

# Saving Lives, Creating Families

WE'RE ALL IN  
*this*  
TOGETHER



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### ● Sticking Together to See it Through

Blind pets see with their hearts. That must be how Blinkin, a young kitten born without eyes, found his companion, Marty.

Cats without vision, especially strays, face many challenges. Struggling to survive outdoors in Tusket, Nova Scotia, the two kitties formed a special bond to help each other. Marty was the more experienced cat – around three years old – who quickly became Blinkin's protector, teacher and seeing-eye cat.

Although not biological brothers, the pair was inseparable. The Yarmouth SPCA kept the bonded duo together while Blinkin received medical care. The two supported each other through good times and bad – living dangerously as strays and in the comfort of the SPCA.

With Marty leading him, Blinkin learned to explore and find his food and litter box. To thank Marty, Blinkin gave kisses and cuddles to his loyal buddy. After 43 days at the SPCA, Blinkin and Marty made their way to their forever home – together.



**CREDIT:** *Blinkin' and Marty's new beginning was made possible by people who leave a gift in their will to the Nova Scotia SPCA. In 2019, 21 people contributed over \$200,000 to give homeless animals the healing they need and the love they deserve.*

On average,  
cats found a  
new home in  
**17 days**

**6993**  
**animals**  
have stayed at  
an SPCA shelter  
this year

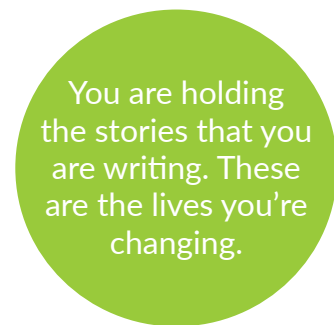
## Message from the Chair of the Board

Growth is part of living. Last fall there was a story about a puppy named Narwhal found in a dump with other puppies. What made Narwhal unique was that he had a tail-like appendage growing from his forehead. Rather than being ostracized for his difference, Narwhal's unicorn appearance was embraced even though he was not like the other puppies. The morale: unexpected growth can have positive results.

This year, the SPCA has grown in unexpected directions to assist more animals. Our facility cultivated a partnership teaching practical skills to veterinarian technicians and built a first-class learning center and operating room which creates new opportunities. Soon you'll be welcome to our new SPCA Veterinary Hospital for your pet wellness check-ups.

This is a jump-start on the future. Together we're going to create a campus – a meeting place for animals and people - evolving in directions that although unexpected, will have beautiful results.

I'm proud of how far we've come and I'm thrilled that we keep growing as an organization and continue to find new ways to save more animals.



### CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Jim Kochanoff  
& family dog Lola

When you're 143 years old,  
you might start to think  
that there's nothing new  
to do and accomplish.

But that's never been the case  
at the Nova Scotia SPCA.

## Message from the CEO

Doing the work of helping and protecting animals who are living in difficult or cruel conditions is a privilege, one that would not be possible without your generous support.

The changes you want, the ones we work for, are not easy. Day after day and case after case we face resistance but we don't back down. Your compassion for our lifesaving work gives us the strength to face down obstacles and prevail. The animals depend on you and so do we.

Read on for a few stories of those wins – of your success shutting down a large-scale puppy mill, your investment in an animal transport program and your support for community members and their pets in crisis.

Thank you for making it possible and for standing with us as we help build a kinder future for animals.

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Elizabeth Murphy



## A Case of Cruelty Opens the Community's Heart

Adapted from Wendy Martin's July 5  
CBC Story "Stray cat who had leg  
amputated after shooting gets adopted"

### Phoebe the cat has a new home.

The black and white stray had to have an emergency amputation after someone shot her in the leg with a .22-calibre gun in Dominion, Cape Breton.

Within two hours of it being revealed that Phoebe was available for adoption, her new owner was preparing to take her home.

"We love cats," said Jean MacIntyre, who began phoning the animal shelter as soon as she heard what had happened to Phoebe. "Phoebe needs a special home where she'll receive lots of love and attention."

### Phoebe has already received an outpouring of support from across Canada.

The SPCA said it received thousands of dollars in donations to help pay Phoebe's medical costs, estimated at about \$2,000. The money raised helped pay for ongoing care for Phoebe as well as other cats at the shelter.

Heather Woodin, the SPCA's director of programs, said the SPCA also received many inquiries from people wanting to adopt the cat. "I think it really speaks to a lot of people and they really want to rescue a cat that has come through a difficult situation and is still so trusting of people and still so loving," said Woodin.



BEFORE

### ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Investigated 1608 cases of animal abuse and neglect
- Intervened on behalf of 4791 animal
- Removed 262 animals through seizures, owner surrender and abandonment

25  
charges  
laid

100%  
conviction  
rate

**CREDIT:** The Nova Scotia SPCA's enforcement team will always be there to respond to animals in need. Once an animal in distress – like Phoebe – is in the shelter it's the generous donations from community members like you that provide the medical care, shelter, food and love they need.



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BY-LAW CONTRACTS

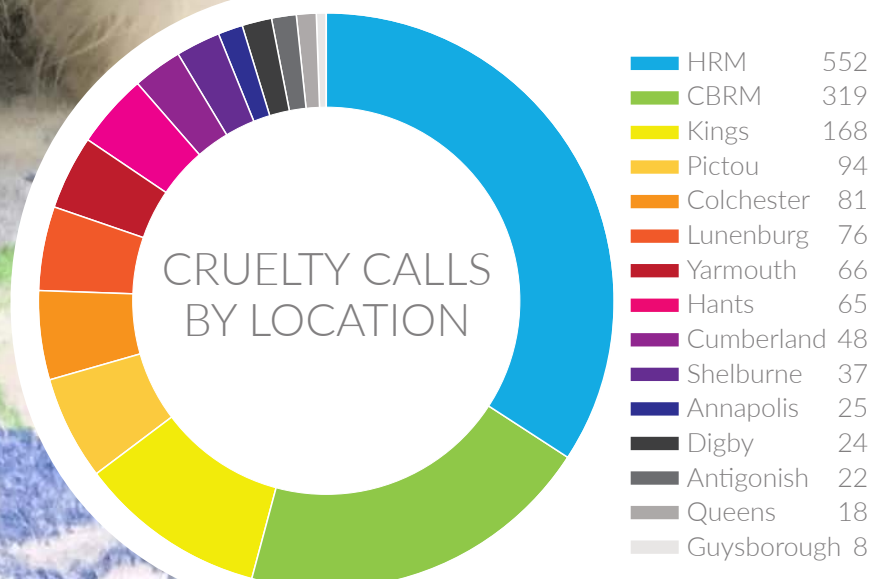
across the province of Nova Scotia.

1916

BY-LAW COMPLAINTS  
INVESTIGATED

## GROUNDBREAKING

- Bill 27 - The Animal Protection Act received royal assent on November 12, 2019. New charges were laid under the act before the end of the year. The new act provides for more openness in appeals of animals seizures and a broader definition of distress to include cosmetic surgery.
- On August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the Nova Scotia SPCA helped secure a precedent-setting guilty plea where a dog's anxiety was taken into consideration. This was the first time in Nova Scotia evidence of the psychological effect the abuse had on the dog was taken into consideration. This case can now be used for case law in future cases.



## Moving in the Right Direction

**These kitties could tell tales. After all, they travelled more than 4,378km to find forever families.**

Born in Pelican Narrows, a Cree settlement in Northern Saskatchewan, they were isolated in the deep cold of winter. The closest veterinarian was more than four hours away and the average temperature was a chilly -23C.



Meghan Aydt, RCMP Officer and founder of Frieda Fuzzypaws Animal Rescue, reached out to the Nova Scotia SPCA for help. To ensure a safe trip, Meghan flew across the country with the six kittens to the safety of the Nova Scotia shelter.

Shy & Sny, were bonded brothers. Only six months old, they loved to chase, cuddle, and play. Sylvie was the oldest at nearly a year old. She had a sensitive tummy and was in need of a quiet home where she could spend time curled up in a lap.

The last three littermates were only four months old. Jay was the most outgoing and curious. Joe preferred to come to you on his own terms... unless you were eating anything that

smelled tasty! Jake, the smallest, hung back until he was comfortable. Once you gained his trust you would be treated to his loud purr.

The kittens received veterinary care and were settled into new homes in just over a week. It was a warm homecoming for pets who had a very cold start.

**CREDIT:** *This happily ever after was made possible by the partnership with Affinity Renewables and the Limerock Windfarm, Greenfield Windfarm, Kemptown Windfarm and Fitzpatrick's Mountain Windfarm.*

### TRANSPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- To save even more lives, the Nova Scotia SPCA signed an agreement with the American SPCA in 2019.
- When space and resources permit, we will safely transport pets from shelters that struggle with homeless pet overpopulation.

**36 cats**

came to Nova Scotia  
in 2019 in need of  
medical treatment  
and a new home

When other shelters and rescues are overwhelmed with homeless pet overpopulation, the Nova Scotia SPCA offers a helping paw. For several years we have accepted dogs from other provinces due to breed-specific legislation. This fall we brought 30 kittens to the Cape Breton SPCA from the Southwest Coast SPCA in Stephenville, Newfoundland.

**The ultimate goal is to transport animals – not diseases...**

and the Nova Scotia SPCA is the expert in providing a pet transport program that takes the proper precautions to ensure the health and safety of the animals – both those being transported and those here in our province.



# ● Stories You Made Possible

## KINGS

"Since we've brought **Teddy** and **Grace** home, they have been so loving! Both are super well behaved, and love to be cuddled. Thank you to the SPCA for giving us the opportunity to care for these adorable babies."



## COLCHESTER

**Haley** was at the Colchester Shelter for over 3 months. She was waiting for the perfect stair-free home where she can be comfortable with her leg injury that never healed properly.



## YARMOUTH

The first **Swing Fore Animals** golf tournament was a huge success thanks to the volunteers, golfers, Yarmouth Links and contributions of local businesses. Golfers enjoyed a great day of golf and a lovely seafood chowder.



**SPCA**  
Yarmouth

**SPCA**  
Kings

**SPCA**  
Colchester

**SPCA**  
Dartmouth

## WOLFVILLE

On December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the Nova Scotia SPCA seized 35 dogs from an alleged puppy mill. Charges have been laid and all of the 35 dogs and their 18 puppies have found forever homes.



### PICTOU

At 12 years old, **Ashes** found herself at our shelter after her loving owner was no longer able to care for her and had to find her another home. After 49 days with the SPCA she was adopted to her forever home on Christmas Eve.



### CAPE BRETON

**Lola** had extreme fur loss, her skin was inflamed, she was arthritic and very thin when she arrived at the shelter. At the shelter's Animal Hospital Lola had two medical procedures and started a daily arthritis medication. Lola joined our Palliative Care Program and is getting a second chance at happiness in a loving home.



SPCA  
Cape Breton

SPCA  
Pictou

### ANTIGONISH

Community members pets in the **Paqtnkek First Nations** were provided veterinarian wellness exams, vaccinations, flea treatments and dog tags in their community hall.

### DARTMOUTH

Halifax app developer, **Christian Selig**, donated over \$27,000 – the largest single-day fundraiser in the history of the Nova Scotia SPCA. For his birthday, the creator of the Apollo app committed all proceeds from the sale of his iOS app to the Nova Scotia SPCA.



★ Thrift stores



# Heart of a Lion

Adapted from Tim Arsenault's May 15th article published in the PEI Guardian

## It turns out Bear might have the heart of a lion.



When Nova Scotia SPCA enforcement officers first saw the dog in late April, things looked bleak. Bear's face was filled with porcupine quills, and he had been neglected for so long that the quills had dug in deep, causing severe infections.

Bear's road to recovery was long, and filled with obstacles. The dog was rushed into emergency surgery to try to remove the buried quills and was put on three medications for pain. A subsequent surgery was deemed a success, with buried quills removed from the animal's forehead, tongue and eye. He returned a third time after he was adopted for a final surgery. With antibiotics, as well as eye and pain medications Bear has made a full recovery.

An investigation led the SPCA to allege that Bear was kept outdoors for most of his life and, in addition to the quill injuries, had sores on his joints, an ear infection, overgrown nails and a dirty, matted coat. The enforcement team's probe has led to charges being laid against Bear's previous owner under the Animal Protection Act.

The story touched animal lovers across the country, and dozens of donations helped pay for Bear's care. The money raised for Bear was more than the cost of his care and the additional funds supported other animals in need of emergency medical treatment.

Bear, which best guesses peg as a three-year-old Lab-Pyrenees mix, has better days ahead. He's been adopted by a loving family who fenced in their backyard so he would never be chained outdoors again.



**CREDIT:** Bear's rescue was made possible by the special group of people who make a donation every month so that animals in medical distress never have to wait for treatment.

It took the whole team at the SPCA to help Bear, starting with the quick response of the enforcement officers, veterinarians that provided round-the-clock treatment, shelter staff and volunteers and the donors who made it all possible.



## HOSPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Nearly half the animals that come to the SPCA require surgery
- Hospitals are located in Cape Breton, Dartmouth, and a Spay Neuter Clinic in Yarmouth

More than  
**2 in 5**  
we serve require  
a spay or neuter  
surgery

Hospitals  
perform on average

**17**  
surgeries  
/day



## Ron the Three Legged Cat Who Gives Back

Excerpt from Judy Layne's story  
Three Legs & Limitless Love



**Ron was a handsome 9-month old ginger tabby brought to the Kings SPCA with a shattered leg.**

His leg and shoulder had to be amputated to prevent a lifetime of discomfort.

What do special pets like Ron need? Special guardians – people with big hearts willing to step up to give these animals a loving home and a second chance at the happiness they deserve. “I’m a big believer that animals choose their guardians and that was what happened with Ron. I met him and fell in love even before I knew his story,” says Bryanna. Just like that, Ron was adopted!

Besides being full of love, Ron is full of surprises. “He’s a giant foodie,” states Bryanna. “Even with three legs, he’s a master of climbing counters, opening cupboards and even his Rubbermaid food tote. Ron’s even been known to steal a bag of chips from the top of the fridge!”

“**Our biggest surprise was how Ron took to caring for various kittens I have fostered,**” says Bryanna.

“Ron’s first foster baby was Melvin. Ron was more than happy to help Melvin learn what being a cat was all about.” In fact, Melvin is now Ron’s forever brother. “This summer, I fostered 5 orphaned kittens and ‘Mama Ron’ was a big help. He always ensured that everybody was cleaned up after feedings, provided much needed snuggles and taught the kittens good manners so they can grow up to be their best selves.”

**CREDIT:** Ron’s new journey was made possible by the volunteers who contribute by helping in the shelter, with our TNR programs and by raising nearly \$600,000 through our Thrift Stores in Kings, Cape Breton, Dartmouth and Queens.





"We are so proud of Ron's accomplishments," relates Bryanna.

“*He is an SPCA ambassador for educating the public about life with three legs.*”

Just this week, Ron was at the shelter for a visit with 25 Sparks, helping the kids learn about animals with special needs and the SPCA's work."

### TRAP/NEUTER/RELEASE

- Ron's helping Melvin and other kittens saved from a life in a feral colony by teaching them how to live in a home.
- **410 cats** living in colonies were neutered/spayed and provided basic medical care in 2019
- 2/5 of those surgeries happened in our **Mobile Clinic** in places without adequate access to veterinary care.

### Over 700 volunteers

help with animal care, fostering, fundraising, TNR, and supporting our SPCA thrift stores.

### DID YOU KNOW...

In 2019, the Nova Scotia SPCA was named by **The Coast** as the "**Best Place to Volunteer**" in Halifax for the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.



## A Helping Hand from a Friend

### When you're temporarily without a home, what happens to your pets?

Whether because of a fire, flood, hospitalization, or intimate partner violence, people from all walks of life can find themselves temporarily displaced from their home.

That's what happened to Jim\*. He reached out to the Nova Scotia SPCA after spending a night in his car with his two dogs. It was the same day someone reported him to Animal Cruelty.

Jim only needed a few days. He was just waiting for his new home to be ready after a flood had left him homeless. Jim's pets came and spent eight days in the shelter. His dogs received medical care and temporary love and support before being reunited with him. Jim got a hand-up and his beloved dogs were able to return to a loving home.

Paws & Support helps people facing acute crises keep their pets. The program provides veterinary intake and short-term fostering for people displaced from home until owners can be reunited with their pets for a better future together.

Families can come to us directly or be referred from a cruelty call. It gives the Nova Scotia SPCA a compassionate option for people facing a temporary crisis.

***The PAWS & Support program is truly a relief program for those most vulnerable, both two-legged and four,***

says Jo-Anne Landsburg, Chief Provincial Inspector. "Animal protection officers recognize the urgent support this program offers as a solution to keeping pets safe and later reuniting them with their beloved family during times of crisis."

*\*name changed*



**CREDIT:** New beginnings like Jim's were made possible by contributions from donors and supporters. The Paws & Support Program funded by PetSmart Charities Preserving Families grant provides short term animal boarding and medical care for families fleeing domestic violence and those unexpectedly hospitalized.

**PETSMART**  
**Charities**  
of Canada

### PAWS & SUPPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- Launched in October 2019, the **Paws & Support program** provided temporary refuge for **9 animals** in the last few months of 2019.

# Thank You!

*A special thank you to those who have honoured their connection with pets by leaving a gift to the Nova Scotia SPCA in their will. No matter the size, their bequest makes a real difference in the lives of animals. From the most basic necessities like food and safety to veterinary care and life-saving medicine, their gift has given homeless animals the healing they need and the love they deserve. Thank you to these special guardian angels.*

## ESTATES

Estate of John Walter Budd  
Estate of Michael S. Covert  
Estate of Betty Crooks  
Estate of Margaret Bernice Foote  
Estate Of Sidney Gould  
Estate of Esther Ann Gratto  
Estate of Christine Greenwood  
Estate Of Fenella Ann Johnstone  
Estate of Donna Lavers  
Estate of Dorothy MacKenzie  
Estate of Wallace MacLean  
Estate of Austina Newsome  
Estate of Sheila Kathleen Piercey  
Estate of Margaret Potter



Estate Of Elizabeth Richardson  
Estate of William Roff  
Estate of Dawn Ross  
Estate of Madonna Sampson  
Estate of L. Fraser Smith  
Estate of Marjorie Smith  
Estate Of Frances Dorothy Wood



## EXECUTIVE

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|----------------|----------------|
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# Major Thanks

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PetSmart Charities of Canada has been a proud supporter of the Nova Scotia SPCA for the last 8 years. Together we are strengthening communities by supporting pets and those who love them. Thank you Pet Smart Charities

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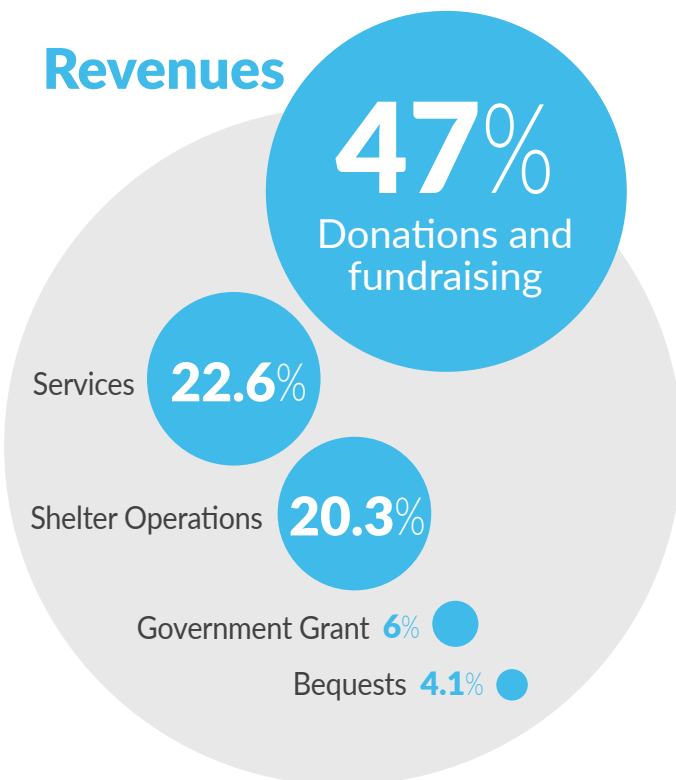
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At the Nova Scotia SPCA, we're proud to be part of the Hill's Food, Shelter & Love® program and we feed all our pets Hill's Science Diet.

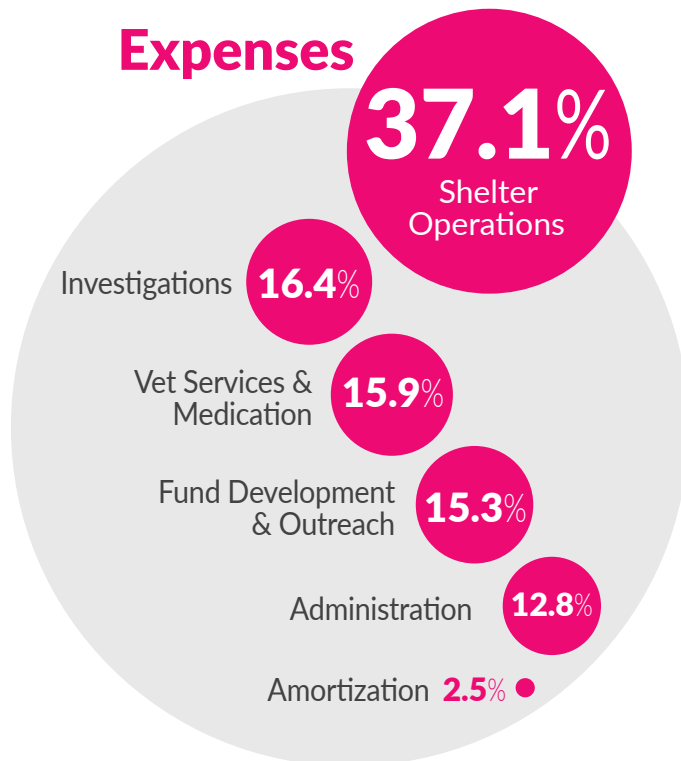


# Financial Statements

## Revenues



## Expenses



## REVENUES

|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Donations and fundraising .. | \$2,332,647        |
| Service .....                | 1,121,507          |
| Shelter operations .....     | 1,005,714          |
| Bequests.....                | 202,015            |
| Government grant.....        | 300,593            |
| <b>Total Revenues .....</b>  | <b>\$4,962,476</b> |

## EXPENSES

|                                       |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Shelter operations .....              | \$1,862,010        |
| Investigations.....                   | 822,926            |
| Veterinary services and medication... | 798,217            |
| Fund development and outreach.....    | 769,985            |
| Administration .....                  | 641,589            |
| Amortization .....                    | 127,132            |
| <b>Total Expenses .....</b>           | <b>\$5,021,859</b> |

**EARNINGS FROM OPERATIONS..... (\$59,383)**

## OTHER INCOME

|                                                             |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Investment income .....                                     | \$11,383        |
| Gain on marketable securities .....                         | 43,712          |
| Gain on disposal of capital assets .....                    | 4,655           |
| Net earnings from controlled profit oriented enterprises .. | (21,272)        |
| <b>Total Other Incomes .....</b>                            | <b>\$38,478</b> |

**EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES .. (\$20,905)**

NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019





## Biscuit's New 'Leash' on Life

Adapted from  
Judy Layne's article

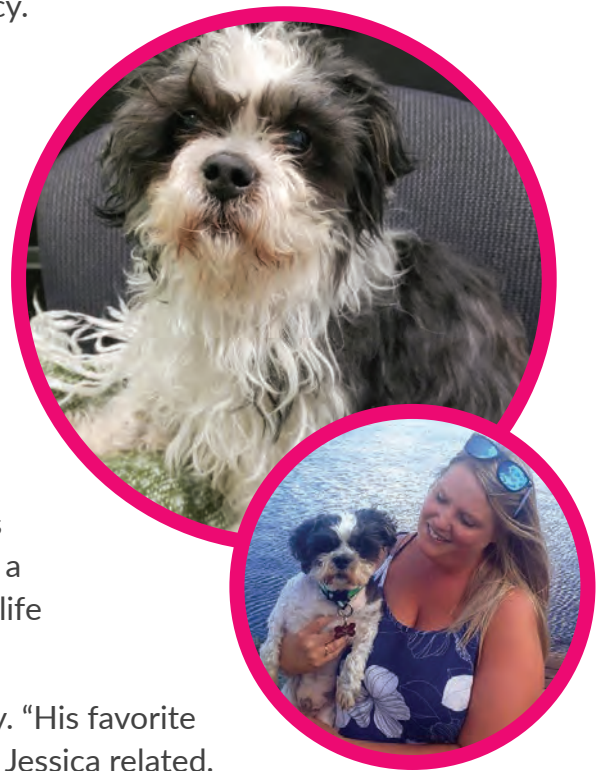
When he arrived at the SPCA Colchester Shelter he was thin, matted, had cataracts and heart disease. Initially, Biscuit never moved from the back of his kennel and always kept his head low. After being diagnosed with a 4/5 grade heart murmur, he was placed in the SPCA's Palliative Care Program.

The program was a perfect fit for this cutie-pie. While to many people, the term 'palliative care' is associated with dying, the Nova Scotia SPCA's Palliative Care Program is about living. It's about ensuring that senior pets and those with compromised health like Biscuit get to live out the rest of their days in a foster home filled with love, caring, comfort and happiness. The program is a proud reflection of the SPCA's No-Kill policy.

Sandra Flemming, SPCA Provincial Director of Animal Care, tells prospective foster families that "all they have to do is provide the love. The SPCA covers all other costs including food and medical care."

Jessica said that "Biscuit stole my heart the first time I met him. He seemed to gravitate towards me like I was his safe place." Jessica had previously fostered 4 dogs and a multitude of kittens and cats, but Biscuit was the first palliative care pet she considered fostering. "We had a family discussion since it's a big decision to make when you have small children. My kids completely understand that Biscuit won't be with us for a long time, but they know that we can give him the best life we can while he is still here," Jessica shared.

Biscuit has blossomed so much with his new family. "His favorite activities include days at the beach and long car drives," Jessica related. Biscuit and his foster mom stop by the SPCA Hospital for frequent check-ups. "He's a great patient and always loves his visits with Dr. Benjamin," said Jessica.



**CREDIT:** Biscuit's story was made possible by the people and business who run fundraisers for the SPCA. The annual Kathy Skoke-Fortin Memorial Golf Tournament organized by Vince Angst and friends has raised over \$35,000 since 2011.

- 109 animals have participated since the palliative foster program began in 2009
- 16 animals entered palliative foster homes in 2019

Jessica encourages people to consider opening their hearts and home to a palliative care animal in need.

***It's one of the most rewarding things you can do***, she said.

"We feel so humbled to be able to give this little guy a second chance at a loving home. We may have met him late in his life, but we will make it his best life while he is here."

### FOSTER HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2019, 1305 animals spent time with a foster family



## The Nova Scotia SPCA A Look Back at 2019



**7,455** surgeries performed for animals in need



**15,869** animals served throughout the province



Only **13%** administrative cost



**4** SPCA Thrift Stores



**\$5** Million annual operating cost



Over **4,923** Animals found their forever homes



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