



September 26, 2019

File: P1907

**DELIVERED BY EMAIL**

Steven Grande  
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Dear Mr. Grande:

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 DECISION OF THE BC SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (BC SPCA) REGARDING THE SEIZURE OF 1 DOG**

Under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (PCAA)*, a person aggrieved by a seizure decision of the BC SPCA may appeal to the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB).

Section 20.3(2)(b) of the *PCAA* requires appeals from BC SPCA decisions such as the September 20, 2019 review decision related to the dog Beaner to be filed with the British Columbia Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB), complete with filing fee, within four days of the decision. In the interest of timeliness in addressing animal welfare issues, there is no discretion under the *PCAA* to extend the filing time for appeals.

BCFIRB's website sets out the following information on Appeal Time Limits and Calculation of Days:

**Appeal must be received by BCFIRB within four (4) calendar days of you getting the BC SPCA decision....**

To calculate the four (4) days, start counting on the day after you receive the BC SPCA decision. If BCFIRB is not open on the 4th day (e.g. weekend or holiday) the time is extended to the next day the office is open ...

In the September 20, 2019 decision, the BC SPCA advised you of your right to appeal to BCFIRB and noted that "the appeal is time sensitive and must be received within four days from receipt of this decision" and provided BCFIRB's telephone and email contact information.

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The BCFIRB office received your notice of appeal by email on September 25, 2019 at 4:03pm. Four calendar days from September 20, 2019 results in a deadline for receipt of your notice of appeal of 4:30 p.m., September 24, 2019.

Given the foregoing and that your appeal was not received by this office on the required date of September 24, 2019, your appeal of the September 20, 2019 decision was not received in time and cannot be accepted.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA FARM INDUSTRY REVIEW BOARD**

**Per**



Kirsten Pedersen  
Executive Director/Registrar

cc: Marcie Moriarty  
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BC Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals