

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

SAVING LIVES,
CREATING FAMILIES

At ten years old, Sadie was looking for a fresh start. Being FIV+, Sadie had a weakened immune system and needed medical care. After 185 days, Sadie was adopted by a loving family. Her new fur-mama shared “*She’s quite the snuggle bug... she’d be happy on my lap all day. Thank you for everything!*” Thanks to kind animal lovers like you, Sadie is now safe, healthy, and happy. Congratulations on your happily-ever-after, Sadie!

A LOOKBACK AT 2021



MESSAGES



Year two of the pandemic did not slow down the Nova Scotia SPCA. We continue to grow and change in ways that better support pets, families, and our communities.

We were recognized this past year when our CEO Elizabeth Murphy was named one of Atlantic Canada’s Top 50 CEOs for leveraging partnerships, social enterprise and charity to grow the organization by nearly 1,000% since 2014. Elizabeth was quick to credit the entire team at the SPCA, who work incredibly hard to develop and deliver programs that help animals every day.

Our growth continues with plans to start construction on a new shelter this year in Stellarton to support Northern Nova Scotia. The new building will host a shelter, hospital, and thrift store right off the main highway. We’re looking forward to enhancing the physical spaces animals need when they come to us for care and shelter, while creating families and community.

Jessie Irving, **CHAIR OF THE BOARD**

Looking back on 2020 I think of us having to “pivot during unprecedented times.” Reflecting on 2021, I think of it as a time that the Nova Scotia SPCA “grew through innovation.”

This past year we embraced our role as a leader in animal welfare across Canada with our first students in the Vet Assistant program. A global pandemic, increased cost of living, and a shortage of veterinarians in the province means our organization is seeing an explosive growth in demand for our services.

We’re moving quickly and I want to keep you up to date with what’s happening at the SPCA. Please sign up for our e-newsletter by visiting novascotiaspca.ca/thepawprint. You’ll be among the first to know about the wonderful work of our shelters, hospitals, enforcement team and college.

We have been here for more than a century, and we plan to be here for good.

Elizabeth Murphy, **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



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77 DOGS FROM ONE PROPERTY

With limited space and a lack of rooms to treat sick and injured animals, our shelters are often overwhelmed – especially during busy kitten season.

But April 12th is a day we will never forget.

That is the day we finished bringing in 77 highly undersocialized dogs and pups from one property in Cape Breton. The dogs were scared of life. Normal everyday things like collars or cuddles were terrifying and brand new.

Proudly no-kill, we promised to do everything in our power to save the dogs. With no government funding for our shelters and resources stretched to the limit, we desperately needed help. Treatment was estimated to exceed \$70,000.

Thankfully, animal lovers swooped in to save the day by donating, fundraising, and raising awareness.

Even after transporting the dogs throughout the province, we still did not have enough space to shelter and meet their rehabilitation needs. So, with your kind support, we created an emergency offsite location. There was a dedicated quiet space and few distractions to help the dogs learn new skills. **You made that possible.**

But then, the province was hit with another surge of COVID-19 cases. In order to protect our dedicated staff and help the dogs get the intensive training they needed, we applied to transport 14 dogs to our Humane Canada™ partner, the PEI Humane Society.

One SPCA staff member masked up and made the trip, safely staying in our transport vehicle generously funded by Pet Valu through its Giving Back Project.

To set the PEI Humane Society up for success, prior to the transport we medically treated all the dogs including spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, microchips, deworming, and flea treatments. The 14 dogs had a wonderful trip to Prince Edward Island... *although they had mixed reviews on the driver singing “Bud the Spud.”*

Back in Nova Scotia, expert trainers created personalized rehabilitation plans. Our dedicated staff and volunteers poured everything into these dogs. While working one-on-one, it was hard not to get attached. Some of the dogs were in our care for more than 200 days.

That’s why it was so special hearing updates from their new families. Cliff, one of the dogs, was adopted into a loving home. They shared:

“First 2 weeks with Cliff! I know you must miss him very much but we are so grateful to have him as part of our family. Cliff has the most gentle soul and sweet demeanor. He is still skittish but is slowly gaining trust. We love him to pieces and couldn’t be happier. Thank you so much!”

Because of your generous support, the dogs received around-the-clock care, a second chance, and most of all... love.



The Nova Scotia SPCA is the only charity organization in the province with legal authority to help neglected and abused animals. Our SPCA Enforcement Officers intervened on behalf of 3,860 animals in 2021.



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SPCA COLLEGE OF ANIMAL WELFARE

When you have a giant goal to raise animal welfare and build strong communities, where do you start? It's simple... you go back to the beginning. You invest in high quality education and promote diversity, inclusion, and belonging.

In 2021, our dream became a reality. We opened the doors and welcomed students to the brand-new Nova Scotia SPCA College of Animal Welfare.

Our first program – the Veterinary Assistant Diploma Program – launched in September with a small class of 10 students. The program teaches outstanding client experiences with a knowledge and passion for animal care.

To ensure the ability to pay tuition wouldn't prevent people from enrolling, the first class all attended on full scholarship. Furthermore, the program was a pathway to employment. Graduating students were all guaranteed a job with the Nova Scotia SPCA.

Julia Anna Kuhn, 21, is one of those students.

"I heard about the College through social media while searching for a new school opportunity," Julia recalled. "I loved supporting them before the College was even formed. My love for animals in combination with my love for medicine made this program a perfect option for me."



"The veterinary field needs more diversity and inclusivity," Julia continued. "I love that this promotes that. This program has students from all walks of life, all ages, and all backgrounds and supports everyone evenly and fairly."

With the Dartmouth SPCA Animal Shelter and the SPCA Veterinary Hospital nearby, students have the opportunity for hands-on learning.

"This program has set me up for success like no other," Julia shared. "The SPCA College has real veterinary assistants, veterinary technicians, veterinarians, and other professionals teaching us their real-world skills and sharing stories they have from working in the field we're going into. Our teachers here are some of the best I've ever had."

In September 2022, the College of Animal Welfare will expand to launch a two-year Veterinary Technician Diploma Program. Similar to the Veterinary Assistant Diploma Program, graduates will work for the Nova Scotia SPCA in hospitals and shelters as well as for local veterinarians.

"The SPCA truly cares about their students being prepared for work in the veterinary field," Julia smiled. "I want to thank the college staff, the shelter staff, the hospital staff, and everyone else who helps the students with our education. You are what makes great students and who are going to make great future workers."

Bodj was a loving dog who left paw prints on hearts everywhere. Inspired by her kindness, Bodj's family started the Bodj von Grunfeld® Scholarship with the Nova Scotia SPCA in her memory. Every year, one dedicated student will be awarded \$500 towards their animal welfare education. **Kaitlin Coles was the first recipient and is pursuing a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree.**

The SPCA Veterinary Hospital is the first full-service, not-for-profit animal hospital in eastern Canada open to everyone! Keep your pet healthy and happy with our highly skilled veterinary surgical and pet wellness team. With more than 45 years of combined experience, our hospital is fully equipped to handle all your pet needs. **Book your appointment today!**

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STORIES YOU MADE POSSIBLE

KINGS

Thanks to Pet Valu and its Giving Back Project, the Nova Scotia SPCA established a new international pet transport program. When space and resources allow, pets are safely brought in from approved shelters in the United States that struggle with pet overpopulation. To celebrate International Dog Day, we completed our first dog transport. Zoey was one of 14 dogs who made the journey from Louisiana to Nova Scotia. Before arriving in our care, poor Zoey suffered a painful home ear crop. With Pet Valu's support, Zoey got a second chance AND a local family found a healthy and happy best friend.



★ Thrift stores



CAPE BRETON

At 12 years young, Molly began a new chapter. Beautiful and blind, Molly was diagnosed with spondylosis. To help Molly enjoy her retirement years, she was placed in the SPCA Palliative Care Program. The term palliative care, to some, is associated with dying... but this program is all about living. Ongoing medication to keep Molly happy and healthy is covered for life. Molly is adored by her family and is always sporting her famous smile.



YARMOUTH

Saturn was one of 64 stray cats living together. Before Saturn's first birthday, he endured extreme storms and freezing temperatures. When we found Saturn, we rushed him into our clinic for care. Sadly, he suffered deep frostbite. Although treatment helped Saturn heal, his ears were damaged forever. All Saturn's cat friends were brought to safety and Saturn was actually one of the first to find a caring family. They love him just the way he is.

DARTMOUTH

If you are going into the hospital for treatment, fleeing domestic violence, or facing homelessness, the Paws & Support Program is here to help. With the support of PetSmart Charities® of Canada, we foster your pet(s) so you can focus on your own wellbeing. Marni, one of our fabulous foster families, shared her experience with Buttons: *"It changed our whole family. It was a chance to be there for someone who needed a helping hand, and it felt good to know a loving family would be reunited after a difficult time."*



COLCHESTER

For some pets, we need to build a bridge of trust between *what was* and *what can be*. Take Rally for example. Rally was scared of everything and everyone. He needed one-on-one support and training to build his confidence. After 146 days of hope and hard work, Rally was adopted by a loving family. He now spends his days playing with his two fur brothers and soaking up all the cuddles.



PICTOU COUNTY

You're never too small to make a big difference. Just ask ten-year-old Reese! Reese has always had a strong passion for pets. To help hurt and homeless animals, Reese participated in our annual Bake Sales for Wagging Tails event and raised more than \$3,000! Because Reese was crowned as the top fundraiser, she was able to meet and name the next litter of newborn kitties. Reese settled on Biscuit, Cookie, Flurry, Stormy, and Rainy. Thank you for *baking* a difference, Reese!



HERO CAT SAVES KITTENS FROM FIRE

When you think of the word superhero, what comes to mind? Maybe comic book characters like Wonder Woman or Batman. Or perhaps a beloved family member or friend.

But pets may be the ultimate superheroes.

Although they don't have capes, their unique personalities bring comfort and joy. And sometimes the saving is more literal – like when a mama cat rescues kittens from a house fire.

Bria was a young stray. She was hit by a car and left with a huge scar. Thankfully, a kind family found Bria. To their surprise, Bria was a new mom!

The family reached out to the Pictou County SPCA to bring Bria and the babies in. Due to the lack of specialized space, they needed to wait until there was free room. Our beloved shelter is more than 43 years old and beyond repair. With the limitations we face now, sick and injured pets are often forced to wait or relocate for treatment.

The day before they were supposed to bring Bria and the kittens in... their house burnt down.

The family was devastated. Bria and the babies had been inside when the fire started. The family searched around but couldn't find them.

A few days later, the family returned to see what could be salvaged. They were shocked to see Bria proudly walking out of the woods with ALL her babies. She somehow managed to rescue all five kittens.

To keep Bria and the kittens safe, they were placed in our Foster Family program. Fabulous fosters open their hearts and homes, and the SPCA provides everything needed from nutritious food to medical care. After weeks of recovery, everyone was finally ready for adoption.

"We wanted to adopt an older cat who would have more trouble getting adopted," Angela shared. "I know that the babies always get scooped up while the older ones get left behind."

Angela and her husband found many cats along the way, all full of potential and love, but she kept saying *"We're going to find one and know that that's our cat."*

And then fate stepped in.

"I was immediately in love with her big green eyes and her little crinkled ear," Angela smiled. "I knew before I met her that we were taking her home but when my 4-year-old daughter and I went to meet her it just sealed the deal."

"Bria is such a special girl," Angela beamed. "She's been through so much in her short life. We also want to say how much we love and appreciate the SPCA for what you do. It's not an easy job and we are grateful for the people that do it."

"My husband is a firefighter... just like her," Angela continued. *"My daughter tells everyone she sees that her kitty is a superhero. Bria really is an inspiration, and a reminder that life can be so, so tough, but you can make it through and still come out on the other side and spread love and happiness."*



Design is subject to change.

The new North Nova SPCA will break ground by spring, and the fundraising has begun! With the new build, more local pets can – and will – stay here. There will be less travel time, costs, and stress for animals, and more opportunities to adopt for local families.

Learn how to help at novascotiaspca.ca/northnova



THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Cats VS Dogs

We love all animals. But we get asked all the time... which pet is best? For Giving Tuesday, we asked you to help settle this BFF Battle. Supporters donated to either Team Cats or Team Dogs. To make it even more fun, a devoted donor doubled gifts in loving memory of their fur-baby, Maddie. Team Cats stole the crown! Together, you raised more than \$27,000 for local pets and helped solve a worldwide debate.



Helping Furry Friends in Honour of a Friend

The Sunshine Fund at the SPCA Veterinary Hospital was designed to help families in crisis with urgent medical care. Donations give dignity to loving owners and hope for hurt pets. This concept of helping someone's best friend really resonated with Carol Hanson. Carol's beloved sister-in-law, Michaela Kustudic, sadly passed away. Michaela was *"the sweetest animal lover you'd ever meet"* and a longtime monthly supporter, so Carol signed up to make monthly gifts to the Sunshine Fund in Michaela's memory.

Winnie Inspires a Win-Win

Winnie came to Heather at a crucial time in her life. *"I became a widow shortly after adopting Winnie and because of her, I never felt lonely,"* Heather explained.



When Winnie passed, Heather wanted to honour her memory and help other homeless animals. *"The SPCA's weekly 50/50 draw was the perfect way for me to do that,"* Heather smiled.

Heather's lucky ticket was picked and she took home thousands. Because of the SPCA weekly 50/50 draw, more than \$180,000 was raised in 2021 to help local pets.

www.SPCA5050.com

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SPCA Thrift Stores



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four SPCA Thrift Store across
the province?**

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gently used items, volunteer your
time, or shop for great deals, you
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local pets in need.

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THANK YOU!

A special thank you to those who have honoured their connection with pets by leaving a gift to the Nova Scotia SPCA in their will. No matter the size, their bequest makes a real difference in the lives of animals.



Andrea Christ was “the kid that always brought home pets.” But her admiration for animals grew when she brought home a puppy named Pepsi. Pepsi taught Andrea all about unconditional love.

When it came time to prepare her will, Andrea wanted to make her love unconditional too.

Andrea’s daughter shares her passion for pets and is so proud of her mom. Andrea’s planned gift will offset estate taxes AND give homeless pets a better future.

Mookie and Grizz, Andrea’s dogs, give lots of slobbery thank you kisses on behalf of animals everywhere.

Thank you to these special guardian angels.

ESTATES OF...

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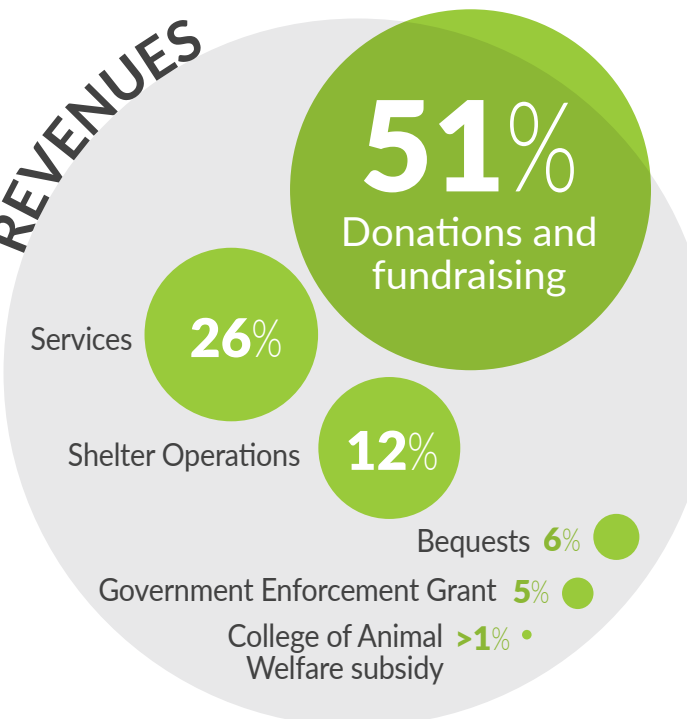
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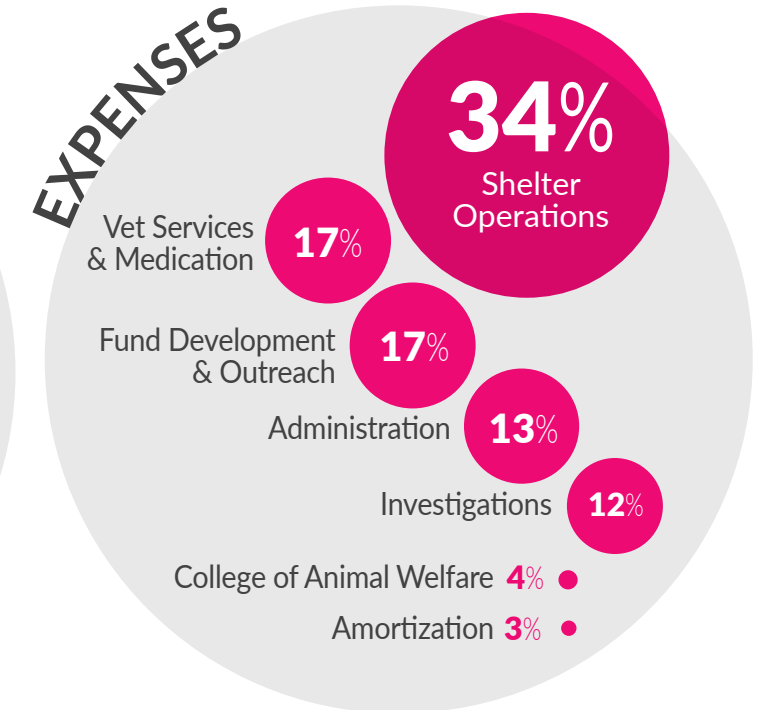
REVENUES



REVENUES

Donations and fundraising	\$3,311,240
Services.	1,698,349
Shelter operations	780,388
Bequests.	409,527
Government enforcement grant. . .	320,790
College of Animal Welfare subsidy. .	10,093
Total Revenues	\$6,530,387

EXPENSES



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Shelter operations	\$2,331,692
Veterinary services and medication .	1,144,586
Fund development and outreach. . .	1,134,440
Administration	907,197
Investigations.	837,897
College of Animal Welfare	286,544
Amortization	211,644
Total Expenses	\$6,854,000

EARNINGS FROM OPERATIONS. \$(323,613)

OTHER INCOME

Investment income	\$39,073
Gain on marketable securities	201,132
Government assistance.	33,362
Gain on disposal of capital assets	1,630
Total Other Incomes	\$275,197

EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES . . \$(48,416)

NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021





Henry was neglected for so long he was too weak to walk. His tiny body was covered in heavy clumps. The matting pinched and pulled at his skin.

SPCA veterinary staff carefully removed his mangled fur. Finally, Henry was free! The matts weighed four whole pounds.

Walking? Forget that.
Now, Henry can run.

Henry jumped into his new family's arms. Thanks to kind supporters, Henry experienced a life-changing transformation.

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