

Private Members Bill on animal transport tabled in Parliament

October 28 was a red-letter day for CCFA's animal transport campaign! MP Alexandra Mendes (*Liberal, Brossard-La Prairie*) tabled a Private Members Bill in the House, calling for a reduction in transport time to eight hours (from the current 36 hours) for poultry, pigs and horses, and 12 hours (from the current 52 hours) for cattle, sheep and goats. Co-signers of the bill (*so far*) include Alex Atamanenko (*NDP, BC Southern Interior*), and Frank Valeriotte (*Liberal, Guelph*).

The MPs participated in a news conference on the Hill featuring five chicken-costumed humans crammed in a minivan with inadequate head room – just as Canadian

poultry endure during transport to slaughter. CCFA worked with Mrs. Mendes' office on the news conference. Canadian Coalition for Farm Animals thanks Animal Alliance of Canada, WSPA Canada, Teresa Sgrignuoli, MPs Alexandra Mendes, Alex Atamanenko and Frank Valeriotte, and Shawn Murphy, Ms. Mendes' Parliamentary Assistant, for their assistance.

TAKE ACTION:

To increase the momentum, we're asking everyone to write their MP in support of the Bill. Click here for a letter to download and send: <http://tinyurl.com/y1bdknr> (postage free).

Alexandra Mendes, MP for Brossard-La Prairie, looks into a truckload of actors dressed up as chickens yesterday as she joins the Canadian Coalition for Farm Animals, Animal Alliance of Canada and the World Society for the Protection of Animals at a news conference on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Mendes was holding the news conference in support of her private member's bill to reduce transport times for farm animals.



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Subway ads spread the word about cage-free eggs



Ads on Toronto Transit Commission subway cars are CCFA's latest (and costly!) initiative to spread the message about cage-free eggs to Toronto commuters. The ads ran during October.

Rescued hens begin new life

The previous issue of *Newsflash* reported on a new Canadian adoption program for ex-battery hens. In late September, 40 rescued hens were taken to Cobble Hills Farm Sanctuary near Stratford, ON. There, young people under the permanent care of the Children's Aid Society are helping care for the hens, providing a second chance to the birds as they recover from life in a battery cage. The media responded to this positive story with major features in the *Toronto Star*, CBC and local radio, TV and print coverage. To view the *Toronto Star* video about the hen adoption program, click <http://www.thestar.com/videozone/706373>.



You can help!

Please become a monthly donor

Many charities and non-profits are feeling the economic pinch these days, and CCFA is no exception. Our work on behalf of farm animals is dependent on the generosity of people such as yourself. Now, for the first, we are offering a monthly donor program to CCFA donors in cooperation with CCFA-member, Animal Alliance of Canada, who will process our monthly donations and remit the funds to us. This arrangement saves us money, eliminating the need to establish a costly donor program. To learn more, please email us: info@humanefood.ca.

Dinner benefits CCFA

Taunya Ahier catered a yummy vegan dinner to benefit CCFA in October in Toronto, in conjunction with the Toronto Vegetarian Association Social Dinner Group. Local retailers and friends donated some great silent auction and raffle items for the fund-raiser. With everyone's generosity, \$1100 was raised for CCFA campaigns.

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