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To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this letter to re-confirm that the Association of Animal Shelter Administrators of Ontario (AASAO) opposes the breed specific legislation portions of the *Dog Owners' Liability Act* and the *Animals for Research Act*. While our members recognize the importance of ensuring that dogs in our province are not dangerous, and that the community is protected, we don't believe there is any convincing evidence that breed bans will accomplish those goals.

We urge the members of the provincial legislature to review and update these laws, and ensure that dogs are judged by their (and their owners') behaviour, and not by their breed. The AASAO would be happy to assist and collaborate on this review.

Sincerely,



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