



# **MEDIA STATEMENT**

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRANCH**

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### **Charge Approved in Sled Dog Case**

**Victoria** - The Criminal Justice Branch of the Ministry of Justice today announced that a criminal charge has been approved against Robert T. Fawcett following an investigation by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the R.C.M.P into the circumstances surrounding the deaths of sled dogs near Whistler, British Columbia in April 2010.

An information charging Mr. Fawcett with causing unnecessary pain or suffering to a number of dogs, contrary to section 445.1(1)(a) of the Criminal Code, was sworn this morning in British Columbia Provincial Court in North Vancouver. The first appearance in the matter is scheduled for May 24, 2012 in Pemberton.

As this matter is now before the court further information in relation to the alleged circumstances will not be released at this time.

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