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Protesters rally in front of the OSPCA office just on Woodbine Avenue in support of pitbull dogs seized in Chatham-Kent more than a year ago. The OSPCA has petitioned the court to kill the majority of these dogs.

Group protests OSPCA euthanization order for 21 dogs

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The cold temperatures and bitter wind didn't stop a BSL Awareness group from protesting in front of the head office of the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) on the border of Newmarket and Whitchurch-Stouffville Saturday.

Their action was a response to what the group considers unfair treatment of dogs under breed specific legislation (BSL), specifically the OSPCA euthanization order for 21 dogs seized in Chatham-Kent last year from an alleged dog-fighting ring.

The protestors strongly believe there are other options available for the dogs of various pit bull breeds.

In a press release issued Feb. 17, the OSPCA stated that "euthanasia of any animal is always a last resort. It is a decision made after consultation with experts and after all options for the health and safety of the public and of the animals have been exhausted."

But the protest organizer, who prefers to be

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