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Via email: apester@animaljustice.ca

Re: Response to Concerns with Nova Scotia Stampede

Dear Alexandra Pester:

Thank you for your letter dated September 18, 2024. The Nova Scotia *Animal Protection Act* (APA) does not prohibit animals being used for entertainment purposes.

The Department of Agriculture Inspection Services team has been in contact with the event planners for the Nova Scotia Stampede and will visit and monitor the animals at the off-site location where they will be housed when not at the event site. The Farm Animal Welfare Veterinarian and an Inspector will be on-site around the pens and chutes where the animals are held and moved through prior and during the event. Treatment, movement and wellbeing of the animals will be monitored and assessed. It is our understanding that a veterinarian hired by the event organizers will also be on site to provide emergency care if it is required.

I appreciate your concerns and thank you for reaching out to us to inquire as to the farm animal welfare plans related to this event.

Yours Truly,



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