

Bif Naked joins fight against fur

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Vancouver rock singer Bif Naked has joined a local animal rights group in support of banning the sale and import of cat and dog fur in Canada.

She wrote an open letter this month on behalf of Fur-Bearer Defenders to show her support for Bill C-439, introduced by Winnipeg MP Anita Neville.

It calls to add dog and cat fur to the Hazardous Products Act.

More than 4,000 people have signed a postcard campaign in support of the bill.

"Canadians are generally unaware this trading exists," said Adrian Nelson, director of communications with Fur-Bearer Defenders.

"Fur and fur-trimmed products don't need to be labelled, so consumers believe it's faux fur, when it can actually be cat and dog fur."

He added products are sometimes mislabelled as fox fur.

The United States and European Union have banned the sale and import of dog and cat fur.

David Emerson, Canada's former trade minister, has said a ban could undermine Canada's controversial seal product exports.

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Vancouver's Bif Naked has written an open letter asking the federal government to ban importing dog and cat fur.