



November 15, 2019

Ontario Legislature
111 Wellesley St W,
Toronto, ON M7A 1A2

Subject: Repeal of Breed Specific Legislation

Dear MPP Piccini and MPP Nicholls,

As a recognized Canadian authority on purebred dogs and strong proponent of responsible dog ownership, the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) supports your introduction of a Private Member's Bill to repeal Breed Specific Legislation in Ontario.

CKC opposes fear-based breed-specific legislation (BSL) in favour of well-crafted dangerous dog legislation that is reasonable, enforceable and non-discriminatory. We believe that public awareness and education, stronger enforcement of existing bylaws and stiffer penalties for irresponsible owners are more effective at protecting the public.

The CKC is incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act—a federal statute under the auspices of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada—and is responsible for the registration, preservation and promotion of all CKC-recognized dog breeds in Canada. As a national organization, we also provide governance for all CKC approved canine events and speak out on major issues concerning dog ownership, and the health and welfare of dogs across Canada.

The Canadian Kennel Club has been working to affect positive change at the provincial and municipal levels of government in areas such as breed-specific legislation, responsible dog ownership and accountable breeder practices. CKC offers experience with compliance, regulations and best practices. Our Ontario CKC Board Directors and I look forward to meeting you at the official announcement next week.

Sincerely,

Lance Novak
Executive Director