scientific evidence to support these claims.

With the ever-changing climate in animal care laws across our Canadian provinces, it is important that the ABVMA be fully involved in such a study, as to-date little or no research has ever been conducted.

We the membership of the CKC, CVO and the ABVMA have a unique opportunity 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.

APPD looks forward to not only arranging another meeting with CVO and CKC but would like to include the ABVMA as well

It is our hope that with CKC's supporting memberships together with the CVO and possibly the ABVMA that progress can be made in undertaking the research that is so valuably 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 be sent to the return address.

Respectfully submitted by Signature: _____

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Address:

Email contact: