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**MEMORANDUM TO:** All Chiefs of Police and  
Commissioner Thomas Carrique  
Chairs, Police Services Boards

**FROM:** Marc Bedard  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Public Safety Division and Public Safety Training Division

**SUBJECT:** **Telewarrants under the *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019***

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Further to All Chiefs Memo #19-0053, sent on December 19, 2019 regarding the implementation of the *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019* (PAWS Act) and the changes to Ontario's animal welfare model, I am writing to advise you that [O. Reg 14/20](#), which sets out the procedures for animal welfare inspectors to obtain telewarrants under s. 24 (inspection to determine compliance) and s. 28 (entry where animal is in distress) of the PAWS Act is now in force.

Subsection 60(1) of the PAWS Act empowers police officers and First Nations Constables to exercise the powers of an animal welfare inspector under specific sections of the PAWS Act, including s. 28. Police officers and First Nations Constables will be able to use the procedures set out in O. Reg 14/20 to request telewarrants under s. 28(5) when animals are in distress.

We appreciate your assistance in responding to animal welfare concerns since the implementation of the PAWS Act. Please remember that animal welfare inspectors will continue to work in collaboration with police services and offer support when required.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact [animalwelfareservices@ontario.ca](mailto:animalwelfareservices@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc Bedard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Marc Bedard  
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