

## Legislators discuss sow stalls with CCFA, CETFA

CCFA and CETFA led a delegation on February 21 to meet with Manitoba Agriculture Minister Ron Kostyshyn and NDP caucus members of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly to discuss a phase-out of sow stalls in the province by 2017.

The hour-long meeting at the Legislature in Winnipeg included a presentation by CCFA and CETFA, a rep from Winnipeg Humane Society, and a mixed farmer who keeps her sows in groups on straw. The minister was open to further discussions about phasing out sow stalls by 2017 but needs to hear from the public.

Some MLAs indicated they could be convinced to push for a ban if they heard from their constituents on the

issue. **If you live in Manitoba**, please download the **print petition to the House** and write your MLA to request a phase out of sow stalls by 2017. Ask colleagues and family to do the same.

To locate the petition to the Manitoba Legislature:  
<http://helpthepigs.com/documents/petition.pdf>

To locate your Manitoba MLA, visit  
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/legislature/members/alphabetical.html>

CCFA - CETFA discussion paper for NDP caucus  
[http://www.helpthepigs.com/documents/phase\\_out.pdf](http://www.helpthepigs.com/documents/phase_out.pdf)



## Canadian animal exports to UAE and Philippines

The Canadian government has announced exports of breeding dairy animals to the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Two weeks later, the ministers of agriculture and trade announced the export of breeding cattle, goats and sheep to the Philippines.

These federal ministers consider it an economic coup to have advanced animal trade with these, and other nations – the first since the mad cow crisis in 2003.

While Canadian breeding animals are economically valuable, and efforts will no doubt be made to ensure their survival en route, CCFA is concerned about the slaughter of these animals in a few years after their productivity declines.

The UAE is notorious for rough and brutal halal slaughter methods, and Canada will have no say in the fate of these exported animals.

## Hens in the city

A few municipalities in Canada are addressing the question of whether to allow laying hens in city backyards. Vancouver and Victoria voted to allow hens, while Toronto's licensing and standards committee *unanimously* said no to the idea – backed by support from Animal Alliance of Canada and CCFA.



Rescued battery hen at Cedar Row Farm Sanctuary

Toronto is currently facing serious budget cuts, including layoffs to animal services. To add another layer of animal control is neither wise nor humane, a fact Toronto councillors recognized.

### Some issues to consider about hens in the city

- *What will happen to hens when they are ill or no longer wanted?*
- *Will people pay a city veterinarian to treat or kill the hens humanely?*
- *Will untrained, unskilled citizens kill the hens themselves?*
- *If neighbors object to hens in small urban backyards, what will happen to the hens?*

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