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2016 ANNUAL REPORT TO **Communities**



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our mission

The Ontario SPCA's mission is to facilitate and provide for province-wide leadership on matters relating to the prevention of cruelty to animals and the promotion of animal welfare.

our vision

The vision of the Ontario SPCA is to be the recognized authority on animal welfare issues and making a measurable difference for animals. The Ontario SPCA is an integral part of each community, promoting mutually beneficial human-animal interactions, and is viewed as a desirable organization for volunteerism and support.

The future that the Ontario SPCA is working to create includes:

- All people in Ontario respect and appreciate animals
- Ontario has no homeless animals and no animal abuse

our goal

The Society's goal is to be a strong, unified and collaborative organization dedicated to the cultivation of a compassionate Ontario for all animals.



A Year In Numbers

2016 Spay/Neuter Procedure Totals

Number of dogs spayed:



Number of dogs neutered:



Number of cats spayed:



Number of cats neutered:

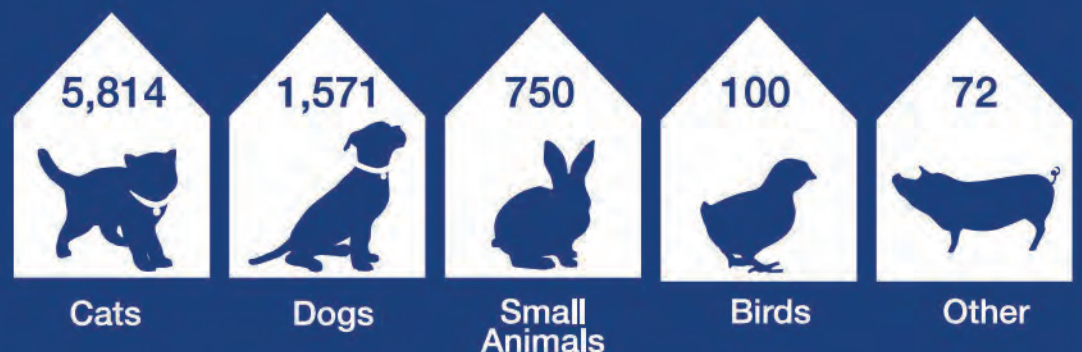


Total procedures:

*Cat totals include 404 feral cats



2016 Animal Welfare Adoption Totals*



Total number of adoptions:
8,307

Total number of animals transferred:
2,379



*Ontario SPCA animal centres only

2016 Investigations Results 🔍

Complaints investigated:	16,936	Animals removed as a result of an investigation:	1,664
Orders issued:	4,289	Total zoos identified:	69
Provincial charges:	444	Total zoo inspections:	69
Criminal charges:	22	Zoos on registry:	52

2016 FINANCIAL REPORT - Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2016, with comparative information for 2015

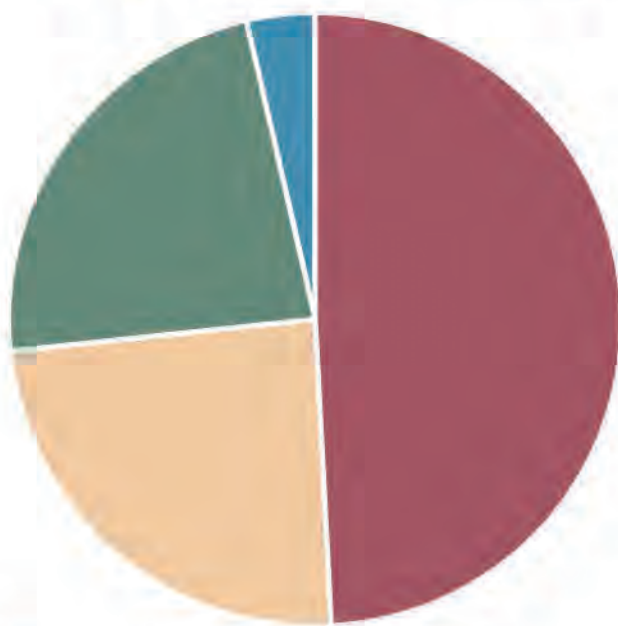
	2016	2015
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,817,123	\$6,115,526
Short-term investments	7,145,308	6,040,211
Accounts receivable	1,647,027	2,022,832
Inventory	40,662	32,954
Prepaid expenses	285,396	266,842
	<u>11,935,516</u>	<u>14,478,365</u>
Investments	3,507,412	2,832,747
Capital assets	<u>13,976,465</u>	<u>14,134,812</u>
	<u>\$29,419,393</u>	<u>\$31,445,924</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$1,777,258	\$1,966,585
Deferred revenue	63,508	88,258
	<u>1,840,766</u>	<u>2,054,843</u>
Fund balances:		
Provincial	27,578,627	29,391,081
	<u>\$29,419,393</u>	<u>\$31,445,924</u>

Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

Year ended December 31, 2016, with comparative information for 2015

	2016	2015
Revenue:		
Donations and fundraising	\$7,045,781	\$7,074,389
Provincial grants	5,342,711	5,580,455
Shelter and veterinary	2,909,505	2,836,790
Municipal contract fees	2,742,612	2,711,499
Other	554,862	461,605
Investments	287,351	361,697
	<u>18,882,822</u>	<u>19,026,435</u>
Expenses:		
Animal care and protection	16,033,188	14,989,571
General	3,953,895	3,094,283
Fundraising	2,124,647	2,050,767
Amortization	936,408	919,881
Communication and education services	870,608	762,219
Interest and bank charges	155,948	163,782
	<u>24,074,694</u>	<u>21,980,503</u>
Distributions:		
Grants to Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Affiliates and Humane Societies in other provinces	1,136,333	1,809,241
	<u>1,136,333</u>	<u>1,809,241</u>
Deficiency of revenue over expenses and distributions before legacies	(6,328,205)	(4,763,309)
Legacies	4,515,751	5,741,520
	<u>4,515,751</u>	<u>5,741,520</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses and distributions	(1,812,454)	978,211
Fund balances, beginning of year	29,391,081	28,412,870
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$27,578,627</u>	<u>\$29,391,081</u>

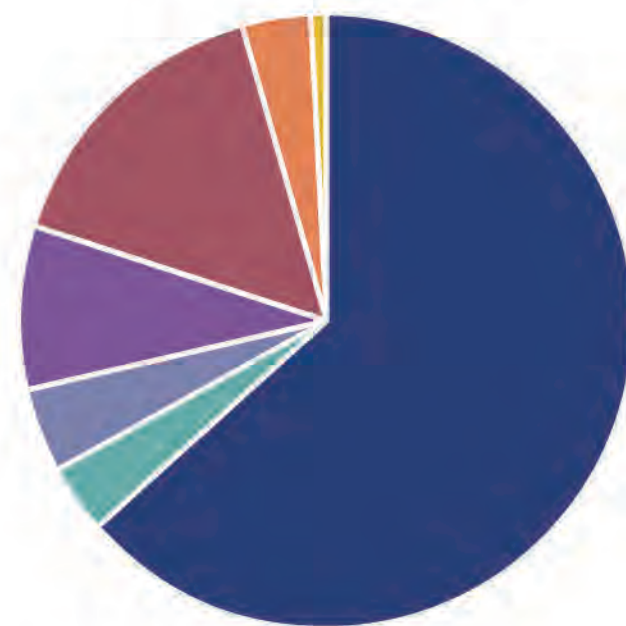
How you support animal welfare










-  Donations and Legacies 49.4%
-  Animal Care Revenue 24.2%
-  Government Grants Supporting Investigations Services 22.8%
-  Other Non-Government Grants and Revenue 3.6%



Your dollars at work



-  Animal Care, Rescue & Relief and Investigation Services 63.6%
-  General Management and Administration 15.7%
-  Fundraising and Stewardship Programs 8.4%
-  Distributions to Animal Welfare Organizations 4.5%
-  Amortization 3.7%
-  Public Awareness and Humane Education 3.5%
-  Interest and Bank Charges 0.6%

NEWS UPDATES IN ANIMAL WELFARE

Animals honoured at National Remembrance Day Ceremony



Agent Tex Ridder, Inspector Scott Silvia and Inspector Brandon James attended the National Remembrance Day Ceremony in Ottawa.

Remembrance Day is always a moving occasion as we remember those who have served their country. It was especially poignant in 2016 when the Ontario SPCA honoured veterans and the courageous animals that have stood by their side.

As people across the nation came together on November 11 to remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice, the wartime contributions of

animals were also honoured with the laying of a wreath by an Ontario SPCA officer during the National Remembrance Day Ceremony in Ottawa.

Placing the wreath during the ceremony was Ontario SPCA Agent Tex Ridder, who served in the military for 20 years before joining the Ontario SPCA in 2003. It was a very special occasion for the Society to be able to formally honour the brave deeds of animals in wartime.

In addition, various SPCAs and Humane Societies across Ontario paid their own tribute to the people and animals that served by placing wreaths in their own community ceremonies.

Animals have played such an integral role in our war efforts and have always had a special bond with their human comrades. Mules carried artillery, horses transported troops and hauled field guns, pigeons delivered crucial messages and dogs served as messengers, medical assistants, bomb detectors and search and rescue workers.

We will never forget.



The Ontario SPCA supports **Pink Shirt Day**. Let's stand up to bullying for people AND pets.

To report suspected animal abuse in Ontario call 310-SPCA (7722) 24/7.



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65 cats from Northern Ontario find new homes

When the Ontario SPCA and its Communities come together to help animals in need, it's a life-changing experience. Through the Ontario SPCA's Provincial Animal Transfer Program, 65 cats from Northern Ontario found new homes in the summer of 2016.

Beat the Heat Kenora and the Welland & District SPCA worked together in July 2016 to transport the large group of cats from the Kenora Cat Shelter to Central Ontario for adoption. Through the Welland & District SPCA, with support from the Ontario SPCA, the cats were adopted into loving homes.

"This mission was made possible thanks to collaboration and dedication to animal welfare," says Tanya Firmage, Chief, Humane Programs & Community Outreach, Ontario SPCA.

A partnership between the Ontario SPCA, Beat the Heat Kenora and the Welland & District SPCA made this essential service to the North possible.

"This was a great collaboration of like-minded people working together for the welfare of the animals involved," says John Greer, Welland & District SPCA. "Thank you to everyone who made this a mission possible."



Through the Ontario SPCA's Provincial Animal Transfer Program, 65 cats were transferred.

Equine community rallies behind horses in need of homes



The Ontario SPCA Muskoka Animal Centre helped find homes for 20 horses.

The Ontario SPCA is well known in communities across Ontario for the work it does to help cats and dogs in need, but horses and ponies also end up in the care of the Society. In fact, 20 horses were adopted into new homes through the Ontario SPCA in 2016 alone.

Many of the horses are surrendered because their owners can no longer care for them, while others come to us through cruelty investigations. Big and small, young and old, and of various breeds and abilities, they all share one thing in common – they're waiting for a loving home and have so much to offer their new families.

"Through donor support and the help of Ontario's equestrian community, horses in need have a second chance. When there's a horse that needs a helping hand, horse lovers always seem to pull together," says Jane McCamus, Manager, Ontario SPCA Muskoka Animal Centre. "Whether it's offering to foster horses waiting for adoption, or donating much-needed items, horse lovers are always supportive."

Learn how you can help a horse at ontariospca.ca/horses

National Cupcake Day proves to be another sweet success

The sweet smell of cupcakes filled the air across Canada on February 27, 2017, as over 2,000 participants took part in National Cupcake Day™ for SPCAs & Humane Societies.



Young animal lovers decorate cupcakes for the Ontario SPCA Renfrew County Animal Centre.

Now in its fifth year, National Cupcake Day had 58 SPCAs and Humane Societies take part across the nation. The concept of National Cupcake Day is as simple as it is sweet. Participants register online to host a National Cupcake Day party in their community on any date in January or February. They then invite co-workers, friends and family to enjoy a sweet treat in support of animals in need. In exchange for a cupcake, guests donate to the participating animal welfare charity of the host's choice, raising critically-needed funds for animals that are abused, abandoned, neglected or no longer wanted.

This year, the event raised \$600,000 as people enjoyed cupcakes for a cause. Even our furry four-legged friends enjoyed some "pupcakes," an increasingly popular dog-friendly treat.

"We have so much fun with this event and are fortunate that the community rallies behind us with support," says Rachel Eden, Manager, Ontario SPCA Renfrew County Animal Centre, which raised the most funds of the Ontario SPCA animal centres.

It is because of you, our generous sponsors, participants, donors and cupcake crusaders nationwide, the 2017 event was another great success! On behalf of the Ontario SPCA and participating SPCAs and Humane Societies across Canada, thank you for making this event a sweet treat for animals in need.

Enjoy a cupcake to celebrate the amazing success of this campaign. You deserve it!

Changing lives one step at a time

Animal lovers from across the province did their part to help animals in need by lacing up for the 2016 Friends for Life! Walk™ presented by Pedigree®, a major fundraiser for the Ontario SPCA and participating Affiliate Societies.

Supporters took to the great outdoors, some with their furry four-legged friends, on the weekend of September 24-25, 2016, to raise funds to support the care and welfare of animals in need. A total of over \$315,000 was raised at 17 walks around the province.



Walkers at the Ontario SPCA Orillia Animal Centre Friends for Life! Walk™

"We can't thank our participants, dedicated fundraisers and volunteers and sponsors enough for their support," says Carol Beard, Manager of the Ontario SPCA Orillia Animal Centre. "You all make this event far more than just a walk in the park!"

For more information, visit friendsforlifewalk.ca

NEWS UPDATES IN ANIMAL WELFARE

Over 5,300 animals found homes during iAdopt for the Holidays

It's always heartwarming when an animal finds a loving home and that's especially true during the holiday season. Over 5,300 animals found a family to call their own during the 2016 iAdopt for the Holidays adoption campaign, including over 1,600 that were adopted from Ontario SPCA animal centres during the campaign.

iAdopt for the Holidays, supported by Royal Canin, kicks off each year on November 1 and runs until December 31 at participating SPCAs, Humane Societies and rescue groups nationwide. The goal of this annual campaign is to place as many animals as possible into loving homes during the holiday season. In addition to dogs and cats, a variety of other animals also found their forever homes during iAdopt for the Holidays, including horses, chickens, ducks, rabbits, guinea pigs, lizards, rats, mice, hamsters and chinchillas.

"With people having time off from work and being home together as a family, the holidays are actually a great time to welcome a new furry companion into your life," says Calla Spencer, Manager, Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre. "We are thrilled that so many supporters helped us find loving homes during this adoption event."

For more information, visit iadopt.ca



These adoptions at the Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre were among over 5,300 during iAdopt for the Holidays.



If you've got a pet, get a vet!

Got a pet? Get a vet! That important message is the inspiration behind the campaign by the same name launched by the Ontario SPCA, in association with the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association (OVMA) and participating SPCAs and Humane Societies across Canada.

The public service campaign Got a Pet? Get a Vet!™ kicked off in 2015 to generate awareness of the importance of establishing a relationship with a veterinarian when you have a pet. Just one veterinary checkup a year will help protect pets against a variety of potentially life-threatening diseases, detect health problems sooner and avoid unexpected costs.

To help recognize local veterinarians and their staff who go above and beyond in providing excellent care for pets

and their families, the Ontario SPCA and the OVMA run a contest each year. The public is invited to nominate their favourite veterinary clinic for the "Got a Pet? Get a Vet!™ Award" and then encourage friends and family to vote to determine the winner. In 2016, the winner was Princess Animal Hospital in Kingston, which received close to 2,000 votes!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our contest and, more importantly, has a regular veterinarian to keep their pet healthy and happy. We appreciate your commitment to animal welfare!

For more information, visit gotapetgetavet.ca



Got a Pet? Get a Vet!™ raises awareness about the importance of regular veterinary visits.

2016 **got a Pet? Get a Vet!** Award
Presented to:
**Princess Animal Hospital
Kingston, ON**
OVMA ONTARIO SPCA
gotapetgetavet.ca ontariospca.ca

Ontario SPCA performs 100,000th spay/neuter procedure

The Ontario SPCA has reached a major milestone, performing its 100,000th spay/neuter procedure since it began offering high volume spay/neuter services to the public in 2009.

Every year, tens of thousands of dogs and cats end up on the streets, where they fall victim to neglect and abuse, or in shelters in search of new homes. To help combat pet overpopulation, the Ontario SPCA operates two high volume spay/neuter locations across the province: the Ontario SPCA Centre Veterinary Hospital in Stouffville and the Ontario SPCA Marion Vernon Memorial Animal Clinic in Barrie. Through these clinics, we serve the public, shelters and rescue groups, regardless of geography or income level.

In 2016 alone, 14,495 procedures were performed to help reduce the pet overpopulation issue caused by pets left unaltered. That works out to 8,951 cats, including 404 feral cats, and 5,544 dogs that will not be adding to the issue of unwanted pets.

We want to thank everyone who has had their pet spayed or neutered for helping prevent pet overpopulation from growing. And for all of our supporters who have helped us "spay it forward" by donating the cost to have the animals in our centres spayed/neutered before they are rehomed, we celebrate you and your contribution to animal welfare.

For more information, visit spayneuter.ontariospca.ca

The Ontario SPCA performed its 100,000th spay/neuter procedure since it began offering high volume spay/neuter services to the public in 2009.

No Hot Pets turns up the heat on irresponsible owners

As people were enjoying the hot summer of 2016, the Ontario SPCA was busy promoting its No Hot Pets campaign to make the public aware of the dangers of leaving pets in vehicles.

The issue of owners leaving their pets unattended in vehicles is an ongoing problem across Ontario and it puts animals at risk. In 2016, the Ontario SPCA received 685 reports of animals left in hot vehicles between May 24 and August 31. Sadly, there are still people who don't realize that parked cars can quickly reach deadly temperatures, even on relatively mild days with the car parked in the shade and the windows slightly open.

In partnership with SPCAs and Humane Societies from across Canada, the fourth annual No Hot Pets campaign was launched on May 24. Through the No Hot Pets online forum, citizens were asked to share the dangers of leaving pets in vehicles using the hashtag #nohotpets. The message hit home for many pet owners, with 5,398 people taking the online pledge at nohotpets.ca, vowing to never leave their pet in a vehicle.

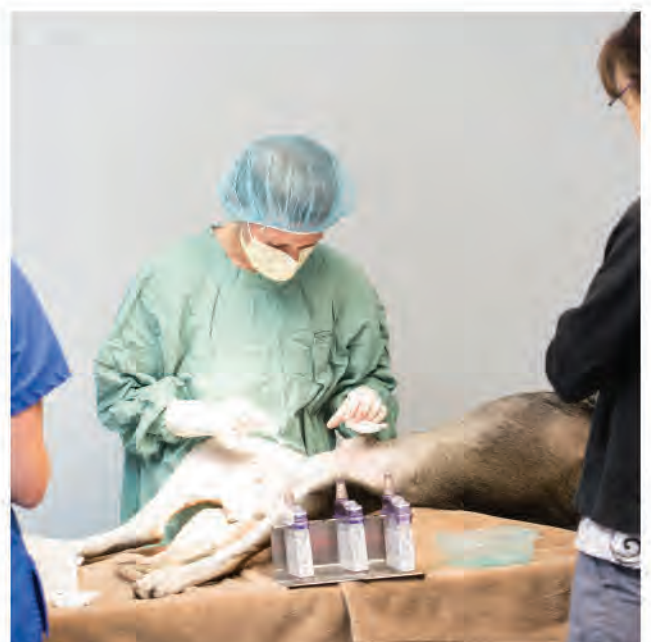
Thank you to everyone who joined us in this campaign. Your support may have helped save a life.

Visit nohotpets.ca for more information on ways you can help spread the word.

I LEFT THE WINDOW DOWN FOR HIM
NO EXCUSES
NO HOT PETS
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Hot cars can kill. Even with the window down your pet can overheat in a matter of minutes.
If you find a pet in a hot car, call 310-SPCA or your local police department. Learn more and take the pledge at: nohotpets.ca

The No Hot Pets campaign raises awareness about the dangers of leaving pets in vehicles.

NO EXCUSES
NO HOT PETS
A PROGRAM OF THE ONTARIO SPCA



NEWS UPDATES IN ANIMAL WELFARE

Ontario SPCA assists in U.S. farm cruelty case involving over 1,000 animals

The Ontario SPCA sent members of its Animal Rescue Team to Massachusetts in August 2016 to assist the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals® (ASPCA) in the largest-ever farm cruelty case in the Northeast United States.

Along with the team, the Society also sent a livestock trailer to provide support to the ASPCA and Westport Police

Department. Together, they transported, cared for and sheltered more than 1,000 farm animals, including pigs, horses, rabbits, sheep and cows, as well as dogs, cats and fish, found on the 70-acre property.

"We were pleased to support our friends at the ASPCA on this large-scale removal," says Bonnie Bishop, Senior Inspector, Ontario SPCA. "Working together, we were able

to give these animals the care they require."

The Ontario SPCA was able to send this team as a result of the generosity of animal lovers. Thanks to you, we are available to be a resource when urgent help is needed.



The Ontario SPCA sent members of its Animal Rescue Team to assist the ASPCA with a cruelty case involving more than 1,000 farm animals.

Partnership brings Parvovirus vaccinations to community



The Ontario SPCA Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Animal Centre is partnering with the Mohawk Community of Akwesasne to help prevent Parvovirus.

The Ontario SPCA Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Animal Centre in Cornwall has forged a partnership with the Mohawk Community of Akwesasne, located across the St. Lawrence River, to prevent Parvovirus.

Parvovirus is a highly contagious viral disease that can be life threatening to dogs. To combat the spread of the illness, two community vaccination events were held in 2016 for residents of Cornwall and Akwesasne.

Veterinarians, veterinary clinic staff, Ontario SPCA staff and Ontario SPCA volunteers generously volunteered their time to make the initiative possible. They saw over 200 dogs during the two Saturday events. Each animal was vaccinated against Parvovirus and also received a thorough examination by a veterinarian during their visit. Collars and leashes were also made available to those who needed them.

The vaccination event was a success, not only for the number of dogs vaccinated but also because of the dramatic drop in Parvovirus in the region that followed. Building on that success, the community of Akwesasne is partnering with the Ontario SPCA to continue Parvovirus vaccination events in 2017. Together, we're keeping the animals we all value safe, healthy and happy.

"It's inspiring to see the commitment to the welfare of animals from the community of Akwesasne. With this clinic, and other animal wellness events, they are saving animals' lives," says Bonnie Bishop, Senior Inspector, Ontario SPCA.

New online tool launched to help create a healthier environment for shelter animals

As part of our commitment to helping improve the lives of animals while living in shelters, the Ontario SPCA has launched a new online resource to equip animal shelter staff, volunteers and veterinary care providers with the latest shelter medicine expertise and advice to make animals more comfortable and provide a humane and healthy environment.

While designed specifically for animal shelter staff, volunteers and veterinary care providers, the information available on the new shelterhealthpro.com website is applicable to anyone responsible for housing a population of animals. This includes breeders, kennel operators, rescues and event organizers, such as those hosting dog shows and pet expos.

The Infection and Disease Control section of the website features up-to-date information gathered from shelter medicine experts on critical topics like intake

procedures, personal protective equipment, cleaning and disinfection, zoonotic diseases and infection control. Easy-to-understand icons highlight and group subject matter to make the site more easily navigated by the user.

"The goal of the website is to save lives with the most current best practices for improving animal health and welfare through effective management strategies, protocols and resources for infection and disease prevention and control," says Dr. Magdalena Smrdelj, Chief Veterinary Officer, Ontario SPCA. "The latest information that can help safeguard the animals in your care is now just a click away."

Coming soon is a second phase of the website covering Environmental Needs and Behavioural Health.

This free online resource was made possible thanks to donor support. We invite you to visit www.shelterhealthpro.com to learn more.



The Ontario SPCA launched shelterhealthpro.com to help improve the lives of animals in shelters.

Celebrating hard-working volunteers



National Volunteer Week honours dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly for animals in need.

The Ontario SPCA depends on the warmth, generosity and skills of our volunteers. Every year during National Volunteer Week, we have the opportunity to honour and appreciate those who dedicate their time and love to animals in need.

Volunteers work tirelessly every day to help support our organization – one hour, one service and one activity at a time.

Providing volunteers with the tools they need to succeed is vital to providing a meaningful experience, which is why we offer two deserving volunteers a chance to attend our Ontario SPCA Educational Conference each year.

In advance of National Volunteer Week in April 2016, Ontario SPCA animal centre managers nominated volunteers from their animal centres to win this amazing educational prize pack. Volunteers who show outstanding

volunteer service and a commitment to animal welfare are entered into the draw and are selected from across the province.

Margaret Power, a volunteer at the Ontario SPCA Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Animal Centre, and Erin Price from the Ontario SPCA Orillia Animal Centre, were the 2016 Outstanding Volunteer Service prize winners. These two amazing volunteers attended the Ontario SPCA conference held in Orillia in June 2016.

Without dedicated volunteers, we would not be able to grow with the changing demands and needs facing our communities every year. Their commitment to animal welfare makes the mission possible and we couldn't do it without them.

Thank you!

NEWS UPDATES IN ANIMAL WELFARE

Communities join together to find homes for 58 dogs

When a North Star Air flight carrying some very special cargo landed at the Peterborough Airport on October 7, 2016, it was met with excitement from numerous community groups that eagerly awaited its arrival from Big Trout Lake First Nation, a community about 500 kilometres north of Thunder Bay.

In an effort to help address the pet overpopulation concerns, Big Trout Lake First Nation invited the Ontario SPCA Animal Transfer Team to their community to assist with a transfer of community dogs. The Ontario SPCA Animal Transfer Program is a collaboration of Ontario SPCA Communities and other organizations that work to move animals across the province to areas where they can find new homes.

We're so pleased to facilitate Ontario SPCA Animal Transfer. This provincial program is only made possible through the support of Affiliate Communities, Ontario SPCA Animal Centres and other partner organizations including Beat the Heat Kenora. It's our privilege to acknowledge the contributions of the Welland & District SPCA, the North Bay & District Humane Society, the Sarnia & District Humane Society and the Peterborough Humane Society for taking



leadership roles in the transfer of these dogs.

In partnership with the community of Big Trout Lake First Nation, 58 dogs received health checks and vaccinations, and were placed on a flight to the Peterborough Airport. Upon arrival, the dogs were triaged by a team of animal welfare volunteers from across the province, including veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

Once given the green light, the dogs continued on their journeys and travelled to various SPCAs and Humane Societies where they were placed up for adoption.

Thanks to donor support, and the efforts of so many people who put animal welfare first, 58 dogs found new homes. A transfer of this scale requires a careful plan, a collaborative team and support from all of the communities involved. We thank the many dedicated individuals and organizations that came together to find these dogs new homes including the Peterborough Humane Society, Beat the Heat Kenora, the Welland & District SPCA, the North Bay & District Humane Society, the Sarnia & District Humane Society, the Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes, the Humane Society of Durham Region and the Quinte Humane Society. These charities rely on donations to help save animals' lives.

"Big Trout Lake First Nation took the lead in developing a multiple-step approach to their community animal management strategies. The first step was the transfer of dogs down south and the second will be to conduct a spay-neuter clinic," says Judi Cannon, Associate Director, Indigenous Programs & Community Outreach, Ontario SPCA. "As a result of their compassion and concern, 58



Fifty-eight community dogs from Big Trout Lake First Nation found new homes.

dogs found new homes in Central and Southern Ontario where the demand for adoptable dogs is high."

The transfer was also made possible thanks to the support of the City of Peterborough, North Star Air Ltd., Loomex Group, Peterborough Airport, Royal Canin, PetSmart, Ogena Solutions, Virox Technologies and Lansdowne Place.

"Hats off to all the people and organizations for making this transfer of dogs possible. When we come together to support the common goal of animal welfare, animals win every time," says Chris White, Board Member, Ontario SPCA. "Congratulations to the community of Big Trout Lake First Nation for their innovative approach to caring for animals. And a special thank you to the City of Peterborough and the Peterborough Airport for hosting the northern dogs."

Thank you to our Partners



Putting mental health first

To help staff reach their full potential and achieve satisfaction, both in their career and in their day-to-day life, the Ontario SPCA is committed to providing mental health initiatives.

One of the ways we're doing this is by working to break down the stigma associated with mental illness and expand the learning base of mental health education to increase awareness of mental health issues in the workplace.

In addition to participating in Bell's Let's Talk campaign every January, and Mental Health Week in May, we have also forged partnerships to enhance our mental health knowledge base, working with esteemed professionals such as Dr. Wendy Stanyon from the University of Ontario Institute of Technology. Dr. Stanyon's Mindsight mental health training modules are now available to staff and provide detailed information on an array of mental health conditions.

These tools, along with mental health and wellness initiatives like yoga sessions and workshops on subjects such as stress relaxation techniques, give staff the

resources they need to put their health first.

For those who find themselves in need of further support, employees have access to psychological services through their benefits, as well as access to the Employee Assistance Program. For those who find themselves in need of further support, employees with benefit coverage have access to psychological services through their benefits, as well as access to the Employee Assistance Program. The Employee Assistance Program, which is available to all staff, including the inspectorate at our Affiliate Societies, assists employees with personal and work-related problems that could impact their mental and emotional well-being.

And there's one more mental health benefit that often doesn't receive enough credit – the healing power of animals. In the Ontario SPCA blog we regularly highlight the physical and mental health benefits that pets can offer. Whether they're working as a therapy animal to help people suffering from depression or PTSD, or just brightening their owner's day, animals are good for the body, mind and spirit.



The Ontario SPCA is committed to providing mental health initiatives.

Read more on our blog at ospcablog.ca

IT'S NOT TOO HOT FOR ME

NO EXCUSES

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Hot cars can kill. Dogs have a limited ability to sweat and can't withstand heat for long

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PARTNERSHIPS IN ANIMAL WELFARE

City of Peterborough offers \$1.8 million support for new shelter and rehabilitation centre

The capital campaign to build the Ontario SPCA Provincial Dog Rehabilitation Centre and new facility for the Peterborough Humane Society received a major boost in 2016 when the City of Peterborough announced its support of \$1.8 million towards the project.

"Our current shelter is full of animals needing love," says Nicole Truman, President of the Peterborough Humane Society's Board of Directors. "The new shelter will help more animals find their forever home."

The new building will serve as a new home for the Peterborough Humane Society, but will also include a high volume spay/neuter clinic and, in partnership with the Ontario SPCA, will house the first ever Ontario SPCA Provincial Dog Rehabilitation Centre.

The first of its kind in Canada, and only one of a handful in North America, the Provincial Dog Rehabilitation Centre

is the next step forward in animal welfare. It will fill a critical and significant gap in current services by addressing the individualized needs of dogs most difficult to adopt. Due to its proximity to the Peterborough Airport, the new facility will also be a hub for dog transfers, often from remote communities.

Purpose-built, with the special needs of troubled dogs in mind, the facility will have many unique features, including a play pool with underwater treadmills. It will also feature a real living room to help dogs practice living in a home environment. For many dogs, like those rescued from irresponsible breeders or those forced to live their entire lives outdoors, it may be their first opportunity to experience the comforts of home. Indoor and outdoor off-leash areas, as well as an agility and scent course, are also part of the plan. Best of all, all rehabilitation areas have

been designed to be viewable to the public so people can see first-hand the life-saving difference their support can make.

This innovative project, which is a partnership between the Ontario SPCA and Peterborough Humane Society, has also received letters of support from Trent University and Sir Sandford Fleming College. Both Peterborough-based schools want to partner with the Peterborough Humane Society for educational opportunities and student placements in this unique setting.

"Every day I talk to people who love animals and want to help with the project," says campaign chair Chris White, who sits on the board of the Peterborough Humane Society. "Our dream of a better world for animals in Peterborough will soon be a reality."

To donate, visit ospcadogrehab.com



The Peterborough Humane Society will be home to the Ontario SPCA Provincial Dog Rehabilitation Centre.

Timmins transfer program gives dogs a second chance

Committed to rehoming adoptable animals, the Timmins & District Humane Society developed a dog transfer program that has become known as the Second Chance Dog Transfer Program. Working with a number of different humane societies and rescue groups, the Timmins and District Humane Society has saved thousands of dogs from unnecessary euthanasia when space is limited.

The Second Chance Dog Transfer Program began with limited resources, such as manpower, vehicle accessibility, finance and transfer locations. It has grown in leaps and bounds to become the success story it is today. As a result, the Timmins & District Humane Society applied for, and

received, a government grant to help the purchase a cargo van dedicated to transferring dogs to Southern Ontario to find new homes.

Surviving solely on donations, the Second Chance Dog Transfer Program has been able to continue thanks to the generosity and support shown by the community. For the dogs whose lives have been saved, that support means a world of difference.

The Timmins & District Humane Society has saved thousands of dogs through the Second Chance Dog Transfer Program.



Wine & Whiskers Gala raises close to \$95,000

The Humane Society of Durham Region held its first annual Wine & Whiskers Gala on October 21, 2016 in Oshawa with great success, attracting close to 200 attendees and raising almost \$95,000 to help support abused, abandoned, neglected and unwanted animals.

"I think the success of the gala is due to teamwork," says Karen Ormerod, Executive Director, Humane Society of Durham Region. "When you have a volunteer gala committee that works tirelessly and is supported by staff, they are successful in engaging the public and bringing our cause to the forefront."

Before dinner, guests mixed and mingled at an opening reception while they enjoyed an antipasto bar. A live band kept the dance floor hopping through the evening, and an animated auctioneer encouraged people to give generously to help animals in need, bringing in \$17,000 from generous donors.

Innovative fundraising initiatives rounded out the evening, among them a "wall of wine" raffle, as well as a "wine pull," in which guests purchased a number and won a bottle of wine – including some fine vintages – inside the bag with the corresponding number. A Jewels and Tools raffle added some dazzle to the evening.

The gala, which was sponsored in part by the Ontario SPCA, not only raised critical funds for the Humane Society of Durham Region, but also raised awareness about the important work it does and the need for ongoing support

from the community.

"I think it was really about community awareness and the things we're doing," says Douglas Edwards, President of the Humane Society of Durham Region Volunteer Board of Directors. "And really hitting everyone in the heart about the fact that you may be providing a loving home for an animal, but that isn't always the case. That's why we're here for a lot of other animals that are abandoned or neglected."



The Humane Society of Durham Region's first annual Wine & Whiskers Gala raised \$95,000.



PARTNERSHIPS IN ANIMAL WELFARE

Provincial Animal Transfer Team rehomes 70 Northern Ontario dogs

As winter's chill settled over Grassy Narrows, the Provincial Animal Transfer Team was busy organizing a large-scale transfer of community dogs from the indigenous community, located about 550 kilometres northwest of Thunder Bay.

Over the weekend of October 15-16, 2016, Beat the Heat Kenora, the North Bay & District Humane Society and the Ontario SPCA worked together with the Grassy Narrows community to transfer 70 dogs to Southern Ontario for adoption.

After being gathered by the team, the dogs received health checks and vaccinations and began their journey south. After arriving in North Bay and receiving a clean bill of health for the next leg of their trip, they were transferred

to the Sarnia & District Humane Society and the Welland & District SPCA.

Transfers like this help northern communities manage their pet population by finding homes for community dogs. As a result of Grassy Narrows' commitment to animal welfare, 70 dogs are now in loving homes.

"We commend the community for taking the lead in establishing dog transfers and being leaders in animal welfare," says Daryl Vaillancourt, Executive Director, North Bay & District Humane Society.

Collaborative efforts make missions like this transfer possible by combining resources, knowledge and a passion for helping animals.



The Provincial Animal Transfer Team transferred 70 dogs from Grassy Narrows First Nation to find new homes.

218 animals find loving homes at Great Canadian Adopt-a-thon Challenge



The Welland & District SPCA teamed up with the Sarnia & District Humane Society from October 21-23, 2016 for a friendly competition to see which centre could adopt out the most animals during the Great Canadian Adopt-a-thon Challenge, presented by PetSmart Charities®.

During the three-day event, held at PetSmart in St. Catharines, 218 animals were adopted. The Sarnia & District Humane Society found loving homes for 111 animals, narrowly nosing out the Welland & District SPCA, which changed the lives of 107 animals.

The adopt-a-thon was the brainchild of the Welland & District SPCA, the Sarnia & District Humane Society and the North Bay & District Humane Society to help find homes for a large number of dogs and puppies transferred from remote indigenous communities in Northern Ontario to help manage pet overpopulation in those areas.

While the Sarnia & District Humane Society may have won the challenge, the real winners of the adopt-a-thon were the animals that found loving homes.

The Great Canadian Adopt-a-thon Challenge found homes for 218 animals in three days.



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Mobile spay/neuter clinic fixes hundreds of animals in Indigenous Communities

The Welland and District Regional Spay Neuter Clinic was on the road in 2016 with its mobile spay/neuter clinics to help reduce pet overpopulation.

In mid-September, the Welland and District Regional Spay Neuter Clinic travelled to Wikwemikong Unceded Territory on the east end of Manitoulin Island. As part of the Welland and District Regional Spay Neuter Clinic's visit, the community was invited into the mobile clinic. Young animal lovers from local schools were given tours of the state-of-the-art mobile clinic and taught about the importance of spaying and neutering pets.

A total of 105 pets from the Wikwemikong Unceded Territory were spayed or neutered at reduced rates and, with financial support from Band Councils, 186 pets were microchipped, vaccinated, de-wormed and treated for fleas during wellness exams.

Joining the spay/neuter team were 30 students from the Veterinary Technician Program at Collège Boréal in Sudbury. The partnership gave the students hands-on experience in the field, while offering additional support to the operation.

The Welland & District SPCA has been on the road with its mobile spay/neuter clinic, as well as a recovery and support vehicle, since acquiring them in 2013 with support from PetSmart Charities™.



The Welland and District Regional Spay Neuter Clinic partnered with Wikwemikong Unceded Territory to help reduce pet overpopulation.

Canadian rockers hold benefit concert for Sarnia & District Humane Society

When the Sarnia & District Humane Society sheltered over 200 animals displaced by an apartment fire, little did they know their efforts to care for the animals would attract the attention of celebrities.

Canadian rockers The Trews heard about the situation and learned from a local promoter how much the Sarnia & District Humane Society does locally to help people in crisis at no cost to the pet owners they assist. In true Canadian fashion, The Trews decided they wanted to do something to help the shelter offset some of its emergency housing costs.

On December 3, 2016, the band played a sold-out concert at the Station Music Hall, with a very generous portion of ticket sales going to the Sarnia & District Humane Society. All proceeds from Trews merchandise, silent auction sales and 50/50 monies were also donated. The concert raised about \$10,000 for the Sarnia & District Humane Society, which has also seen a steady increase in volunteers since the concert.

"We all felt pretty special to receive that kind of recognition," says Donna Pyette, Executive Director, Sarnia & District Humane Society. "We all love the work we do. We live in an awesome community that supports us and we feel proud to be able to help in their times of need. To be recognized for that outside of our community is pretty awesome. And the Trews – Sarnia loves the Trews!"

Specially designed adoption van hits the road

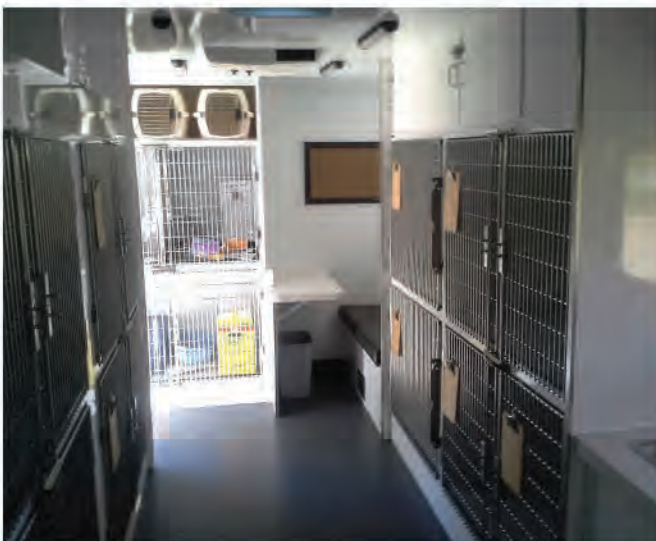
The Welland & District SPCA has a new ride designed to help animals find loving homes through "curbside" adoption events.

The Humane Society acquired the 26-foot van in 2015 to support its many programs. The custom-built unit holds 22 animals and has all the "creature" comforts. Not only does it have heat and air conditioning throughout to keep the animals at a comfortable temperature at all times, it also has hot and cold running water.

What makes the van particularly special though are the two large panels on the side that slide up to reveal Plexiglas walls. This design allows potential adopters at off-site adoption events to easily see the animals inside waiting for loving homes.

In addition to its main purpose of transporting animals to curbside adoption events, the van can also be used for animal transfers, as well as rescue removals involving numerous animals. This multi-purpose vehicle has also served as a recovery unit, in conjunction with Welland's mobile spay/neuter unit, to keep animals comfortable as they come out of surgery.

It's the purr-fect form of transportation for the precious cargo inside. Keep an eye open for it in your community.



The Welland & District SPCA has a unique van for curbside adoption events.

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Canadian rockers The Trews held a concert in support of the Sarnia & District Humane Society.

Community movie night brings 2,000 out under the stars



Around 2,000 people came out to the Welland & District Humane Society's community movie night.

When the Welland & District SPCA invited its community to a movie night under the stars, they were surprised when around 2,000 people came out to Chippawa Park on September 9, 2016 for an evening of entertainment under the stars.

"This is what happens when you put on your SPCA Facebook page that we are going to show a movie in the park," says Stewart Hill, President of the Welland & District SPCA's Board of Directors and a director on the Ontario SPCA Board. "With an expected turnout of around 70, we were blown away by how many people showed up to support this event. Giving back to the community created a fantastic fundraising event for us."

Camped out on blankets and lawn chairs, families came out to watch Finding Dory in support of the Welland & District SPCA. They enjoyed hotdogs and hamburgers before the movie got underway at 9 p.m., and munched on popcorn throughout the show. Over \$2,000 was raised by

community supporters to help animals in need.

More than just a fundraiser, the community movie night was an opportunity for the Welland & District SPCA to educate the public about the work they do to help animals in need. They even brought their unique adoption vehicle, a specially designed van for curbside adoption events.

"Being involved in your community is key," says Tammy Gaboury, Animal Care Manager, Welland & District SPCA. "The community needs to see us out there. It's not just about our shelter; it's also about being out in our community and being a part of it. This was a nice family event for the community and the children."

To quote a line from Finding Dory, "The best things happen by chance."

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New play yard has tails wagging at the Georgian Triangle Humane Society

It was a year of growth for the Georgian Triangle Humane Society. Investing in their animals, the organization made three major purchases in 2016 to help save more lives.

The most exciting project was the development of a large dog play yard. Dogs waiting to find a loving home now have a spacious area to stretch their legs thanks to a large donation from a local foundation.

The play yard, which is over 500 square feet in size, is the best part of each dog's day. The volunteers and staff now have the ability to play with the dogs off leash and provide them with much-needed room to express their "doggy" personalities.

"As a result of this park, our dogs' welfare has dramatically improved, as well as their health," says Sonya Reichel, Executive Director, Georgian Triangle Humane Society. "As we know, this increases their adoptability and has decreased our shelter length of stay."



The Georgian Triangle Humane Society built a new dog play yard.

Donor monument serves as permanent reminder of generosity

The Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes was pleased to announce that it now has a permanent way to recognize donors in the form of a stunning black granite monument that will stand the test of time.

This beautiful fixture, which proudly stands outside the shelter, contains the names of loyal supporters who made substantial contributions to help the Kawartha Lakes Humane Society build its shelter.

Designed in three tiers, the left stone of the monument features the names of major donors to the campaign, the middle displays the Society's mission statement and the right stone lists individual donors to the campaign. Intended to be a "living monument," there is room to add the names of future donors. Supporters who want to see their name, pet's name or business name can donate to the building fund to assist with the costs of repairs and upgrades to the facility.

The donor recognition monument will forever serve as a reminder of the many people who gave generously to ensure the animals in their community have a place where they can receive care, compassion and a second chance at life.



The Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes unveiled a granite monument to honour donors.

Quinte Humane Society Raises the Woof



Raise the Woof raised over \$11,800 for the Quinte Humane Society.

The Quinte Humane Society, the Quinte Lost Dog Network and Northstar Refrigeration Ltd. joined forces to bring the popular comedy show, "Raise the Woof," to Belleville on April 30, 2016.

Raise the Woof is a troupe of comedians that travels across North America, raising money for animal welfare and rescues with their own brand of hilarity. They give a voice to animals through laughter, all the while raising critical funds through a night that brings good feelings to everyone.

In addition to first-rate entertainment, guests at this fundraiser for the Quinte Humane Society enjoyed draw prizes, a 50/50 draw and an array of more than 100 silent auction items up for grabs, including a cottage rental.

Proceeds went to support shelter operations at the Quinte Humane Society. Thanks to the generous support of sponsors and supporters, over \$11,800 was raised to support the many furry guests at the shelter.

Dogs from Mexico get second chance thanks to Lincoln County Humane Society



The Lincoln County Humane Society has found new homes for almost 100 dogs transferred from Mexico.

In an effort to do its part to address global animal welfare issues, the Lincoln County Humane Society assists animal shelters near and far whenever possible. It has welcomed dogs from Northern Ontario, the United States, Bahamas, Grand Cayman, Bolivia and Mexico.

The Lincoln County Humane Society noticed a lower local dog intake over the years, which has allowed them to open their kennels to dogs from other areas. Over the past few years, the Humane Society has developed a relationship with a dog sanctuary in Mérida, Mexico. In that area, dog overpopulation, a lack of animal welfare education and inadequate laws create an overwhelming number of unwanted, abused and neglected dogs.

Thanks to the generosity of the sanctuary's benefactors, many of these dogs were transferred to the Lincoln County Humane Society to find loving homes. In 2016, it welcomed dogs from several different transfers and helped them find a family to call their own.

To date, almost 100 dogs from Mexico have found new homes thanks to the efforts of the Lincoln County Humane Society.

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Trivia night tests knowledge for a good cause

The Niagara Falls Humane Society knows how to put the fun in fundraiser. Its annual Trivia Night celebrated its seventh year in 2016 and was, once again, a huge hit with trivia gurus and animal lovers alike.

A well-known event and a major fundraiser for the Niagara Falls Humane Society, Trivia Night is as entertaining as it is critical for the shelter's operations. The fun-filled night of trivia was held on April 22 and included dinner, a cash bar, silent auction, snack table, draws and prizes.

Nothing beats spending an evening with friends, showing off trivia skills while helping animals in need in the process.



The Niagara Falls Humane Society hosts a popular Trivia Night fundraiser.

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Top 5 Teams

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