



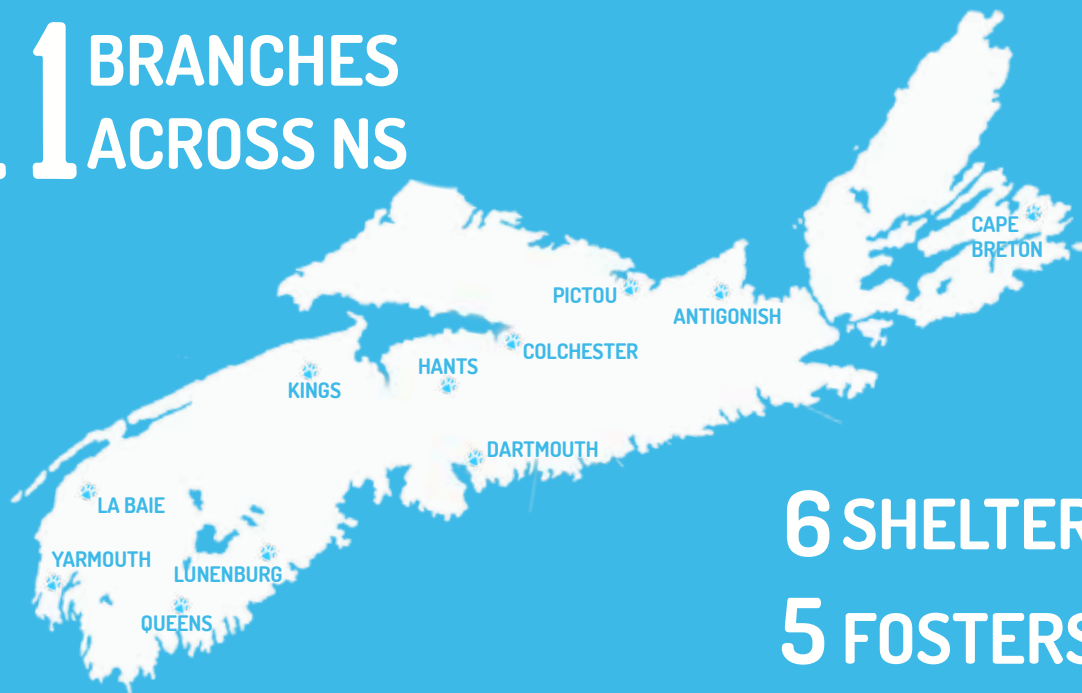
Annual Report 2015



2015

AT A GLANCE

11 BRANCHES
ACROSS NS



6 SHELTERS
5 FOSTERS

250 +
Volunteers



4,777
Animals Adopted



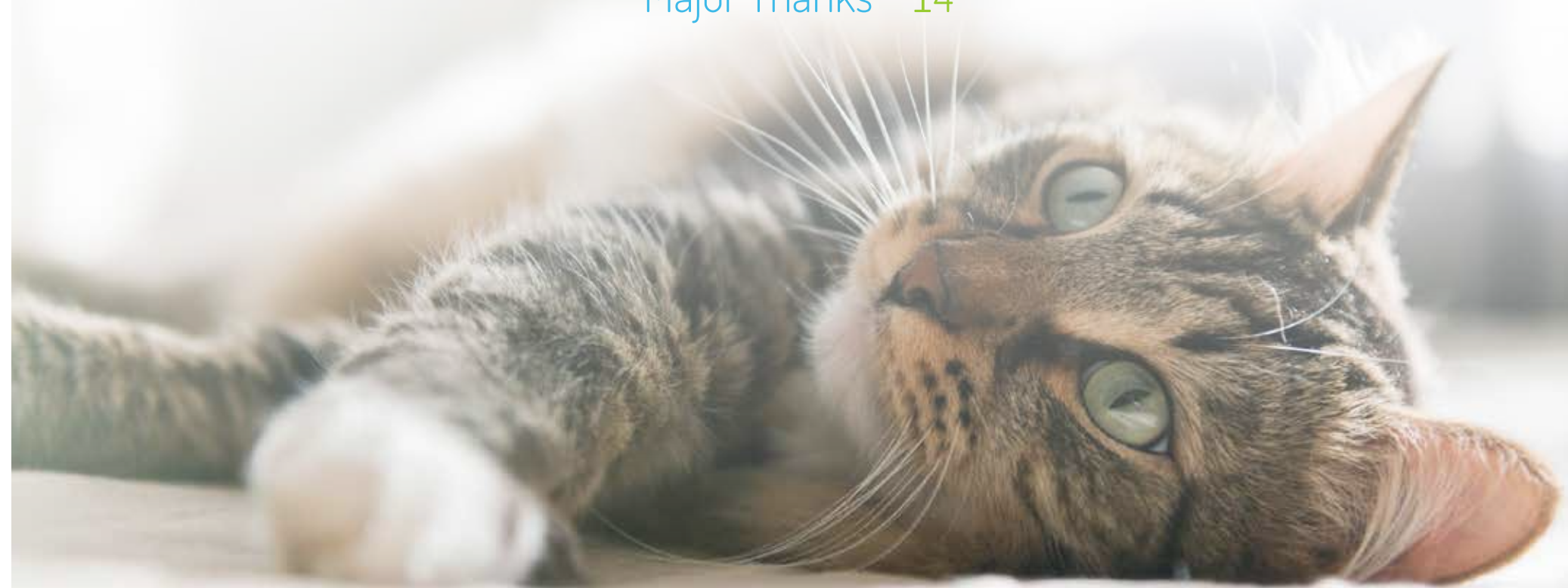
3,465



Spay & Neuter
Surgeries performed

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There are a lot of reasons why we want to help animals. For me, the quote below my picture summarizes it best. It is with the communities' generosity and time given to the Nova Scotia SPCA that our organization continues to accomplish so much throughout the province at our 11 branches.

In 2016, thanks to the generosity of several bequests, we will be able to undertake new initiatives that will enable us to provide even more resources for homeless animals in our communities.

By donating your time and money to the NS SPCA, you do more than save animals; you enrich the lives of all people around them. In today's world, families no longer have a traditional makeup. Families are mixed and our pets are part of these families.

Their impact on us is immeasurable and their love for us is unconditional. How can we not help those creatures that only want to spend their entire lives loving us? In some ways, we don't save these animals from a cruel life, they save us.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Kochanoff".

James Kochanoff | **Chair of the Board**

“Saving an animal’s life may not change the world, but for that animal, you have changed its world.”

UNKNOWN AUTHOR

“2015 was an exciting time for the Nova Scotia SPCA and for the animals living alongside us.”

With the hard work of our volunteers, board members and staff we have improved and strengthened our programs and facilities around the province, which has ultimately created more positive outcomes for the animals in our care.

One of the ways we accomplished this was by building an SPCA Animal Hospital in Sydney thanks to an amazing donation from PetSmart Charities. The SPCA Veterinarian Hospital opened in March 2015 and by the end of the year we had already treated over 2000 companion animals! We have also strengthened our partnerships around the province with caring veterinarians who work alongside our staff giving valuable medical care – both these changes have increased our capacity to help more animals.

Simply put, the faster we make animals healthy and happy the more quickly we adopt them. The quicker we adopt animals the more space we have in our shelters to welcome other cats and dogs in need of care.

As a no-kill animal welfare organization, we hold our doors and hearts open wide to all companion animals and provide a vital safety net to those injured, neglected, abandoned or abused animals.

In 2016 the Nova Scotia SPCA intends to take another big step to improve the lives of animals. We plan to take our mission on the road with a Mobile Spay & Neuter Clinic giving medical care to cat colonies and other high-risk populations in dire need.

Yours in Animal Welfare!



Elizabeth Murphy | **Chief Executive Officer**



SPCA
Nova Scotia

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Non Consolidated Statement of Operations for the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	2015 \$
REVENUES	
Donations & Fundraising	491, 097
Shelter Operations	466, 157
Bequests	820, 709
Government Grant	240, 000
Service	88, 191
	<hr/> 2, 106, 154
EXPENSES	
Administration	348, 723
Amortization	18, 714
Bad Debts (recovery)	(95, 000)
Fund Development & Outreach	236, 564
Investigations	301, 092
Shelter Operations	621, 920
Veterinary Services & Medication	214, 200
	<hr/> 1, 646, 213
EARNINGS FROM OPERATIONS	459, 941
INVESTMENT INCOME	3,122
GAIN ON MARKETABLE SECURITIES	8,961
NET EARNINGS (LOSS) FROM CONTROLLED PROFIT ORIENTED ENTERPRISES	(14, 282)
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	457, 742

“2015 was a financially
successful year for the SPCA.”

Charl du Plooy, CPA, CA | Treasurer

Not only did major bequests result in a surplus, sustaining operations in our Dartmouth clinic and significantly increasing operations in our Cape Breton hospital. They also continued to drive strong returns on our investment.

Operational expenses increased modestly to allow for greater infrastructure support for the region and critical improvements to our investigations team. 2016 will see renewed focus towards growing our donations and fundraising, with the goal of increasing shelter operations income over historical levels.

— Charl



SPCA Soiree



WAG



NATIONAL CUPCAKE DAY



ALLEY CAT BOWL



FUNDRAISING & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

TOTAL: \$ 491,097

Santa Pix



Paul Brandt & MacKenzie Porter Song Circle

JUST FOR CATS FILM FEST



ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATIONS^{TEAM}

The Nova Scotia SPCA's Cruelty Investigations team experienced significant growth over the last year and additional responsibility with more contracts for By-Law enforcement. Our officers now enforce both the Animal Protection Act and By-Law's in several communities across Nova Scotia. Officers holding dual appointments with the Police Act enables the SPCA to provide maximum service while minimizing costs to society.

Currently, there are 12 full-time officers with an additional 6 casual employees who respond to cruelty complaints as needed. These officers intervened on behalf of 4,387 animals in 2015, compared to 3,984 in 2014.

This past year, we also saw some changes to the Animal Protection Act regarding anti-tethering laws, the requirement for veterinary health certificates in order to sell animals and abandonment causing distress. These new laws also meant an increase in calls received by our officers. Volumes increased from 1212 calls in 2014 to 1,626 in 2015 (that's an increase of 414 calls).

To the left, you can see the distribution of calls and which region of the province they are attributed to.



Harper, Jeff (Photographer). 2015. Metro News, Halifax NS. (Photograph). October 2015

BRANDY THE BOXER

Brandy was part of a cruelty seizure in 2014. She came to the SPCA entirely emaciated with a major wound on her tail, which became so infected and necrotic; it fell off before it could be surgically removed. Brandy's ears were also mutilated and it took weeks for them to heal, which required her to wear a cone on her head. With a slow careful feeding schedule, she was nursed back to health and eventually adopted out to a loving home. The owners were charged with animal cruelty and convicted in 2015.



Puppies pictured on the left with Nova Scotia SPCA's Cruelty Chief Jo Anne Landsburg were seized from a dog breeding facility in North Preston in October of 2015. Owners have since been charged with 6 counts of animal cruelty for violating the Animal Protection Act.

24 dogs in total were seized from the North Preston home. All dogs that we rehabilitated found loving forever homes.



BEFORE



AFTER

“I believe everyone is put on earth for a reason and I'm happy to say I found my reason.”

Sgt. Nancy Noel | Provincial Investigator with the Nova Scotia SPCA 10 years.

2015 Cruelty INVESTIGATIONS STATS

18
Cruelty
Officers



1,627   
Cases Investigated

167 Number of cases where animals were removed from homes



4,387
Animals
intervened
on behalf of



ANIMAL CARE & VETERINARY SERVICES

In 2015, as the Society continued its move towards merging into one strong and robust animal welfare organization, animal care improvements were a priority. Two Branch Coordinators were brought on board to provide guidance, training and oversight to staff and volunteers at both our foster and shelter based branches.

Our Provincial Veterinary Clinic continues to grow and now operates at a full five days a week. We ended the year with over 7000 spay and neuter surgeries being performed at our clinic since opening its doors in April of 2013. Our clinic now also includes servicing animals from our Colchester, King and Yarmouth branches using our provincial-wide transport network that has grown by 32% since 2014.

Having the ability to support our branches with high-quality veterinary care has benefited them in many ways. It has increased animal flow and adoption rates, allows the branches to have all animals altered prior to adoption, including pediatrics (kittens and puppies) and it has helped reduce the financial cost associated with veterinary care.

CAPE BRETON ANIMAL HOSPITAL

In March of 2015 we saw the opening of our second, high volume spay/neuter hospital at our shelter in Cape Breton. In its first year of operation, it has already performed over 2000 surgeries.

For the first time since opening its doors over 30 years ago, the hospital has allowed the shelter to have every animal, including pediatrics (kittens and puppies) to be altered prior to adoption. We are also assisting individuals who otherwise may not have the financial resources to have their pets altered.

We have partnered with cat rescue groups like the Feral and Abandoned Cat Society (FAACS) to perform TNR on stray and feral cats that live in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality, another important step to addressing the cat overpopulation crisis that exists in this area of the province.



“Our Veterinary Hospital located in Cape Breton has truly been a “game changer” for the shelter, surrounding rescue groups and branches who use thier services.”


Sandra Flemming | Director of Animal Care



5,743
ANIMALS SHELTERED



2 VETERINARY
FACILITIES



504
LESS STRAY
CATS. EVIDENCE
SPAY/NEUTER IS
WORKING

GOLDEN PAW AWARDS

“Volunteers are just ordinary people with extraordinary hearts. They offer the gift of their time to teach, to listen, to help, to inspire, to build, to grow, to learn. They expect no pay, yet the value of their work knows no limit.”

UNKNOWN AUTHOR

O'Brien, W. Jody (Photographer) 2015. Colchester SPCA (Photograph) 2015



EXECUTIVE

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

PROVINCIAL MEMBERS

Cara Boston
 Judy Layne
 Susan Tate
 Barbara Tryon
 Tom Wile

GENERAL VOLUNTEERISM

Donna MacDonald | **Dartmouth**
 Frank Somers | **Dartmouth**
 Jennifer Tucker-Johnston | **Colchester**
 Jonathan Neale | **Dartmouth**
 Lesa Roche | **Dartmouth**
 Linda Stewart | **Dartmouth**
 Lorna Stewart | **Dartmouth**
 Paula Williams | **Kings**
 Matthew Lee | **Kings**
 Melissa Patterson | **Dartmouth**
 Melissa Shaw | **Dartmouth**
 Tara Ricketts | **Dartmouth**
 Wendi Snow | **Dartmouth**

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Dr. David Rozee | **Cape Breton**
 Clark Family | **Kings**
 Lila McArthur | **Colchester**
 Lina Goncharenk, Pet Valu | **Dartmouth**
 Minute Man Press & Pulse Signs | **Dartmouth**
 Robin Corkum, PetSecure | **Dartmouth**

BRANCH MEMBERS

Brian Kenefick | **Lunenburg**
 Leah McDonald | **Colchester**
 Gail Melanson | **La Baie**
 Daphne Moore-McKnight | **Kings**
 Raylene Dewan | **Antigonish**

GOVERNMENT REPS

Barry McCarthy | **Dept. Natural Resources**
 Dr. Laura Ross | **Dept. of Agriculture**
 Dr. Troye McPherson | **NS Veterinary Medical Assoc.**

ADOPTION CHAMPIONS

Janet Armstrong | **Hants**
 Julia Coleman | **Kings**



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

OUR LEADERSHIP

ADMINISTRATION

Elizabeth Murphy
Chief Executive Officer

Karen DeWolfe
Provincial Accountant

Heather Woodin
Provincial Admin Coordinator

Courtney Zylstra
Provincial Fund Development Officer & Graphic Designer

Taylor Burke
Provincial Branch Coordinator

ANIMAL CARE

Sandra Flemming
Provincial Director of Animal Care

Danielle LeFort, RVT
Provincial Branch Coordinator

Jennifer Nolan
Provincial Clinic Coordinator

ENFORCEMENT

Special Cst. Jo-Anne Landsburg
Chief Provincial Inspector

Special Cst. Sgt. Nancy Noel
Provincial Investigator

Special Cst. Karen Pickering
Provincial Investigator

SPCA
Nova Scotia

DARTMOUTH Est. 1991

In 2015 the Nova Scotia SPCA underwent a rebrand, which included a new revitalized logo to represent the unification of our branches and new colors to brighten our spaces. One of the first to undergo some branding changes was our Dartmouth shelter.

The Dartmouth shelter is one of the oldest buildings, accommodating the majority of animal intake for the province. In the near future, this building will see some structural changes as our Kings & Colchester branches have.

We welcomed a new Chief Provincial Cruelty Inspector, Special Constable Jo-Anne Landsburg and under her oversight, the Society's Enforcement Team continues to flourish and improve.

The Dartmouth shelter is a hub for the province, providing an example for the standard of animal care for other branches across Nova Scotia. We are proud to provide a very high standard of animal care and strive to continue on that path.



ANTIGONISH Est. 1991

After a meeting on October 23rd, 1991 the Antigonish Branch was born! They are a foster-based branch and service the largest catchment area in the province. In 2015, adoptions increased and intake doubled in compared to previous years - large in part to the new leadership of volunteer Raylene Dewan and her core of dedicated volunteers!

YARMOUTH Est. 1979

The Yarmouth branch was the first SPCA branch in Nova Scotia.

It was established in 1900 and the shelter built in 1982/83 with an extension added in 1989. The shelter has 4 full time employees and an enforcement officer.



In 2015 - The Nova Scotia SPCA began the process of merging its branches (Antigonish, Hants, La Baie, Lunenburg, Queens, Cape Breton, Colchester, Kings, Pictou, Yarmouth, and Dartmouth) under one provincial body! The amalgamation 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. Our merger is to be completed in early 2016.

COLCHESTER

Est. 1986

It's been a great year for the Colchester branch! A huge **THANK YOU** to an anonymous donor who gave \$10,000 to renovate the shelter.

The bequest could not have come at a better time for the Colchester branch – allowing them to not only update the shelter with the organizations' new brand colors, but also build a free roam cat room at the front of the shelter. This room will provide some of their long term residents with a comfy place to relax and interact with the public!



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



LaBAIE

Est. 2005

The youngest branch of the Nova Scotia SPCA, established in 2005. La Baie continues to recruit foster and adoptive homes and organize fundraisers to help the abandoned domestic cats and dogs get veterinary care.

KINGS

Est. 1990

Very big changes happened at the Kings County SPCA this past winter. Several infrastructure changes were made as well as the addition of a free roam cat room donated by longterm Board Member Lynn Riguse. Not only did she donate her funds to allow the shelter to have a free roam room, she also gave her time and skill to construct it.

Another large bequest from the Estate of Fred Purcell came to Kings, which will be used to support the Cat Sanctuary and hundreds of cats in the years to come. We are so grateful for his gift and his family thier generosity.



Free roam cat room to the left – tree painting by Daphne Moore-McKnight

CAPE BRETON

Est. 1990

In 2014, we recieved the exciting news that PetSmart Canada once again supported our mandate by approving an \$181,000 grant to open a hospital at our Cape Breton Branch. In March 2015, our dreams became a reality and we celebrated the Grand Opening of our Hospital. In 2015, they have performed over 2000 surgeries and partner with several Cat Rescue groups in the community.

Enforcement continues to also hold By-Law contracts for the Cape Breton Regional Muninipality and our officers work closely to provide quality service to Membertou and other First Nation communities – assisting low income individuals and families.



“TOGETHER, MORE ARE SAVED.”

Elizabeth Murphy | CEO

PICTOU

Est. 1979

Always the little engine that could, providing incredible service to the Pictou area, Agnes and her team of 4 have increased adoptions and animal intake in 2015. Agnes, in



addition to being Shelter Manager, was also appointed Special Cst. in 2015 and now enforces the Animal Protection Act in Pictou County.

HANTS

Est. 1993

The Hants branch has the largest intake of any of our foster-based Branches. The Branch spear-headed the junior volunteer program!

The Branch also works closely with the Town of Windsor and recently participated in the drafting of new bylaws which included the first formal adoption pact program in the province which sees dogs not redeemed turned over to the Nova Scotia SPCA for adoption.

LUNENBURG

Est. 1994

Even though they are a smaller community, there is still alot of action happening down in Lunenburg Co. Special Cst. Wade Richards has been with the SPCA since 2009 and in 2015 he responded to 114 cases. Congratulations to Wade for his dedication.

QUEENS

Est. 1994

Located in Liverpool, Nova Scotia – this foster based branch has a very active TNR program that is helping to reduce the cat overpopulation crisis. In 2015, they performed 78 surgeries for their TNR program.

MAJOR THANKS

“Loving animals means loving **ALL ANIMALS**, not just the ones we share our homes with.”

UNKNOWN AUTHOR



O'Brien, W. Jody (Photographer), 2015 Colchester SPCA (Photograph), 2015

BEQUESTS

Estate of Arthur William Murray

Estate of Brian Rapson

Estate of Bonnie J. Black

Estate of Edith Thompson

Estate of Fred Purcell

Estate of Hilda E. Fergusson

Estate of Dr. Susan K. Roberts

\$1,000 - \$2,000

Abe Leventhal
Brian Lobb
Candace Malcolm
Elizabeth MacKenzie
George Morton
Joanne Haycock
Sandra Nowlan
Wendy Huff
Dartmouth Kennel Club
Dr. Amy MacFarlane Inc.
Jairsowski Fraser Donor Advised Fund
Pidgeon Row Public Relations
Prometheus Entertainment
St. Margaret's Bay Animal Hospital
Corvette Club of Nova Scotia
Cara Boston
All Saints Bedford Players Community Theatre
Inesa Manaj
Michael Clerk
Atlantic Acura
Mark Rubens
Royal Bank of Canada Volunteer Program
Linda Stewart
Helen Cianfaglione
J.W. Lindsay Enterprises Ltd.
Carol Anderson
Pet Valu I Spring Garden & Larry Uteck

\$2,000 - \$5,000

Darrell MacLeod
Rhonda Webber
Giant Promotions Ltd.
Barbara Wentzell
Matthew MacIsaac
Judy Layne
Citco (Canada) Inc.
O'Regans KIA Dartmouth
Sunnyside Mall

\$5,000 +

Aqueduct Foundation
Valerie Farmer

\$10,000 +

Susan Kerslake
Sun Ja Suh

\$20,000 +

Cominar Real Estate Investment Trust
Western Financial

“Thank you for your compassion for shelter animals and passion for our Society.”

Jim Kochanoff | **Chair of the Board**



MAJOR PARTNERS



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 branch 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.



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.



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®!

VETERINARY PARTNERS



EASTERN PASSAGE
VILLAGE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

MEDIA PARTNERS



COMMUNITY PARTNERS



STARBUCKS



OUR VISION

The Nova Scotia SPCA

is recognized as the leading expert in the areas of advocacy and companion animal protection. The Nova Scotia SPCA operates on a policy of zero tolerance for animal cruelty and sets the standard of animal care for the province of Nova Scotia.



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