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72 Cats and Kittens Rescued by the Nova Scotia SPCA

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia – The Nova Scotia SPCA is asking for help from the community after rescuing 72 cats and kittens in need of urgent medical care. The majority of the cats came from two animal hoarding situations in Pictou County and Cape Breton. The large number of sick and injured cats has overwhelmed SPCA Animal Shelters throughout the province.

Due to the conditions the cats were living in, many suffer from painful eye damage, severe infections and deadly diseases. Medical treatment for the cats could exceed \$58,000. The no-kill organization is inviting animal-lovers who want to help to make a donation at www.novascotiaspca.ca/helpnow or by texting “SPCA” to 4-10-10 to donate \$20.

“Animal hoarding is a complex issue,” said Sandra Flemming, Provincial Director of Animal Care at the Nova Scotia SPCA. “It can start with innocent intentions but as the number of pets multiply they may not be given adequate care. Many caregivers are embarrassed to ask for support or unaware of what resources exist to help them.”

The Pictou County SPCA Animal Shelter does not have an isolation room large enough to treat and protect the cats in the shelter from potential infections. Due to limited space and existing hurt and homeless pets, the rescued cats were transferred to other SPCA Animal Shelters to be closely monitored.

The cats require intense rehabilitation and are not entertaining adoption interest or visitors. Once cleared medically, the cats will be posted on the SPCA adoption website. If you or someone you know is struggling with animal hoarding, contact the Nova Scotia SPCA at 1-888-703-7722.

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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

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