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## Nova Scotia SPCA and PetSmart Charities® of Canada Announce Drive-Thru Pet Pantry

**Dartmouth, Nova Scotia** – The Nova Scotia SPCA is excited to announce they will be hosting a contact-less drive-thru pet pantry after being awarded a \$9,500 grant from PetSmart Charities of Canada. Pet owners who have been financially affected by COVID-19 are welcome to pick up one free bag of pet food at participating locations on Monday, June 22, 2020.

The one-day event will be held from 11:00am-2:00pm, or until supplies last, at six locations across Nova Scotia. For safety, drivers will remain in their vehicles while cat or dog food is placed directly into vehicle trunks. Pet owners in need can visit any of the following locations:

- Dartmouth SPCA – 5 Scarfe Crt, Dartmouth
- Kings SPCA – 1285 County Home Rd, Waterville
- Colchester SPCA – 408 Industrial Ave, Truro
- Pictou SPCA – 3504 Granton Rd, New Glasgow
- Cape Breton SPCA – 401 East Broadway, Sydney
- Mariners Centre – 45 Jody Shelley Dr, Yarmouth

“Our goal is to help pets, support families, and strengthen communities,” said Elizabeth Murphy, CEO of the Nova Scotia SPCA. “Many loving pet owners are struggling due to the COVID-19 crisis. We are extremely thankful for PetSmart Charities of Canada’s support and hope this will help keep pets and their families together during this challenging time.”

“Our organization remains committed to the health and welfare of pets and their people during this unprecedented time, and our hearts go out to those impacted by COVID-19,” said Dani LaGiglia, regional relationship manager at PetSmart Charities of Canada. “We’re proud to support the pets and people of Nova Scotia during this time of extraordinary need.”

The Nova Scotia SPCA reminds pet owners if they have traveled outside of Nova Scotia in the past 14 days or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms to please stay home. Anyone struggling to feed their pet is encouraged to contact their local SPCA shelter for help. At this time, animal surrenders and adoptions at the Nova Scotia SPCA continue to operate by appointment only.

## About the Nova Scotia SPCA

Proudly following no-kill principles, the Nova Scotia SPCA is a registered charity that helps companion animals in need. Every year, more than 16,000 pets are helped through animal rescue, progressive programs, and rehoming opportunities. They do not receive any government funding for their shelters, so the SPCA relies on community support to help care for local pets in need. To learn more visit [www.novascotiaspca.ca](http://www.novascotiaspca.ca)

## About PetSmart Charities® of Canada

PetSmart Charities® of Canada is committed to finding lifelong, loving homes for all pets by supporting programs and thought leadership that bring people and pets together. Through its in-store adoption program in all PetSmart® stores across Canada, PetSmart Charities of Canada helps to find forever homes and families for more than 30,000 shelter pets each year. PetSmart Charities of Canada also provides grant funding to registered Canadian charities aligned with its mission. Each year, more than 500,000 generous PetSmart shoppers help pets in need by donating to PetSmart Charities of Canada using the PIN pads at checkout registers inside PetSmart stores. In turn, PetSmart Charities of Canada efficiently uses more than 90 cents of every dollar donated to fulfill its role as a leading funder of animal welfare in Canada, granting more than \$21.7 million since its inception in 1999. PetSmart Charities of Canada is a registered Canadian charity, a member of Imagine Canada and is independent from the PetSmart business in Canada. To learn more visit [www.petsmartcharities.ca](http://www.petsmartcharities.ca)

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