

## Don Jaque for Thebacha

1. The NWT is in second last place regarding Animal Protection Laws. Animal abuse and neglect continues throughout the Territory with few charges and even less convictions. How will you promote and work toward better animal rights in the Territory?

Animal abuse, cruelty and neglect is not acceptable and laws in place to prevent that should be enforced in every community. As MLA I will work to ensure that such laws are enforced with consequences.

2. Northern Communities are continually asking the NWT SPCA for help regarding animal care, supplying pet food and removal of unwanted or nuisance dogs. It is important to the health and safety of their neighbourhoods. The NWT SPCA helps members and community governments by sending pet food as well as removing dogs from their community. The alternative is starvation and shootings as a means of control. Will you support the NWT SPCA and advocate for Annual Core Funding from the GNWT so the organization can continue its many programs and necessary services to assist NWT Communities?

Dogs at large in small communities are dangerous to small children. Programs need to be in place at all times to prevent that, especially when dog team dogs, which are only partially domesticated, are common in a community. The current means of dealing with that - shooting dogs when they are at large and start to run in packs - is a last resort. I will support preventative programs such as spay and neuter and other SPCA programs and core funding needed for those.

3. Most Northern Communities have limited access to vet care. It is a major reason for the over population and the suffering of thousands of dogs in the North. Communities continue to ask the NWT SPCA to visit their community with the mobile spay and neuter clinics. Will you support funding for the NWT SPCA to increase the number of animal health and wellness clinics in the NWT communities? What steps will you take to ensure this Government support?

Yes I will support those programs.