

SAVING LIVES, CREATING FAMILIES

ACTIVITY REPORT 2022



SPCA
Nova Scotia

Selena was a member of the SPCA Palliative Care Program. To some, the term *palliative care* is associated with dying but our program is all about living.

Selena enjoyed her sunset years in a loving retirement home with a family who adored her. She even had her very own crochet couch!



NOVA SCOTIA SPCA TRIVIA! 2022



**HOW MANY
ANIMALS**
did we serve?

1.



**HOW MANY
SURGERIES**
did the veterinary
team perform?

2.



**HOW MANY
PETS**
found a loving home?

3.



**HOW MANY
VACCINES**
were administered?

4.



**WHICH TYPE
OF ANIMAL**
did we help the most?

5.



**HOW MANY
PIGS**
did we serve?

6.

Answer
Key
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**BOARD OF
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TO OUR SUPPORTERS, THANK YOU



Balancing growth while maintaining programs and services can be tricky for an organization; especially when the need for both can make a life-changing difference to an animal. I am proud of the Nova Scotia SPCA, which remarkably has been able to balance both.

Animal care attendants, hospital staff, college instructors, and enforcement officers, along with the administration team, have spent the past year helping thousands of animals and families, while looking toward the future of animal welfare in Nova Scotia.

Construction is underway and soon we will have a new building in Stellarton housing the North Nova SPCA Hospital, Shelter, and Thrift Store. Meanwhile, our Nova Scotia SPCA College of Animal Welfare is set to once again double enrollment in the veterinary assistant program.

For now, on behalf of the Board, please join us on these next pages for some fun, as you participate in and learn about, the activity of the Nova Scotia SPCA in 2022.

Jessie Irving, **CHAIR OF THE BOARD**



The year started with an unfortunate situation: stolen pet food from the Dartmouth shelter. The scene was heartbreaking for staff and volunteers, but it was also telling about the times: pet owners are in desperate need of help and support.

The community's response? Overwhelmingly generous. Donations came in from all corners of the country. Our response? Build and increase programs to help Nova Scotian pet owners. In 2022 we increased access to veterinary care in Cape Breton and graduated our first class of Veterinary Assistants. Across the province, we have given out thousands of pounds of pet food and litter through our pet pantry.

But there is more to be done for the pets and animals of our province. I am confident, that with your continued support, we will always be there for them.

Elizabeth Murphy, **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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FULL BELLIES AND HEARTS

Someone broke into our storage shed and stole our supplies. Instead of seeing fluffy beds and nutritious food, there were empty spaces and scattered kibble on the floor.

It was heartbreaking.

Just like that – thousands of dollars worth of supplies for our shelter pets was gone. Being a charity, in the middle of a worldwide pandemic, with no government funding for our shelters, **we were devastated.**

But even through the shock, we understood this was likely done out of desperation. So, we took the opportunity to share a simple message online reminding everyone that we are always here to help – especially in a time of crisis. It never needs to come to this.

No one could have expected what happened next.

Animal lovers like you stepped up and donated to help fill hungry bellies. Everything from tasty treats and nutritious food to cozy beds and soft blankets were dropped off. People from all across the world donated online and inspired others to give.

You took a sad situation and turned it into a powerful movement.

Because of the generosity and kindness of the community, our shelves were full. Bellies were full. And even more importantly, hearts were full.

On behalf of our furry friends, thank you.
Love always wins.

The best thing to do if pet owners find themselves in an overwhelming situation is to **reach out for assistance.**

We have a free pet pantry for families in crisis who cannot afford pet food or litter.

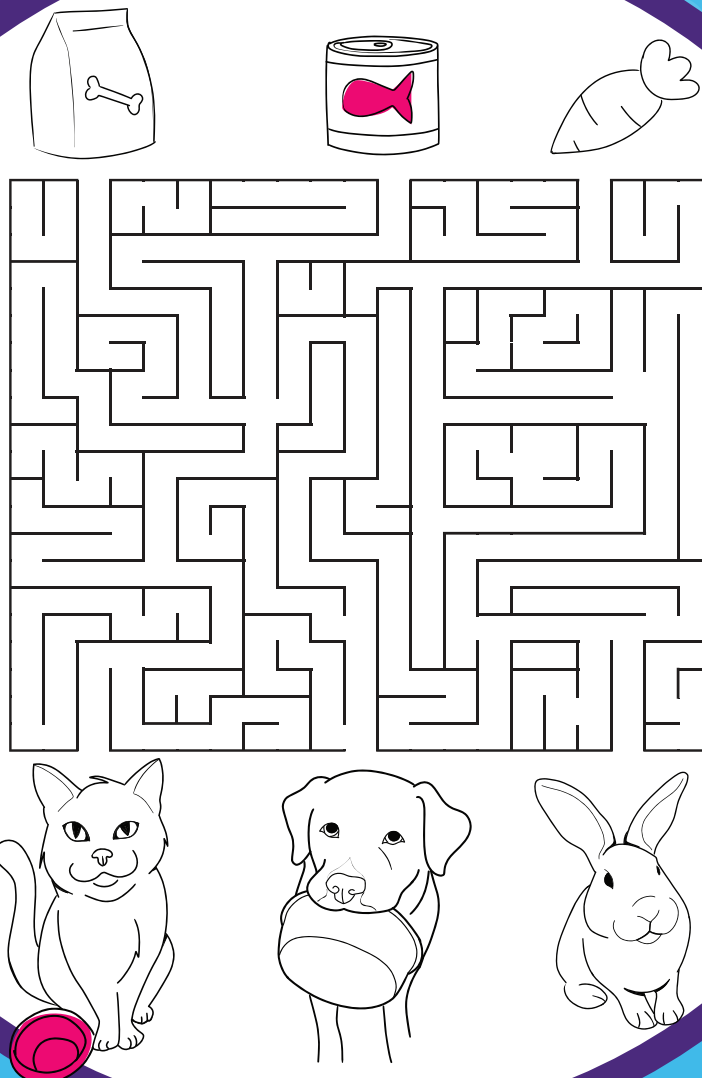
If there is a pet owner you know that is struggling, please encourage them to contact the Nova Scotia SPCA or fill out our pet pantry form at

www.novascotiaspca.ca/petpantry



A-MAZE-ING!

HELP THE CAT, DOG,
AND BUNNY FIND
THEIR FOOD.



Answer
Key
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Around 400 animals are brought to safety at the SPCA **every single month.**

The need keeps growing but our limited shelter space restricts how we can help.

Our shelters in Dartmouth and Cape Breton need to expand so we aren't forced to use things like storage sheds for overflow. Right now, it is our only option as we need to use our inside space to help hurt and homeless pets.





HELPING CAPE BRETONERS, ONE PAW AT A TIME

Across the province, families are adopting new pets. Bringing in a new furry family member is a wonderful time. Think about little kittens when they stretch out and you catch a glimpse of their little toe beans. Or when your puppy, tired from play, falls asleep in their bowl.

A new pet means medical care for their wellness. Vaccines, microchipping, spaying and neutering, are critical steps for a healthy pet. Unfortunately, a veterinary medical shortage is happening across the country, and Nova Scotia is not exempt from it. New pet owners are finding it hard to get medical appointments, leaving their pets in danger.

In Cape Breton, with help from PetSmart Charities of Canada™ the Nova Scotia SPCA opened a veterinary hospital to help more pet parents access veterinary care to keep their pets healthy. Located on-site with the shelter, the hospital is open to the public for wellness and preventative care appointments.

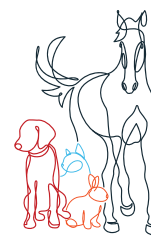
We heard from the community that the need was great, we wanted to help.

Wellness and preventative medicine is important for many reasons. It helps control the pet population and improves the quality of life for animals. Most importantly, it helps keep the pet healthy and not in need of urgent care, something Dr. Mike Ackerley, a veterinarian at the Dartmouth SPCA Veterinary Hospital is worried about, and why he is working periodically in the Cape Breton Hospital.

"Because of the veterinary medical shortage, it's very important for pet owners to keep their pets' vaccinations up to date. Without it, illness can happen and there are very few veterinarians and thus, appointments available for care," says Dr. Ackerley.

The response from the community has been overwhelming. *"Families are very appreciative that they can have their animal examined and receive care,"* says Dr. Ackerley. ***"We are helping to fill a void while giving pet owners peace of mind."***

Amy Choi was the first valedictorian from the Nova Scotia SPCA College of Animal Welfare's Veterinary Assistant program. Choi was one of eight graduates of the new program, and accepted a full time position in the Nova Scotia SPCA Veterinary Hospital upon graduation.

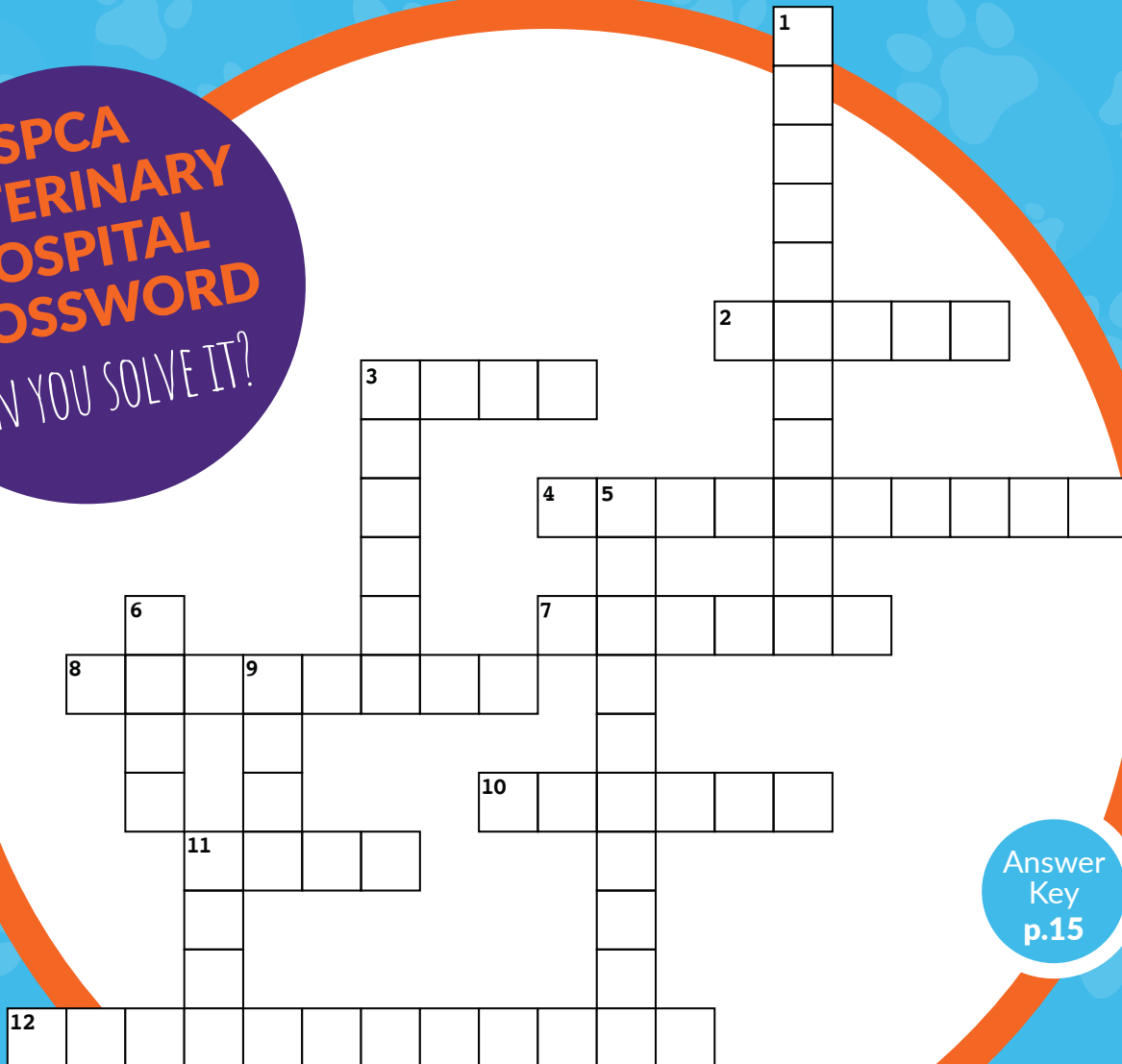


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College of Animal Welfare

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www.spcacollege.ca
to learn more

SPCA VETERINARY HOSPITAL CROSSWORD

CAN YOU SOLVE IT?



Answer
Key
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Across

2. 80% of Veterinarians identify as this gender
3. Vets do ____ years of veterinary school
4. Equipment that takes a picture of a pet's bones
7. Routine surgical procedure for young male pets
8. Cats have four rows of these
10. This feline breed is hairless
11. The first veterinary school was founded in 1761 in this French city
12. An animal doctor is called this

Down

1. Tool used to listen to the heart and lungs
3. Another word for cat
5. Medication given before surgery
6. This is one of four canine breeds that has a blue tongue
9. Routine surgical procedure for young female pets
11. Dogs commonly get this disease from deer ticks

STORIES YOU MADE POSSIBLE

KINGS

Many hands make it possible for the King's SPCA Thrift Store to offer goods a second chance. About 20 volunteers help run the social enterprise store, many who have been a volunteer with the SPCA since it began over three decades ago!

Our thrift stores sell clothes, toys, books, household items and more. Volunteer, donate, shop at our thrift stores in New Minas, Dartmouth, Sydney, Liverpool and soon Stellarton!



COLCHESTER

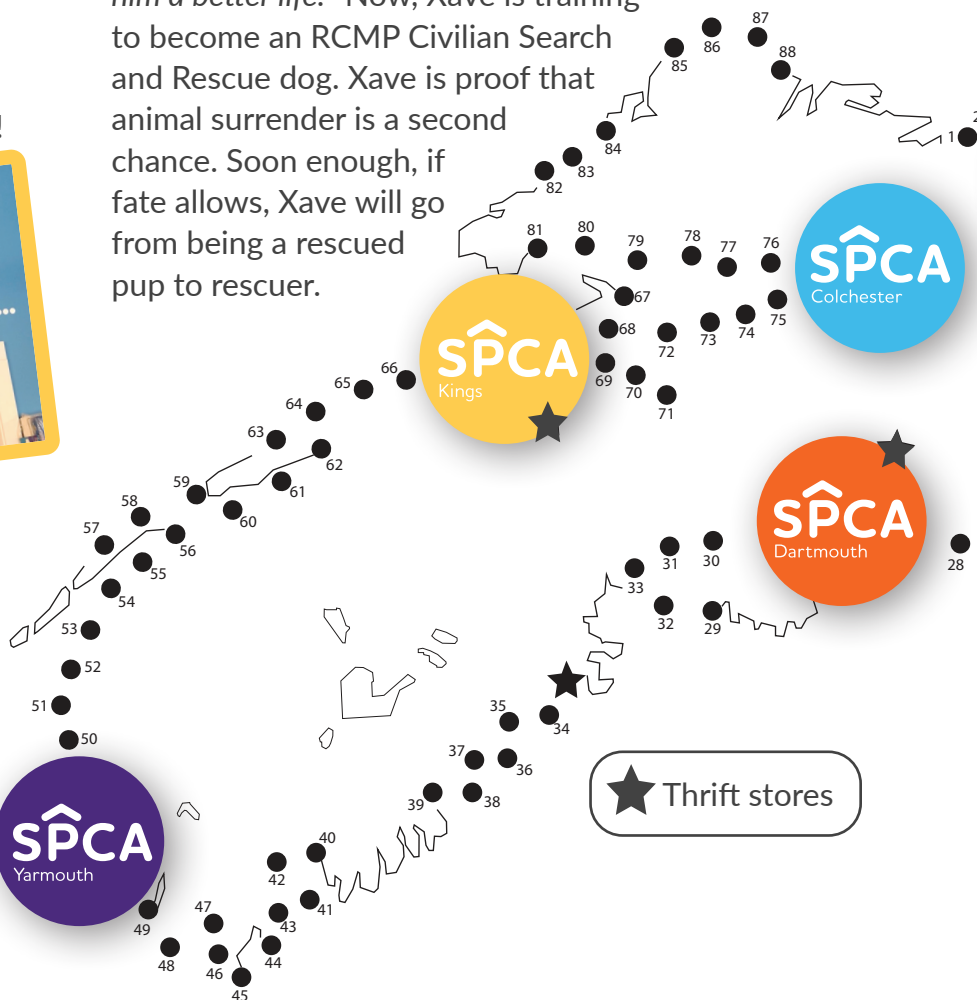
Paul and Karen are thankful to have their adopted pup, Xave. But just as much, they are grateful that Xave's old owner reached out for help. "What I recognize is the selfless actions," Paul shared. "They had a full

set of dreams for a future life with him. They made the hard decision to surrender Xave to give him a better life." Now, Xave is training to become an RCMP Civilian Search and Rescue dog. Xave is proof that animal surrender is a second chance. Soon enough, if fate allows, Xave will go from being a rescued pup to rescuer.



YARMOUTH

Hope had plans to get her beloved kitty, Kiki, fixed. Kiki, on the other paw, had other plans. The next thing Hope knew... there were kittens on the way! Fortunately, the P.U.P. Program, which stands for Prevent Unwanted Pregnancies, was here to help. With the P.U.P. Program, we spay and return the female dog or cat for free AND find loving families for the puppies or kittens. Thanks to the P.U.P. Program, Hope and Kiki are cozied up together at home not worrying about another accidental litter, and all five kittens found families who adore them.





PICTOU COUNTY

Jake the dog served as the “Lead Digger,” when he broke the ground in Stellarton for the new North Nova SPCA. The volunteer fundraising committee led by Marsha Sobey has been hard at work raising the funds needed for the project. The lead gift has been announced, coming from Sharon & Elmer MacKay after whom the building will be named.



CAPE BRETON

When Hurricane Fiona slammed into Nova Scotia, there were approximately 300 animals in our care; and the Cape Breton shelter was one of the fullest. When the storm cleared, three of our shelters were in need of repairs/had suffered losses of power and medicine.

Enter our generous friends at PetSmart Charities of Canada™ with a disaster response grant. At the Cape Breton SPCA, 32 animals, like Chewbarka, were evacuated to other locations to receive the medical care they needed and a chance to meet a loving family sooner, while the shelter fixed dog runs, power issues, and the roof.



DARTMOUTH

Mokie came to his foster mama, Erica, with pneumonia. At the same time, Erica was fighting her own health battle with breast cancer. “Mokie would always cuddle when I was sick,” Erica explained. “So, basically, I took care of him... and he did the same for me.” After helping Erica, Mokie aided his adoptive mama, Carol. Sadly, Carol’s senior kitty, Licorice, passed away. “Mokie helped me get through a hard time and I love him for being there,” Carol shared. Mokie’s life was saved, and he completely changed two lives.

THE RESCUED RAINBOW CREW

Skin and bones. That's all Greenie and his dog friends were. They desperately needed help.

Our SPCA Enforcement team rushed the dogs in for urgent care. All five were starving and dehydrated. They had rocks in their bellies and zero energy. When pets are this emaciated their organs begin to shut down.

In emergencies like these, we need to act fast.

Their fragile bodies were hard to look at. Even for us. In fact, some staff with years of experience had never seen dogs this skinny. It was heartbreaking. But there was hope.

The five dogs started a special refeeding schedule of small, frequent meals so it wouldn't overwhelm their tiny bodies. Although their gains at first may not have seemed like a lot, we knew they were giant leaps in the right direction.

After all, it is important to remember that animal **rehabilitation isn't a sprint... It's a marathon.**

We named the dogs after bright colours to symbolize their bright futures ahead: Greenie, Pinkie, Orangie, Bluie, and Brownie.

Slowly but surely, the pups made positive progress. They were finally ready to continue their rehabilitation plans in homes to free up much-needed space at our small shelters.

With foster-to-adopt, thanks to generous donors, we continued to cover their care while they recovered. Families opened their hearts, homes, and made the adoption official when the dog was ready.

After months of hope and hard work, all five dogs were medically cleared. The pups gained weight... But that is not all. They gained confidence, strength, and families who adore them.

It was beautiful to see animal lovers in our community come together. You donated to their care, raised awareness, and inspired others to help.

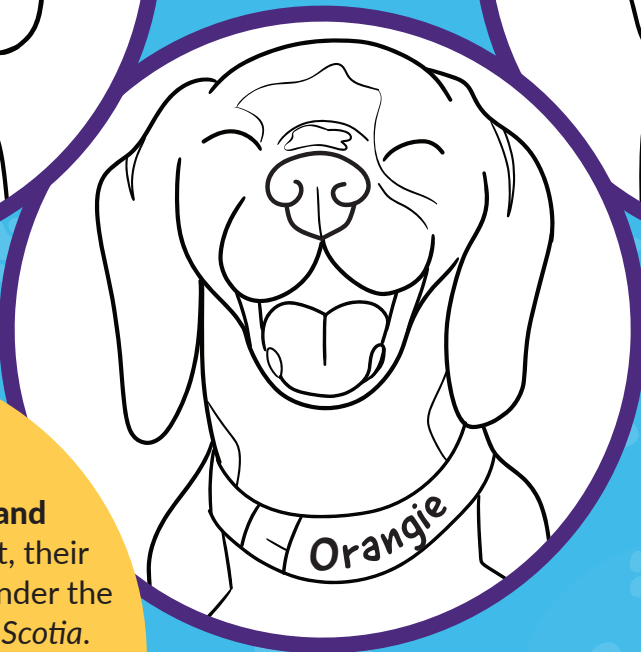
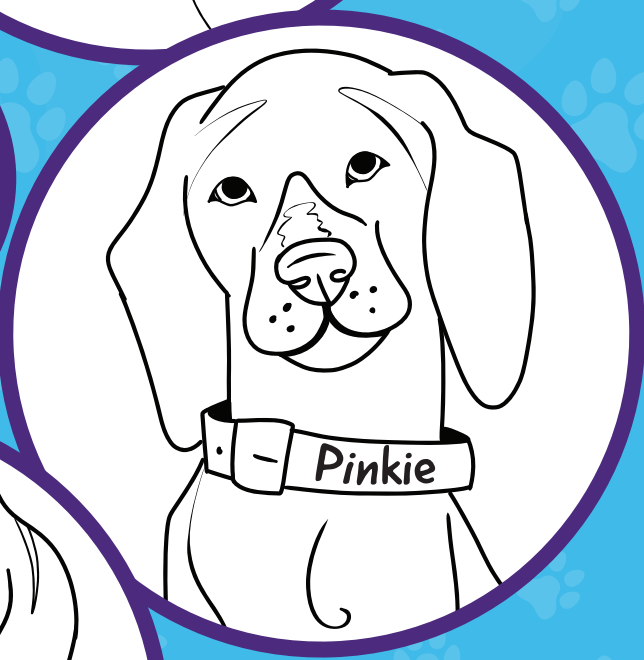
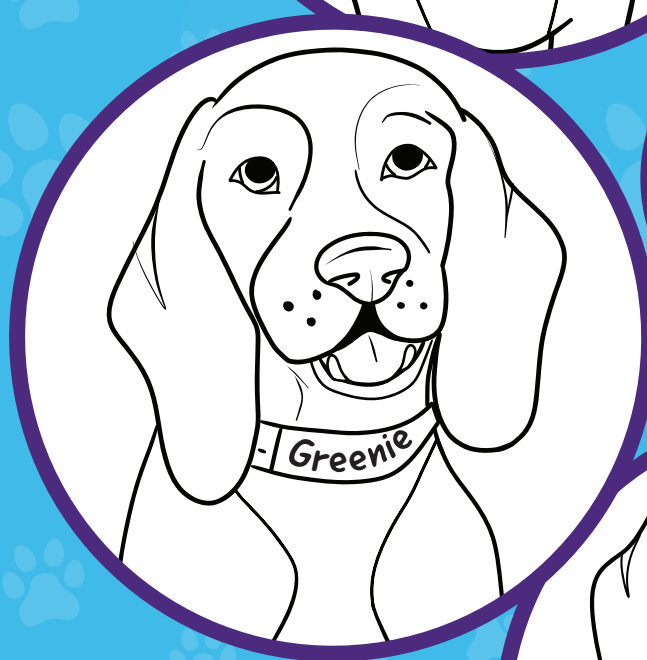
Your love is so powerful.

The dogs continue coming back for check-ins, and we will always be there for them. For now, Greenie and his doggie friends have settled into their new lives. We wish them the best of luck in their bright futures.



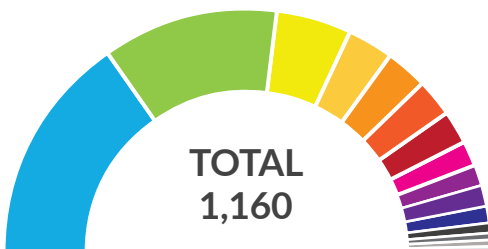


COLOURING
TIME!



Our
SPCA Enforcement
team led a thorough
investigation for **Greenie and
his doggie friends**. As a result, their
previous owner was charged under the
Animal Protection Act of Nova Scotia.

CRUELTY INVESTIGATIONS BY LOCATION



HRM..... 356	Colchester.. 57	Annapolis... 28
CBRM..... 273	Hants 52	Queens..... 15
Kings..... 118	Yarmouth... 40	Antigonish....9
Pictou..... 69	Cumberland. 32	Digby9
Lunenburg.. 62	Shelburne... 31	Guysborough ..9

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

In Honour of Ben

For Ben MacIsaac, an SPCA board member and lover of animals, giving back to the SPCA was a no brainer. Ben's philosophy was that if you really want to support a cause that you love, you give your time, talents, and treasure. Ben passed away recently, but his legacy of generosity will continue.



Loving Animals is Always a Win-Win

Back when Kenda was a young student, she cared for her school's rabbit. That experience taught Kenda to help whenever and wherever it's needed. Nowadays, Kenda is a loyal SPCA supporter and was lucky enough to **win the SPCA weekly 50/50 jackpot twice**.

But what makes Kenda really special is that she made a generous \$500 donation after each win to give back even more! "Stories of happily-ever-after aren't just for fairy tales," Kenda smiled. "It's an incredible feeling knowing you've helped the SPCA make those happily-ever-afters possible!"

www.SPCA5050.com

Giving a Gift of Securities

"I was inspired by our dog Landers to make a contribution to the SPCA," shared Mark. "After completing the adoption process I realized just how much care and work goes on behind the scenes at the SPCA."

Landers, Mark, and his family made a very generous gift in a unique way... They donated securities!

"I'd recommend others to directly donate stocks over cash from stocks," Mark suggested. "If I sold a stock and donated the proceeding cash, I would be losing around 20% of the donation to taxes. However, if I donate the stock directly to the SPCA I'll be entitled to an inclusion rate of zero on any capital gain that stock has."

Landers sometimes scratches his head confused when Mark talks about securities. But hearing that his shelter friends have 20% more toys and treats makes his heart happy.



SPOT
THE 5
DIFFERENCES





MAJOR THANKS

Pawsitive Champion

Ashley Stueck
GFL Environmental Inc.
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In Memory of Keith Parker
In Memory of Ronald W. Zwicker
JSMT Fundraising Society in
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Judy Crump in memory of
Heaven
Judy Layne
Kathy Skoke-Fortin Memorial
Golf Tournament in support
of the Pictou County SPCA
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the Cape Breton SPCA
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– Mud Creek
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of Jake and Bella
Holly Van Nieuwenhove
Ian Whitcomb
In memory of Brenda Whalen
In memory of Layla
In Memory of Trinda MacLean
Isabel Wainwright
Jacquie Gahagan
Jane and Larry Turner
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Java Blend Coffee Roasters -
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Jennifer Kyte-MacDonald
Jennifer Tribble
Jill Wagstaff
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Stellarton Rotary Needs
& Fast Fuel
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of Canada Foundation
The John C. and Sally Horsfall
Eaton Foundation
The Kiley Family
The Old Triangle Irish Alehouse
in Sydney
Valarie Sampson - RE/MAX
PARK PLACE INC
Vernon's Thunderbird Diner
Warren & Karen Shih
(In memory of Amber and
Miss Blast)
Wendy Miles
Willia Napier
Yvonne Hartlin

**... and all our
generous donors!**



THANK YOU!

A heart-felt thank you to those who have included a gift in their will. Every thoughtful bequest will provide health and happiness to pets in need. The Nova Scotia SPCA is honoured to be able to save lives on behalf of these very special animal lovers.

If leaving a gift in your will is something you are interested in, thank you. Please contact Christa Jensen, Director, Legacy & Leadership Giving at 902-835-4798.



When Shirley became ill and was making her plans, she wanted to recognize her partner Marlene's love of animals and asked her, "*where should I leave a gift?*" Although Marlene had only visited the Pictou SPCA once, she knew she wanted to help support her hometown animal shelter.

Marlene and Shirley did not know then about the legacy they were helping to create. Shirley's gift has done more to support the Pictou SPCA, it inspired Marlene to make her own donation to ensure the new North Nova SPCA can respond to animals, and near and dear to her heart, stray cats. Thank you Shirley for the gift, inspiration, and introduction to Marlene.

Thank you to these special guardian angels. ESTATES OF...

Annie Lillian MacKean
Bernard Murphy
Christine Greenwood
Donald Layton Drake
Doris Evelyn Schrader
Douglas Greene
Jacqueline Lee
Jean Biggar
Judith Ann Curtis
Katherine Frances MacDonald

Katherine McCracken
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

REVENUES

Donations and fundraising	\$4,662,809
Services	1,758,119
Shelter operations	1,073,508
Bequests	573,532
Government enforcement grant	320,790
College of Animal Welfare subsidy	94,484
Total Revenues	\$8,483,242

EXPENSES

Shelter operations	\$2,521,971
Veterinary services and medication	1,413,129
Fund development and outreach	1,693,364
Administration	1,181,922
Investigations	875,224
College of Animal Welfare	431,037
Amortization	212,939
Total Expenses	\$8,329,586

EARNINGS FROM OPERATIONS **\$153,656**

OTHER INCOME

Investment income	\$41,466
Gain (loss) on marketable securities	(302,084)
Government assistance	0
Gain on disposal of capital assets	0
Total Other Incomes	\$(260,618)

**DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES
OVER EXPENSES** **\$(106,962)**



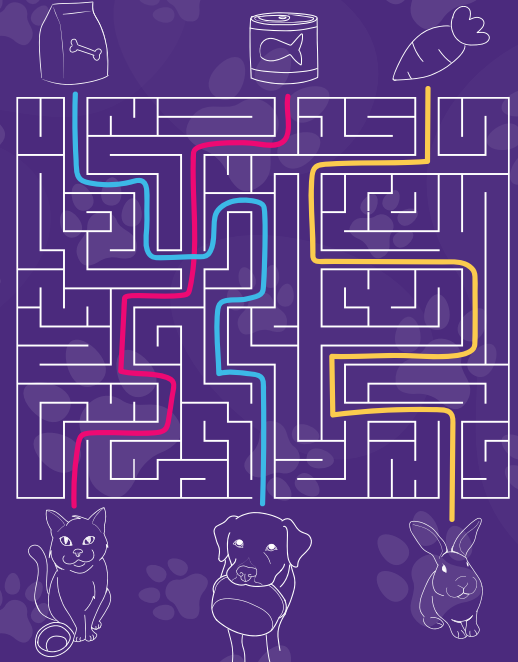
ANSWER KEYS

NOVA SCOTIA TRIVIA 2022 (P. 2)

- 15,477
- 6,774
- 4,137
- 7,457
- Cats
- Only 1! - Read about Sugarbear online in *The Paw Print*.



A-MAZE-ING (P. 5)



SPCA VETERINARY HOSPITAL CROSSWORD (P. 7)

ACROSS

2. WOMEN
3. FOUR
4. RADIOGRAPH
7. NEUTER
8. WHISKERS
10. SPHYNX
11. LYON
12. VETERINARIAN

DOWN

1. STETHOSCOPE
3. FELINE
5. ANESTHESIA
6. CHOW
9. SPAY
11. LYME

SPOT THE 5 DIFFERENCES (P. 12)





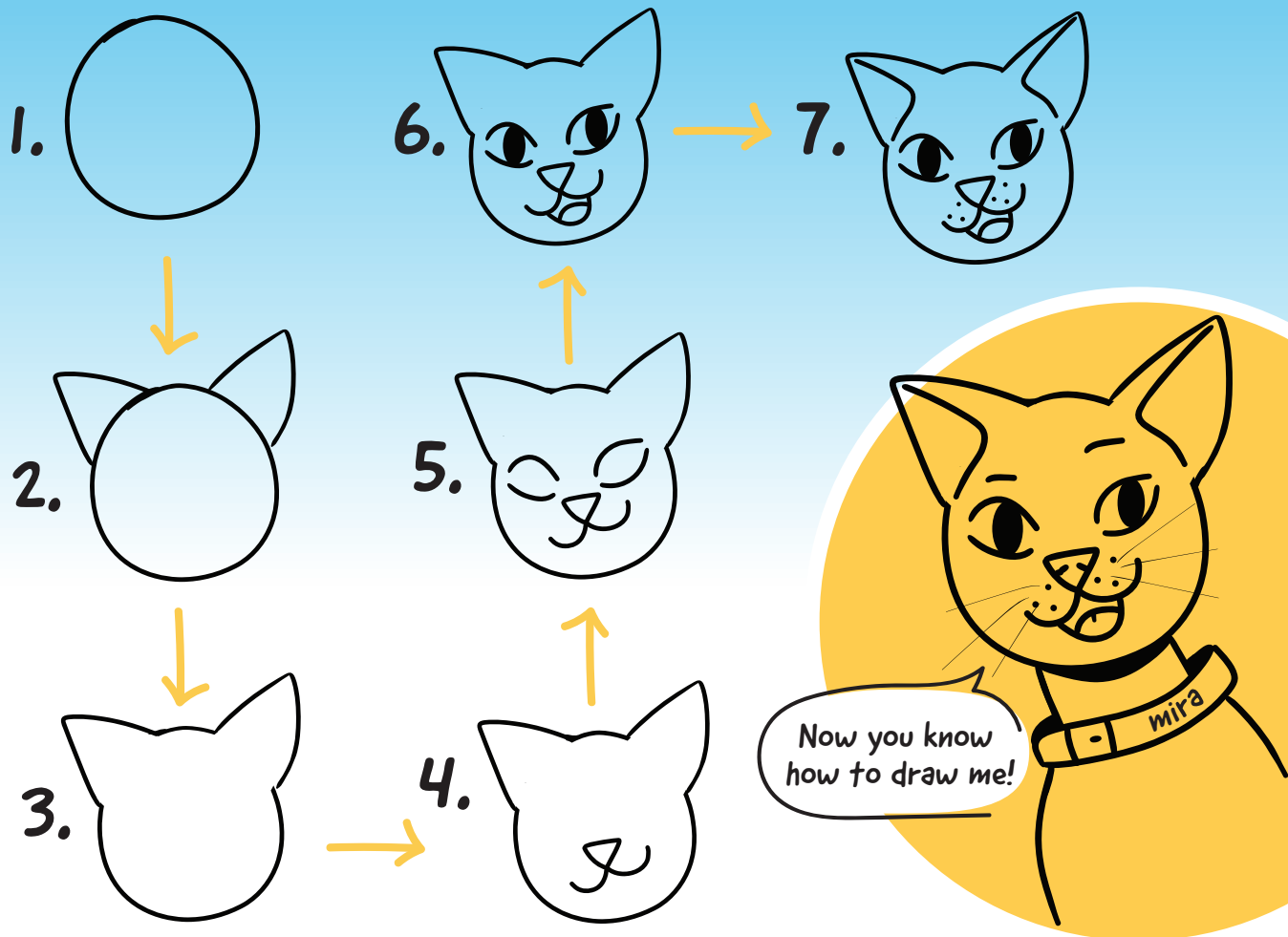
Dmytro and his family fled Ukraine seeking safety in Nova Scotia. Although they could only bring limited luggage, most of the items they packed were for their precious kitty, Mira. While they tried to secure housing, Mira joined the SPCA Paws & Support Program.

This free program helps pet owners who face hospitalization, homelessness, or need safety. Pets live with foster families and are reunited once their owner is in a healthy, safe space.

Only 17 days later, Dmytro and his family found an apartment! They were grateful to be reunited with their sweet Mira.

"My daughters are happy," Dmytro smiled. "We are happy because it is a new life for us, and I hope it will be beautiful."

We may speak different languages... but we all understand love.



WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION?



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