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Evacuation Begins at Cape Breton SPCA Shelter

Sydney, Nova Scotia –Due to the extreme devastation in Cape Breton from Hurricane Fiona, the Nova Scotia SPCA is starting to relocate animals from their shelter on East Broadway. Five dogs and 27 cats will be transported from Cape Breton to SPCA shelters across the province who have kennel space.

The roof protecting the outdoor dog enclosures was blown off, signage and doors have fallen, and the roof over the SPCA Veterinary Hospital in Cape Breton was damaged. The Nova Scotia SPCA had more than 300 animals in six shelters across the province when the hurricane struck. Some SPCA staff stayed on-site Friday night, and others who lived close by were on-call. No animals or staff were injured in the storm.

“The shelter has been without power for a while,” says Sandra Flemming, Director of Animal Care at the Nova Scotia SPCA. “We know that Nova Scotia Power and crews from other provinces are working hard to get power back for everyone, but it is becoming unsafe for our animals. We have animals that need medical care and others that need to be adopted. The best thing we can do is move them.”

The Nova Scotia SPCA received a \$25,000 grant from PetSmart Charities of Canada™ as part of their Emergency Response Program to help with immediate needs to support pets and the community. Shelters in Cape Breton, Pictou County, and Dartmouth all need various repairs or help, with Cape Breton in the most need. To help in the wake of the storm, the SPCA requests that you do not visit these shelters as the staff and volunteers work with limited power, but you can donate to help at www.novascotiaspca.ca/donate.

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, approximately 15,000 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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Animals will be loaded on Wednesday morning. Please make arrangements for an interview, video, or photos by contacting:

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