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Dear Premier Wynne,

I am writing to ask that you amend the *Animals for Research Act* to ban the use of lost pets from Ontario municipal pounds and shelters from animal experimentation and to ban the import of lost, stray or abandoned pets for experimentation from other provinces in Canada.

Every year thousands of dogs and cats like the ones in these pictures are taken or purchased from municipal pounds and used for experimental purposes. They are subjected to a life of pain and suffering and eventually killed. Between 2002 and 2011, 3639 lost or abandoned dogs and 3824 lost or abandoned cats were sent from municipal pounds in Ontario to research laboratories.

The practice, known as **pound seizure**, is widespread across Canada. As you know, the *Animals For Research Act* makes this practice the law in this province! Ontario is now the only province, in all of Canada, where pound seizure is mandated.

Dogs and cats who end up in municipal pounds deserve a second chance at life in loving homes, not as numbered research subjects in cold and sterile laboratory cages. Because of the *Act*, many of our municipal animal shelters which are funded by our tax dollars have become little more than warehouses for the animals. These facilities now supply cheap and friendly animals for research, instead of finding these animals permanent loving homes.

There is no doubt that public trust and confidence in these facilities is severely compromised. Several countries including Great Britain, Sweden and the Netherlands have prohibited this cruel and archaic practice. Indeed, progressive Canadian cities like Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto, Oshawa, Clarington and Vancouver have also banned the practice. This is why it is imperative that you to take a stand against pound seizure and make it illegal in all of Ontario.

Your government must send a clear message that homeless pets need to be in homes, not laboratory cages. I look forward to getting a response from you.

Sincerely,

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