



March 17th, 2019

College of Veterinarians of Ontario  
2106 Gordon Street  
Guelph, Ontario N1L 1G6

**Attn: Ms. Jan Robinson - Registrar & 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 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. The CKC membership feels that the CKC should do it's very best in supporting the breeds and the breeders that take time to health test, title and register their dogs all at their own expense.

As stated in the CKC's mission and value statement. "A dedication to and love of, purebred dogs with a commitment to the on-going improvement in the health and well being of all dogs."  
Any further banning of dew claw removal, tail docking or ear cropping prevents necessary research from ever being done.

**Response from our CEO of the CKC. Lance Novak**

"In response to your questions, a research and communication plan specific for the purpose of a study to prove the positive (or negative) impacts of these procedures is not supported or resourced within the CKC strategic or business plans."

With the ever-changing climate in animal care laws across our Canadian provinces, it is important that the CKC is fully involved with such a study, to date little or no research has ever been conducted that in itself has severely impacted our breeds' health.

We the membership of the CKC and CVO 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.

The Canadian Kennel Club can continue to further help its membership by not only giving recommendations, understanding, help and guidance but also coordinating a special team dedicated to this intense study, as it is a canine-related endeavour based on the 175 different breeds recognized by the CKC.

APPD looks forward to arranging another meeting with CVO and CKC accompanied by our Canadian breed club representatives this year.

It is our hope that with CKC's now supporting members 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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