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## Helping Animals Find their “Fur”ever Homes *Funding from PetSmart Charities of Canada™ aided adoptions*

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia – Many families have been able to give second chances to animals from the Nova Scotia SPCA, thanks in part to a \$40,000 grant from PetSmart Charities of Canada™. The grant helped to prepare more animals for adoption, with spay or neutering procedures.

“It is very important that animals receive a spay or neuter prior to adoption,” says Sandra Flemming, Director of Animal Care. “The Nova Scotia SPCA provides shelter pets with vaccines, flea and tick treatment, microchips, spay or neuter surgeries, and treatment of immediate medical concerns. This makes pet adoptions more affordable for families. And while adoption fees cover a small portion of the actual costs we incur, it is community support from donations, and grants from partners like PetSmart Charities of Canada™, that help to offset the total cost of care.”

“Helping homeless pets find homes is a cornerstone of our mission, and we’re proud to support pets in need in a variety of ways,” said Andrew Fraser, Adoptions Grants Manager at PetSmart Charities of Canada. “Helping prepare pets for adoption with grants like this is just one way we can ensure even more pets find loving homes.”

Shelters across the province have many animals – fully vetted – waiting to become part of your family. Visit [www.novascotiaspca.ca/adoptions](http://www.novascotiaspca.ca/adoptions) to help give one of them a “fur”ever home.

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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, approximately 15,000 pets are helped through animal rescue, progressive programs, and rehoming opportunities. They do not receive

government funding for their shelters, so the SPCA relies on community support to help care for needy local pets. To learn more visit [www.novascotiaspca.ca](http://www.novascotiaspca.ca).

### **About PetSmart Charities of Canada™**

[PetSmart Charities of Canada](http://www.PetSmartCharities.ca) is committed to making the world a better place for pets and all who love them. Through its in-store adoption program in all PetSmart® stores across the country, PetSmart Charities of Canada helps thousands of pets connect with loving families each year. PetSmart Charities of Canada also provides grant funding to support organizations that advocate and care for the well-being of all pets and their families. Our grants and efforts connect pets with loving homes through adoption, improve access to affordable veterinary care and support families in times of crisis with access to food, shelter, and emergency relief. Each year, thousands of generous supporters help pets in need by donating to PetSmart Charities of Canada directly at [PetSmartCharities.ca](http://PetSmartCharities.ca), while shopping at [PetSmart.ca](http://PetSmart.ca), and by 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 the leading funder of animal welfare in Canada, granting more than \$25 million since its inception in 1999. Independent from PetSmart LLC, PetSmart Charities of Canada is a registered Canadian charity. To learn more visit [www.PetSmartCharities.ca](http://www.PetSmartCharities.ca).

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