

## **Kieron Testart - Kam Lake**

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?

One of the things Kam Lake is most known for are the many dog kennels and veterinarian services that call the riding home. Though Kam Lakers ensure their animals are well-cared for there is still a real need to update the NWT's existing animal protection laws to bring them into the modern era. I would gladly support a review of Animal Protection Laws, such as the Dog Act last amended in 2011, involving the public and organizations such as the NWT SPCA to ensure that our laws are up to date and working as intended for the protection of animal members of our families.

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?

Yes. The NWT SPCA has proven its worth to our communities through its advocacy and service in providing animal care in the territories. In the 18th Assembly, many Kam Lake constituents reached out to me and advocated for core funding support for the NWT SPCA and I supported new funding in my last term. I continue to support core funding for the NWT SPCA and will make it a priority if I am re-elected.

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, in addition to core funding to stabilize the operations of the NWT SPCA, I further commit to support to additional funding to provide mobile spay and neuter clinics to NWT communities.