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Ban to import dogs from other countries a "devastating blow" to rescues

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The animal rescue community is calling on the federal government for a solution instead of a ban after the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) announced a new measure prohibiting the entry of commercial dogs from countries considered at high-risk for dog rabies.

The [CFIA said this measure, which goes into effect on September 28](#), is to protect Canadians and their pets by reducing the risk of introducing dog rabies into the country.

The animals considered "commercial dogs" include those for foster, adoption, resale, breeding, show or exhibition, and research, and there's more than 100 countries on the list to be "at high-risk for dog rabies."

Jeffrey Beri, founder of [No Dogs Left Behind](#), told *The Sam Laprade Show* on Friday, July 15, that the announcement by the CFIA is a "devastating blow" to the animal rescue community.

"Rescues are fighting on the frontlines and saving the lives of animals from the upmost brutality," he said. "There's a disconnect between the governments and rescues like No Dogs Left Behind."

Beri said it's time for governments and rescues to sit down and talk solutions.

"It can't be all or nothing," he added. "We are fighting for the voiceless."

Listen to the full interview with Jeffrey Beri below:

