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Animal chiropractic care recognized in new Bill 171, modernizing the regulation of animal care in Ontario

Toronto, ON — March 7, 2024: The Ontario Chiropractic Association (OCA) supports the provincial government’s goal to modernize the legislation for animal care under the *Enhancing Professional Care for Animals Act, 2024 (Bill 171)*. Bill 171 specifically recognizes animal chiropractic care and reflects the OCA’s efforts to protect client choice and direct access to animal chiropractic care in Ontario.

The OCA looks forward to continuing to work with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to ensure that regulations under Bill 171, if passed, maintain direct access to the full scope of animal chiropractic care.

“Ontario chiropractors have been providing animal chiropractic treatment and care for more than 25 years to help reduce pain, restore normal motion and improve performance in animals, under the regulation of the College of Chiropractors of Ontario (CCO),” said Caroline Brereton, CEO, Ontario Chiropractic Association. “We are pleased that the government listened to animal owners and chiropractors in recognizing chiropractors as a regulated profession offering safe, effective care for animals in Ontario.”

In a letter to the OCA, the Minister reiterated her recognition of the role of animal chiropractors and confirmed that under Bill 171, if passed, animal chiropractors will continue to be self-regulated by the CCO.

Animal chiropractors are regulated health professionals who complete extensive training in the specialized field of animal chiropractic after becoming licensed chiropractors. They are self-regulated by the CCO and adhere to standards of practice for animal chiropractic care that have been in place since 1998.

Learn more about animal chiropractic care: chiropractic.on.ca/animal-chiropractic

Ontario Chiropractic Association (OCA)

Established in 1929, the Ontario Chiropractic Association (OCA) serves as the voice of the province's chiropractors. Through advocacy, education, member engagement and knowledge translation, the OCA supports chiropractors in delivering quality care to improve Ontario's healthcare system. As the fourth largest association of its kind in the world by membership, the OCA is advancing its vision of *Caring Chiropractors for Healthier Ontarians*. For more information, visit chiropractic.on.ca.

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