

Election kills animal transport bill

Bill C-468, which calls for shorter transport times for animals, died on the government's Order Paper when the election was called. The bill called for a maximum of 12 hours transport time for ruminants (cattle, sheep and goats) and eight hours for monogastric animals (poultry, pigs and horses). MP Alexandra Mendes (Brossard-La Prairie) tabled the Private Member's Bill with support from MPs Frank Valeriote and Alex Atamanenko.

Despite more than a decade of *talking* about much-needed revisions to existing transport regulations, no

Better reporting from CFIA

Starting March 17, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency became more transparent when it began publishing information on its website about its compliance and enforcement activities.

Included are notices of suspensions, cancellations and reinstatement of licenses for **federally inspected slaughter plants**, and notices of violations with warning and penalties, including identifying repeat offenders of **animal transport regulations**.



credit: Twyla Francois, CETFA

Ontario egg wars heat up, along with allegations

Jim Romahn, a long time agricultural journalist, has been writing a sizzling blog about ongoing legal battles occurring in Ontario's egg industry. Lawsuits, employee whistle blowing, allegations of food safety violations, and other issues involving Ontario's largest egg graders, L.H. Gray and Burnbrae, have been reported.

To read the blog, see <http://agri007.blogspot.com/>.

action has been taken by the federal government.

Thousands of Canadians signed CCFA's petition in support of shorter transport times. The **petition is still valid** and can be signed and submitted to your Member of Parliament to read into the House of Commons. See <http://humanefood.ca/petition.html>.

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Growing Forward 2 – Canada's 5-year ag policy

Speak your mind about farm animal welfare, by commenting on the government's recently published agricultural policy paper, **Growing Forward 2** (GF2), available at <http://tinyurl.com/3q266on>

This policy will be in affect for the next five years, so it's important to have a say. To complete a questionnaire about the policy, click: <http://tinyurl.com/3bosjen>, or **email your comments** to gf2@ontario.ca by May 31.

Cage-free restaurant campaign moving ahead

A wonderful CCFA volunteer, Jenn Demers, has been busy contacting restaurants, catering companies and cooking schools across Toronto, about committing to using only organic or cage-free eggs in their menu items.

Delicious Knowledge, Hearty Catering, Cameros Organic Eatery and *Arvinda's Indian Cooking School* have taken the cage-free pledge, rejecting cruel battery eggs. Please contact us at info@humanefood.ca if you think a food service supplier in your area would adopt a cage-free policy. We will put you in touch with Jenn.



CCFA welcomes...

CCFA Director Taunya Ahier (who sends the CCFA newsletter) is the proud new mother of Oates, born March 3, weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces. Dad Michael Bordynuik is a director of Animal Alliance of Canada. CCFA welcomes this new animal activist!

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