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Thank you to the NWT SPCA for the opportunity to answer these questions and for all the amazing work you do for the animals of the Northwest Territories!

- 1. The NWT is in second last place regarding Animal Protection Laws. Animal abuse and neglect continues throughout the Territory with few charges and even less convictions. How will you promote and work toward better animal rights in the Territory?**

The GNWT should undertake a full review of the Dog Act that incorporates engagement with affected stakeholders including the NWT SPCA. We need to ensure the act is clear when it comes to what constitutes abuse and considers working animals such as dog teams.

- 2. Northern Communities are continually asking the NWT SPCA for help regarding animal care, supplying pet food and removal of unwanted or nuisance dogs. It is important to the health and safety of their neighbourhoods. The NWT SPCA helps members and community governments by sending pet food as well as removing dogs from their community. The alternative is starvation and shootings as a means of control. Will you support the NWT SPCA and advocate for Annual Core Funding from the GNWT so the organization can continue its many programs and necessary services to assist NWT Communities?**

I, 100%, support Annual Core Funding for the NWT SPCA and have included this as a point in my platform under Community. I have had the great fortune of spending time with the amazing volunteers and board from the NWT SPCA, as well as volunteer at the shelter with my Pathfinder (Girl Guides) unit. The work that they do, with no guaranteed funding, is amazing and they are dedicating their lives to this work. It is time we provide them with adequate funding to hire a permanent operations manager, or whatever use they see fit, in order to free up the volunteer board to do the things that boards are supposed to do like strategic planning and fundraising. It should not rest on the shoulders of the volunteer board to ensure the shelter stays open, especially considering the caseload and the impact they have on the communities and in Yellowknife, that would otherwise be borne by the GNWT.

- 3. Most Northern Communities have limited access to vet care. It is a major reason for the over population and the suffering of thousands of dogs in the North. Communities continue to ask the NWT SPCA to visit their community with the mobile spay and neuter clinics. Will you support funding for the NWT SPCA to increase the number of animal health and wellness clinics in the NWT communities? What steps will you take to ensure this Government support?**

Yes, I would support funding for this initiative in addition to the Annual Core Funding. I believe this work is particularly important as just a few dogs that haven't been spayed or neutered can result in dozens of unwanted animals a year. The NWT SPCA's clinics have proven to be effective in controlling the animal population and are wanted by members of the communities who potentially cannot afford the cost of shipping their pet to Yellowknife for care. If elected, I will advocate for this funding for the NWT SPCA through whatever means available.

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