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Nova Scotia SPCA Receives \$40,000 Grant from PetSmart Charities® of Canada to Help More Homeless Pets Find Homes

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia – The Nova Scotia SPCA has received a \$40,000 grant from PetSmart Charities of Canada to prepare more animals in Nova Scotia for adoption. With the help of this grant, the Nova Scotia SPCA will spay or neuter nearly 600 shelter pets to support efforts to help homeless pets find homes.

Prior to adoption, along with basic necessities and comforts, the Nova Scotia SPCA provides shelter pets with vaccines, flea and tick treatment, microchip, spay or neuter surgery, and treatment of immediate medical concerns. To make pet adoption affordable, adoption fees cover a small portion of the actual cost incurred. Community support and leadership partners, like PetSmart Charities of Canada, help to offset the cost of care.

“Our goal is to set animals and their families up for success,” said Elizabeth Murphy, CEO of the Nova Scotia SPCA. “Many are struggling financially due to the COVID-19 crisis and having preventative surgeries and treatment included is a big relief for families. Thanks to the generosity of PetSmart Charities of Canada, pet parents can focus on enjoying their new family member instead of the cost of initial care.”

“We are proud to support Nova Scotia SPCA’s work to help homeless pets throughout the province find loving homes,” said Charlotte Palmer, associate relationship manager at PetSmart Charities of Canada. “It is our hope this funding will help provide more comprehensive care for pets and reduce their stay in shelter, while giving them the best chance at finding loving homes.”

Due to the State of Emergency, adoptions at the Nova Scotia SPCA were suspended in March, April, and May – putting a stop to adoption revenue. The grant funding from PetSmart Charities of Canada has made it possible to continue spaying and neutering shelter pets. While navigating challenges from the pandemic, the Nova Scotia SPCA is heading into its busiest season and already seeing an influx of homeless animals with difficult medical needs.

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

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

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