

Bif backs anti-fur group

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Pet peeve: Singer Bif Naked is endorsing the Burnaby-based Fur-Bearer Defenders fight to ban cat and dog fur products in Canada.

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The Burnaby-based Fur-Bearer Defenders is getting some celebrity endorsement in the fight to ban cat and dog fur products in Canada.

Singer Bif Naked is backing the Fur-Bearer Defenders, which is supporting a private member's bill that would amend the Hazardous Products Act and not allow products made with cat and dog fur into the country.

"I am concerned about the domestic cat and dog fur trade that is happening overseas, and I support legislation to ban the import and sale of these products," Naked wrote in a letter of support. The private member's bill was brought forward by Anita Neville, Liberal MP for Winnipeg South Centre.

According to the Fur-Bearer Defenders, an estimated two million dogs and cats are slaughtered for their fur, which can be used as trim on coats, toys, hats and figurines. The U.S. and the European Union have already banned cat and dog fur, but Canada still lets unlabelled fur into the country.

The Fur-Bearer Defenders is non-profit group that opposes trapping and works to protect fur-bearing animals. For more information, see furbearerdefenders.com.