Petition to ban dog and cat fur goes live on Parliamentary site
National non-profit calls on all Canadians to sign petition

HAMILTON – The importation and sale of dog and cat fur to Canada could soon be a footnote in the history books if Canadians sign onto a parliamentary petition, says a national non-profit.

The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals (The Fur-Bearers) initiated the petition this week, which was sponsored by MP Don Davies. Within the first 24 hours of it going live on the new House of Commons ePetition website, over 1,000 Canadians had signed.

"The United States, United Kingdom, the European Union, and Australia have all prohibited the importation and sale of dog and cat fur, but Canada has yet to take action," says Michael Howie, spokesperson for The Fur-Bearers. "Considering how many of us look to our cats and dogs as members of the family, it's unfathomable that our political leadership would not take the advice of so many Canadians and immediately ban the sale of dog and cat fur."

In many countries, cats and dogs (including raccoon dogs, who are a member of the canine family) are inhumanely raised and ultimately slaughtered for their meat and fur. This practice and how the fur makes its way to Canada and other nations has been well documented by many organizations and media outlets, including the Toronto Star.

"There is no reason to not take action against the importation of dog and cat fur," Howie adds. "But the furry animals we share our homes with are each a reason that our government should take action today."

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