

On July 12, 2021, World Animal Protection sent a survey to Canada's five main political parties about important animal welfare issues in the country. Below is the response submitted by the Conservative Party of Canada.

Click [here](#) to review the Conservative Party's 'Recovery Plan' platform and see page 61 for their commitment on curbing the wildlife trade and other animal welfare issues.



Would your party support global initiatives to ban wildlife markets and curb the global and domestic commercial trade in wild animals, products and derivatives that could contribute to the spread of zoonotic diseases, biodiversity loss and/or animal suffering?

With Canada's Recovery Plan, Conservatives will address the threat posed by wildlife markets and the trade in wild animals by supporting and encouraging the closure of poorly regulated wildlife markets globally that carry an elevated risk of becoming sources for future pandemics. We will also end the importation of and trade in wild or exotic animals and their products that carry an elevated risk of spreading zoonotic diseases.

Would your party support establishing, and adequately funding, a comprehensive and transparent system for monitoring the import, export and sales of live wild animals and their parts and derivatives in Canada?

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Would your party support working with provinces and territories to mitigate inherent risks to public health, animal welfare and our natural environment by harmonizing and strengthening regulations to significantly reduce captive breeding, transport, and the physical and online trade in wild animals?

Conservatives have a detailed plan to improve animal welfare that we will share with you when Canada's Recovery Plan is released. Our plan includes strengthening restrictions and enforcement on illegal trafficking of animals.

Would your party support strengthened enforcement of both the legal and illegal wildlife trade, through better coordination across agencies and federal/provincial/territorial jurisdictions and increased funding and resources?

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Does your party support further regulations to restrict or end the use of wild animals for human entertainment in Canada (activities where wild animals are forced to perform circus-like tricks in shows, give people rides or be handled for photos)?

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Would your party support phasing-out the prophylactic use of antibiotics in animal farming?

Canada's Conservatives fully support best practices to ensure humane treatment of animals on Canadian farms.

Would your party support initiatives to increase consumption of plant-based foods, as recommended by Canada's Food Guide and other experts?

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Would your party support initiatives to reduce animal protein consumption, for the benefit of human and planetary health?

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Would your party support instituting financial incentives to promote plant-based farming and plant-based business initiatives?

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Would your party support instituting financial incentives to support farmers to transition to higher-welfare, more sustainable animal agriculture systems?

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