



SPCA
Nova Scotia

2016
ANNUAL REPORT

Wilson, Ryan (Photographer). 2016. Dartmouth SPCA 'Brother the Cat'. (Photograph). 2016

The Nova Scotia SPCA finalized a merge of provincial operations in May 2016



4,934

ANIMALS ADOPTED
ACROSS NOVA SCOTIA



500+

AMAZING VOLUNTEERS
ACROSS NOVA SCOTIA

KINGS
SHELTER

COLCHESTER
SHELTER

PICTOU
SHELTER

CAPE BRETON SHELTER
& ANIMAL HOSPITAL

THE NOVA SCOTIA SPCA
A LOOK BACK AT 2016

DARTMOUTH SHELTER
& ANIMAL HOSPITAL

YARMOUTH
SHELTER



6,341

SURGERIES COMPLETED
AT OUR HOSPITALS



3,998

ANIMALS RESCUED
BY OUR OFFICERS

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O'Brien, W. Jody (Photographer). 2016. Colchester SPCA. (Photograph). 2016

“ In ancient times, cats were worshiped as Gods; they have not forgotten this... ”

- Terry Pratchett

FOR THE SPCA, 2016 WAS THE YEAR OF THE CAT.

Our organization purchased a Mobile Spay and Neuter Clinic to begin addressing cat overpopulation across our province. Thanks to planned giving, we were able to afford this vehicle and make a real effort with reducing feral cat populations. Every year, thousands of cats live outside of homes in extreme temperatures, with little food or medical care. These cats breed and create litters of kittens that have no homes and many will die.

Cat abandonment is a real problem. It's rare for dogs to be found wild in our communities but so common for cats. Do we need to spend more on education? Do people value the lives of cats differently than other pets? Why are there thousands of cats living without a human home?

The SPCA can't cure this problem on our own – people will still abandon cats and choose not to spay or neuter. However through this humane surgery, we can reduce the number of cats that are forced to suffer. With the Mobile Spay and Neuter Clinic, we have begun to help feral cats in our communities and hopefully the SPCA can work towards a day when every cat will have a home and not have to suffer on their own.



James Kochanoff | Chair of the Board



“ 2016 was exhilarating...we don't intend on slowing down now... ”

- Elizabeth Murphy | CEO

2016 was exhilarating! We completed the merge of all SPCA organizations around the province which culminated in a cohesive provincial society, working on behalf of all companion animals. Our TNR efforts expanded significantly to include the operation of a Mobile Spay and Neuter Clinic and a 6-month HRM triage site which increased the number of wild cats served. Our enforcement team has increased in numbers meaning more support for abused animals.

We don't intend to slow down now...

By the end of 2017, The Nova Scotia SPCA plans to be the first province in Canada to achieve the impressive goal of being both No-Kill and Open Admission – now that is something to CELEBRATE!

Open Admission means that we never refuse a companion animal in immediate need of shelter. This does not mean that animals can be dropped off at our door at anytime without reason. Appointments are required for guardian-initiated surrenders to ensure that we are able to obtain the animal's medical and behaviour history, as well as to ensure that we have a kennel or cage available at that moment in time.

In an emergency, we will always make space!

As a no-kill, open-admission animal welfare organization, we hold our doors and hearts open wide to all companion animals regardless of age, temperament, breed, or health. We provide a vital safety net to all injured, neglected, abandoned, or abused animals.

With the wonderful things accomplished in the fiscal year 2016 we have made Nova Scotia a safe place for homeless animals, and truly pet-friendly. We all need a safety net, and no one needs it more than the thousands of orphaned, abandoned and neglected animals who come through our doors. We're pledging to save the life of every companion animal possible, and with thousands of homeless pets entering Nova Scotia SPCA shelters each year; that's a tall order. We're doing it! All thanks to you.

Yours in Animal Welfare,



Elizabeth Murphy | CEO

2016 was a year of significant change for the SPCA with the successful merge of provincial operations, the launch of the new Mobile Spay and Neuter Clinic and conversion of the Dartmouth Clinic into a Hospital. These changes aim to strengthen the SPCA's future purchasing power to reduce costs, and grow revenue through new services to the public while furthering our mandate.

— Charl



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Non Consolidated Statement of Operations for the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	2016 \$
REVENUES	
Donations & Fundraising	1, 046, 027
Shelter Operations	803, 289
Bequests	629, 681
Government Grant (to support enforcement department)	240, 000
Service	734, 403
	<u>3, 453, 400</u>
EXPENSES	
Administration	481, 154
Amortization	47, 728
Fund Development & Outreach	270, 944
Investigations	553, 370
Shelter Operations	1, 295, 493
Veterinary Services & Medication	906, 192
	<u>3, 554, 881</u>
DEFICIENCY FROM OPERATIONS	(101, 481)
INVESTMENT INCOME	15, 317
GAIN ON MARKETABLE SECURITIES	22, 888
NET EARNINGS FROM CONTROLLED PROFIT ORIENTED ENTERPRISES	<u>2, 574</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>(60, 702)</u>



In 2016, we ran our first online, province wide 50/50 draw. All regions across Nova Scotia benefitted from this initiative.

Pictured here is our winner: Donald MacPhail with staff from our Dartmouth Shelter.

The Nova Scotia SPCA's gala dinner was hosted at Casino Nova Scotia, featuring the incredible 'Spidey' - world renowned hypnotist, mentalist and magician.

Spidey 'wowed' our guests with his amazing talent and had everyone wondering 'how'd he do it'.

The Soiree is a way for the Nova Scotia SPCA to say thank you to our supporters and raise significant funds for the animals in our care! Scotiabank was a proud supporter of this annual event, matching funds raised at our silent auction tables and donating their time to ensure our event was a success!



SPCA Soiree
Feat. Spidey



BEQUESTS

\$629, 681

EVENTS

\$372, 629

\$1.6+
MILLION
raised to support animals



Santa Pix



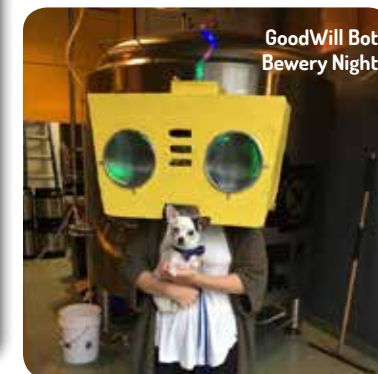
Each holiday season the Nova Scotia SPCA is fortunate enough to have an incredibly dedicated group of volunteers led by long term volunteers Brenda Bell, Linda Stewart and Judi Bell. These ladies facilitate our largest third party fundraiser over the course of 3 weeks, involving 360+ volunteers, raising \$30,000+ each year!

DONATIONS

\$673, 398



Halifax Pride Parade



GoodWill Bot
Brewery Night

Kynock Resources hosts an annual antique car show, with all proceeds supporting the Nova Scotia SPCA. We are so thankful to this amazing group of individuals whose financial contributions make a huge impact!



Kynock Resources
Antique Car Show



**Saving Lives,
Creating
Families.**

By year end, nearly 4,000 procedures were performed by our surgical team in Dartmouth, operating at a full five days a week. It was also the first full year of operation at our Cape Breton Hospital which performed over 2,300 procedures and was open 3-4 days a week. Of these surgeries, 1,180 were spay and neuters performed for the Feral and Abandoned Cat Society on feral cats.

Operating two hospitals has allowed us to continue to improve the level of animal care while ensuring all animals adopted from the Nova Scotia SPCA are healthy and ready to be placed into their forever homes. Both hospitals routinely perform spay/neuters, dentistry, leg and tail amputations, eye surgeries, etc.

This year we also saw an increase in intake and adoptions at our shelters by 5%. We believe that improvements in animal care and our shelter infrastructure, along with highly trained staff were contributing factors to our success.

We continued to promote and support our pet store adoption centers and saw an increase of 10% across the province. This has proven to be a vital partnership during the peak breeding season, decreasing the length of stay while increasing our overall intake capacity.

ANIMAL CARE & VETERINARY SERVICES

In 2016, with the amalgamation of our organization and the centralization of veterinary services around our two hospitals and mobile clinic, we helped more animals than ever before. We continued to expand our HRM Hospital to include the purchase of a new digital dental and x-ray machine. The ability to offer this level of diagnostics to all Nova Scotia SPCA animals has proven to be an amazing benefit, while reducing our need to outsource these very expensive, but necessary procedures.



Our devoted and caring staff provide all animals with the highest level of animal care. Ensuring that all their needs are met, going above and beyond!

Sandra Flemming | Director of Animal Care

HAPPY TAILS



Zach | CAPE BRETON: "He came into our care from animal control in October 2016. He was unsocialized and in very poor health. Our staff immediately stepped up to create a feeding and socialization plan for Zach and soon he became our best friend. We kept him in our main lobby and he helped us greet our guests as they came in and even became a model for our Christmas cards. He was put into foster and in January 2017 he was finally adopted to a wonderful family!"

- Cape Breton SPCA Staff



Nemo | COLCHESTER: Nemo was brought into the shelter in late August. When he arrived, he was severely dehydrated and weighed a whopping 0.04 kg! He was so tiny that he would fit in the palm of your hand! The vet later confirmed that he had been born prematurely. When he came to us, he was approximately 4-5 days old.

Our amazing animal care team here at the shelter made it their mission to literally nurse little Nemo to health. One staff member in particular took Nemo home with her each and every night as he had to be bottle fed every 2-3 hours.

It was touch and go for a while but we are happy to report that little Nemo is both healthy and happy! He has since been adopted!

Jelly Bean | KINGS: He came into our care through a cruelty investigation after living in highly unsanitary conditions. He was living in his own filth every day in a small carrier with his mother. When he arrived in our care he had dirt and feces imbedded into his coat and skin which took several baths and weeks to fully remove. He was so filthy his own mother no longer tried cleaning or caring for him, his odor alone was unbearable. Thankfully, our staff found a very compassionate foster who was willing to help us give Jelly Bean the TLC he needed. After regular bathing schedules, parasite control, and grooming he grew into a very healthy and beautiful boy!



Four little paws can change coming back to an empty house, into coming HOME. 🐾🐾

- Anonymous



Jack Frost | YARMOUTH: He came into our care hoping for a second chance at a forever home! Jack Frost is about 10 years old & he was surrendered into our care through no fault of his own - his previous owner had become unable to care for him and knew we would find him a great home!

After a short time in our care, Jack found his forever home - proving that no matter what age, we find forever homes for all our beloved pets.

BARN CAT PROGRAM

We successfully launched our Barn Cat initiative this year! Our program focuses on rehoming semi-feral cats to barns across Nova Scotia. All of our cats are vaccinated, flea treated and spayed/neutered. Since it's launch we have had over 30 cats matched to local farms.



MOBILE SPAY & NEUTER CLINIC

On August 12, 2016 our Mobile Spay and Neuter Clinic hit the road for its first surgery day in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia! The Nova Scotia SPCA believes that no single group or organization can effectively and humanely address the cat overpopulation crisis. Over the past few years, the SPCA has been working with municipalities, cat welfare groups, individuals and the Nova Scotia Veterinary Medical Association to secure support and funding to finance a SPCA TNR Program. The SPCA is aware, that to make our TNR Program work, it takes partnership.

The SPCA's Mobile Spay & Neuter Clinic serves feral and abandoned cats around the province, SPCA animals that reside in our shelters and those animals currently located in First Nations' communities. The Mobile Spay and Neuter Clinic does not operate as a 'for-profit' venture but rather we work with provincial/municipal governments and community groups to raise funds to help meet the needs of unowned animals living around the province and in SPCA shelters.

When we care for the cat colonies, there are many spin-off benefits. Cats who are altered are not creating future litters, thus reducing the size of feral colonies which allows them to decrease naturally over time. This helps to protect birds, snakes and other wildlife.

Much has been accomplished but much remains to be done. There are thousands more feral and abandoned cats in the province that need to be spayed/neutered. Ongoing financial support is required to continue the Mobile Clinic's work.

SPCA
Nova Scotia



“The co-operation amongst all levels in this project has been astounding. The dedication of trappers, co-ordinators, caregivers and our surgical team allowed us to make a true difference for the lives of ferals. Continuing on, I can see great positive impact for everyone involved and I'm so proud to be a part of that change.”

- DR. ALISON POLLARD, DVM
NS SPCA VETERINARIAN

We celebrated the reveal of our Mobile Spay and Neuter Clinic with the family members of the generous Dr. Susan Roberts and Eleanor Dyke who with their generous gifts through our 'Leave a Legacy' program made our dream a reality.



The SPCA's Mobile Spay & Neuter Clinic operated for a trial 3 month period in 2016 therefore numbers reflected are not based on a full season of TNR. In 2017 the NS SPCA's Mobile Spay & Neuter Clinic will operate for 8 months which is the typical length of a TNR season.



 **302**
CATS & KITTENS
TREATED

 **\$60,000+**
RETAIL VALUE OF
SURGERIES
PROVIDED

 **15,364+**
UNWANTED CATS
PREVENTED OVER
THE NEXT 3YRS.

 **70+**
VOLUNTEERS -
TRAPPING &
SUPPORT ON
SURGERY DAYS

 **35**
CAT COLONIES
SERVED

 **3,568+**
KILOMETERS
TRAVELLED

ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATIONS^{TEAM}

Our cruelty investigations teams have received a steady increase in the number of complaints since 2012. Last year our officers responded to 1,648 complaints regarding animal cruelty and neglect. Officers provide on call emergency services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year. There are now 16 officers responding in the field and our response time to these emergency situations has significantly improved.

In 2016 our officers intervened on behalf of 3,998 animals across the province. The majority of the time, officers are able to offer sound education on animal care and welfare in addition to appropriate reference to the Animal Protection Act. Ensuring that pet owners have a clear understanding of their responsibilities under the act, we move forward to gain compliance through education. Our main goal as officers in the field is to provide awareness and education at the first contact.

As a direct result of the calls we respond to, we investigated 180 calls of abandonment, 187 cases of direct abuse, 11 cases of hoarding, 106 inadequate shelters, 491 cases of neglect, 330 cases surrounding tethering, 80 cases of unsanitary conditions, 116 sick animals as well as other general complaints.

In addition to a significant increase of charges laid under the Animal Protection Act, the sentencing for these charges seems to be increasing as well. In many cases we are seeing lifetime prohibitions on owning animals, large restitution orders and the first ever jail sentence.



“The enforcement team is excited for 2017 and helping more animals!”
- Cst. Jo-Anne Landsburg | Chief Provincial Inspector

As in previous years, enforcement continues to grow with the expansion of animal control contracts throughout the province. With these additional contracts we are able to support our enforcement division and continue to have our officers enforce both the Animal Protection Act as well as municipal by-laws.

Officer training continues to be top priority with the increasing dangers to staff in the field. Our officers continually receive verbal threats of violence and have, on occasion, been physically assaulted. By giving officers the training they require to deal with heightened circumstances, we give them the knowledge they require to de-escalate them on scene. Officers also receive training and knowledge from RCMP and crown attorneys. This way when the investigation is on trial, we have knowledgeable, professional evidence ready to present to the court.

Jo Anne Landsburg
Jo-Anne Landsburg | Chief Provincial Inspector

HAPPY ENDING FOR PUPPY MILL VICTIMS...



Meet **Walnut**, he and 24 other dogs and 4 rabbits were living in a unheated trailer in the middle of the winter when our Officers received a call about the deplorable conditions they were living in. Within days Investigators successfully orchestrated a rescue and recovery operation.

All animals were successfully re-homed and the owners are to appear in court in October 2017.

HUMANE EDUCATION

In June and August 2016 our Inspectors participated in Education and Wellness clinics in some of our First Nations Communities in Cape Breton. Along with our veterinarian and clinic staff, we were there to offer food, collars, leashes and provide education on standards of care for animals. We believe that through these unique opportunities we can create and encourage strong partnerships in providing humane animal welfare for animals in First Nations communities. Officers also provide ongoing support and remove any unwanted and stray pets roaming the streets.




 **FIRST EVER JAIL SENTENCE HANDED DOWN FOR ANIMAL CRUELTY**

THE 5 FREEDOMS The **5 freedoms** are an important part of the Animal Protection Act which is enforced by Nova Scotia SPCA Inspectors around the province. The Nova Scotia SPCA is here to ensure that all animals across the province are able to experience these freedoms...

 **FREEDOM FROM HUNGER & THIRST**

 **FREEDOM FROM FEAR & DISTRESS**

 **FREEDOM TO EXPRESS NORMAL BEHAVIORS (EXERCISE)**

 **FREEDOM FROM DISCOMFORT (SHELTER)**

 **FREEDOM FROM PAIN, INJURY & DISEASE**

SHELTER HIGHLIGHTS

The Nova Scotia SPCA completed the merge of our provincial operations on May 1, 2016. This change allows the organization to be more strategic in the delivery of enhanced programs, gives increased ability to protect financial assets and provides better opportunity to grow provincial fundraising initiatives.



CAT SANCTUARY | EXTERIOR

KINGS SHELTER | May 2016, the Kings County SPCA Cat Sanctuary had completed its build and was ready to house semi-feral cats in need from across the province. To date we have housed nearly 14 cats that have all acclimatized nicely to their new environment and are now thriving.

In addition to the main building, there are 4 freestanding outdoor cat houses, insulated with styrofoam. If you would like to learn more about how you can help feral cats or our sanctuary, visit: www.spcans.ca

CAT SANCTUARY | INTERIOR



All animals within the annual report are past shelter pets & have since found their forever homes.



PICTOU SHELTER | Successfully hosted it's annual haunted trail event, spooking even the bravest guests. Adoptions have continued to steadily increase for the Pictou shelter and in 2017 we will see a strong collaboration between our Antigonish and Pictou region.

YARMOUTH SHELTER | 66 Cats were removed from a hoarding house in Yarmouth Co in 2016. Over the course of several months our Investigators provided support to the owner, ensuring the cats were provided with adequate nutrition as space became available at our shelter to bring them in. All of these cats required extensive medical care - including dental surgeries and complete shaving of their fur due to extreme lice infestation.

After months of rehabilitation we are proud to say that the majority of these cats were able to recover and eventually were re-homed.



NO-KILL MANDATE

The Nova Scotia SPCA provides a safe haven for animals with no-where else to go. We are proudly a no-kill organization with a 90% live release rate, only euthanizing animals for mercy or aggression.

CAPE BRETON | RECEPTION



CAPE BRETON | FREE ROOM ROOM



CAPE BRETON SHELTER | This past year the Cape Breton Shelter received a generous donation that helped us make some improvements to the reception area, tear down and put up some new walls for our enforcement staff offices and build a free room cat room! We have increased the space in the front of our shelter, allowing for better flow for our animals and visitors!

DARTMOUTH SHELTER | The Dartmouth Shelter remains the hub for our 6 regions across Nova Scotia. Providing staff support and expertise to the regions when needed; assisting with animal transports and intake of special needs or high-needs cases from across the province.

Our Dartmouth Hospital also receives transports from each region on a weekly basis, where our surgical team will provide spay/neuter surgeries to all animals prior to adoption at their respective regions.



LEADERSHIP

ADMINISTRATION

Elizabeth Murphy
Chief Executive Officer

Karen DeWolfe
Provincial Accountant

Heather Woodin
Provincial Admin Coordinator

Christa Jensen
Provincial Fund Development Lead

Taylor Burke
Provincial Fund Development Officer

Courtney Zylstra
Provincial Communications & Graphic Designer

ANIMAL CARE

Sandra Flemming
Provincial Director of Animal Care

Jennifer Nolan
Provincial Clinic Coordinator

Danielle LeFort
Provincial Branch Coordinator

ENFORCEMENT

Special Cst. Jo-Anne Landsburg
Chief Provincial Inspector

Special Cst. Sgt. Nancy Noel
Provincial Investigator

Special Cst. Karen Pickering
Provincial Investigator

Special Cst. Scott Saunders
Provincial Investigator | By-Law Officer



Wilson, Ryan (Photographed) 2016, Dartmouth SPCA, Marigold the Cat, (Photograph) 2016

MAJOR THANKS

\$1,000 - \$2,000

Ashley Stueck
Boston Pizza
Cara Boston
Charlotte Roach IMO Florence Bridle
Clayton & Rochelle Abraham
Dartmouth Kennel Club
Debra MacFarlane
Dr. Amy MacFarlane
Elizabeth MacKenzie
Ernest Irwin
George Hale
Jon & Brenda Hopkins
Laura Fultz
Leah McDonald
Dr. Micheal Clerk
Michelin Tire
Mike Findlay
Nancy Geffken
IMO Michelle Thompson
Nicole Pittman I Pawsitive Property
Noreast Barber
Walmart Store #3081
Walmart Canada Corp

\$2,000 - \$5,000

Carolyn Gesner
Judy Layne
Lila McArthur
PetValu Spring Garden & Larry Uteck
Symcor
Wilsons Home Heating

\$5,000 +

Economical Insurance
Global Pet Foods
PetSmart Charities of Canada
IMO Joseph VanDoninck

\$10,000 +

Susan Kerslake
Robert Harding
Western Financial Insurance

\$20,000 +

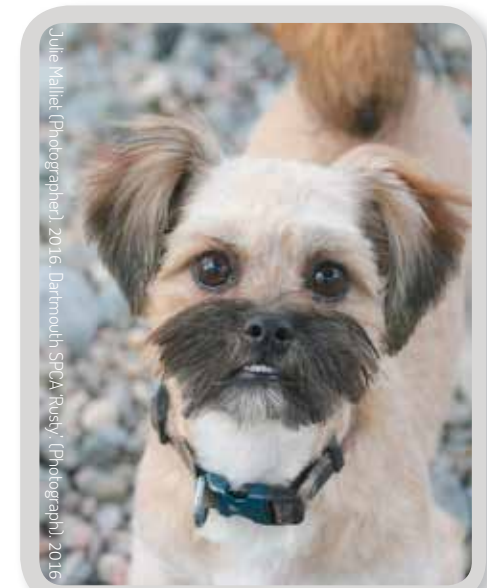
Carnegy Animal Hospital
Cominar Real Estate Investment Trust
Monika Michaelis

BEQUESTS

Estate of Sidney Gould
Estate of Rita Marilyn May Langille
Estate of Joseph Van Donick
Estate of Joan Isobel Creelman
Estate of Irene Supple
Estate of Eleanor Gertrude Dyke
Estate of Dorothy Gwendolyn Jones
Estate of Donald Wolfe
Estate of Brian Rapson
Estate of Anna Graham McNee

*** SOME DONOR NAMES HAVE BEEN OMITTED
AS THEY PREFERRED FOR THEIR GENEROSITY TO
REMAIN ANONYMOUS**

CORPORATE PARTNERS



Julie Maillet (Photographer) 2016, Dartmouth SPCA, Ruby, (Photograph) 2016



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.

Hill's® Science Diet®, Hill's Food, Shelter & Love® program provides food for our homeless pets 365 days a year. This provides precisely balanced nutrition that helps these pets find their way to happier, healthier lives. We're proud to feed Hill's® Science Diet®!



PetSecure has been a proud partner of the Nova Scotia SPCA for the past 5 years. The SPCA is all about creating families and saving lives, while PetSecure helps to protect you and your fur family beyond adoption. Each animal leaves our shelter with a complimentary 6 week trial of pet insurance thanks to our fabulous partner.

In 2017, the Nova Scotia SPCA will be launching it's own brand of pet insurance in partnership with PetSecure!



Through their grant program, Pet Smart Charities has helped the Nova Scotia SPCA build a clinic at our Dartmouth Animal Shelter as well as a hospital at our Cape Breton Shelter in Sydney, Cape Breton.

Pet Smart locations across Nova Scotia also act as 'off site adoption centers' for cats, helping us to increase capacity within our shelters and fosters and thus serve more animals in our community.

VETERINARY PARTNERS



COMMUNITY PARTNERS



EXECUTIVE

Jim Kochanoff | **Chair**
Charl du Plooy, CPA, CA | **Treasurer**
Sarah Oliver, CPA, CA | **Secretary**

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Cara Boston	Virginia Jones
Jessie Irving	Judy Layne
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Lynne Riguse	Linda Williams
Jill Grafton	

GOVERNMENT REPS

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