



ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

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Message from President

Dear Friends and Supporters.

What a year 2020 was. It was unprecedented in every way for the entire world. Animal rescue was no exception. The year brought many challenges and changes for the NWT SPCA. Due to fund raising being basically nonexistent for the year and unknown for the foreseeable future, we were forced to change both our staffing and shifts. We unfortunately had to lay off half of our staff. Covid Protocols were put in place and like the rest of the world, had to think outside the box and become very flexible and virtual!

There is only so much virtual that can be done when you have live animals to care for and transport. Because of the pandemic our intakes and adoptions decreased. Our major events were cancelled, and our staff and Board of Directors had a lot of pressure to keep going with our mandate and mission. We are very fortunate to have the most generous supporters right across our country. Because of many donations and one significant gift from the Eric Margolis Family Foundation we were able to make it through the year with less financial stress than many of our animal rescue friends around the Country. We can never be thankful enough for this incredible support at such a difficult and challenging time.

We look to the future again with many unknowns, but we are optimistic that we can continue to improve our organization with our hard-working staff, volunteers, and generous community of supporters. Partnership is key in every way to make an organization succeed. Animal Rescue is incredibly difficult both mentally and physically but with willing and compassionate partners and friends, we can continue working to make a better life for all the animals that find their way to us.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the NWT SPCA, I am pleased to present the 2020 Annual Report.

Sincerely,
Nicole Spencer
President
NWT SPCA



Mission Statement

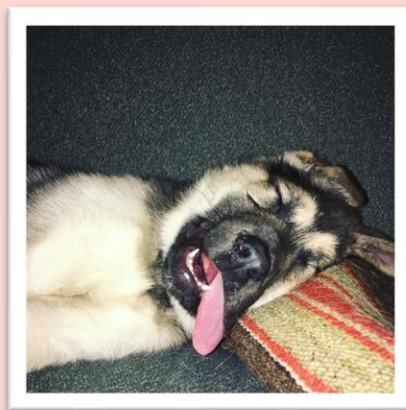
To protect and enhance the quality of life for domestic animals in the Northwest Territories and to help support the North in appreciating and learning the value of the northern dog today.

Vision

To prevent animal cruelty; educate about humane treatment of animals; provide shelter and care to abandoned and abused animals; and encourage adoption to suitable homes. Through education and programming, we hope to promote responsible pet ownership and encourage spaying/neutering, so animals can live the best life possible.

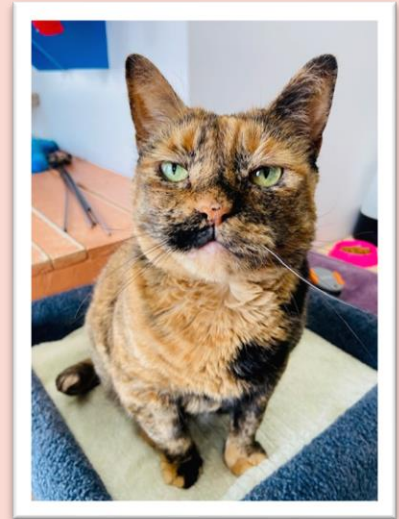
Our over-all goal is to engage and encourage our society to help build communities where all animals who depend on humans for their wellbeing can experience freedom from hunger and thirst, pain and injury, distress, and discomfort.

“It is proven that the general welfare of a community begins with the improved attitude and care of its animals.”



About NWT SPCA

NWT SPCA is the largest SPCA in the NWT located in Yellowknife, the Territory's capital. The NWT SPCA is a volunteer-based organization striving to protect and enhance the quality of life for all domestic animals in the Northwest Territories. Focusing on the health and wellbeing of the Territories domestic pets, the NWT SPCA runs lifesaving Community Spay/Neuter and Animal Wellness Clinics for companion animals. Education initiatives and pet food drives, adoptions and dog transfer are just a few programs in place to reduce the number of stray and unwanted animals roaming our communities. We are here to help all 33 communities in the NWT and western Nunavut. These programs are improving the welfare of our Northern pets and the communities they live in.



NWT SPCA believes in taking a positive and collaborative approach to saving lives and helping the north understand and appreciate the value of northern companion animals in modern society. With tenacity, ability to learn and adapt to challenges together with our volunteers, staff, and on-the-ground network of partners, we will find every pet a home.



SUMMARY

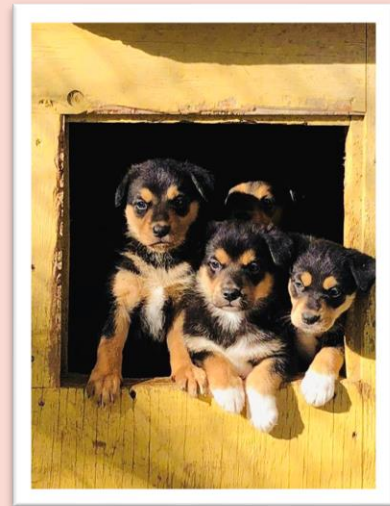
Highlights

- Covid pandemic hit the world
- 2 Mega Cash Raffles
- Fort Simpson Animal Health Clinic with Dr. Ho (GSAH)
- Vets Without Borders Partnering -Fort Liard Clinic, Resolute Clinic
- First Virtual Dog Jog
- First Paws for a Cause Online Auctions
- Cabin Radio- third year In-Shelter Visits
- Wet Nose Wednesdays began CJCD
- **32** surgeries under the Community Spay/Neuter program
- **6** animals reclaimed by owners and neutered/vaccinated
- Grant from City of Yellowknife Multi-Year Grant for \$10,000
- Major Donation from Eric Margolis Foundation - \$80,000
- Giving Tuesday Success \$44,000

Animal Intakes at the shelter

Animal intakes always vary slightly but dogs from the communities outside of Yellowknife make up the majority. In 2020, intakes included **399** dogs, **92** cats, and **1** rabbit.

There were **23** animals born at the shelter as well.



Cat Intakes

We try to help other rescues especially in Alberta where there is an over population of cats. In 2020, 32% of our cats came from Alberta while 30% were from Yellowknife and 12% from Hay River and 26% from other communities.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF INTAKES-DOGS



The following are the communities that we assisted in 2020 and the number of dogs from each.

Dehcho Region (26)

Wrigley 10
Fort Liard 3
Fort Simpson 13

South Slave Region (16)

Fort Providence 8
Fort Smith 2
Hay River 6

Beaufort Delta (65)

Tuktoyaktuk 12
Inuvik 31
Ft. McPherson 18
Paulatuk 2
Ulukhaktok 1
Aklavik 1

North Slave Region (157)

Dettah 9
Whati 8
Wekweti 12
Gameti 3
Behchoko 68
Lutselk'e 10
Yellowknife 40
GSAH 7

Map of the Northwest Territories



Nunavut (93)

Kugluktuk 41
Cambridge Bay 17
Gjoa Haven 15
Resolute Bay 12
Taloyoak 2
Grise Fiord 5
Kugaruuk 1

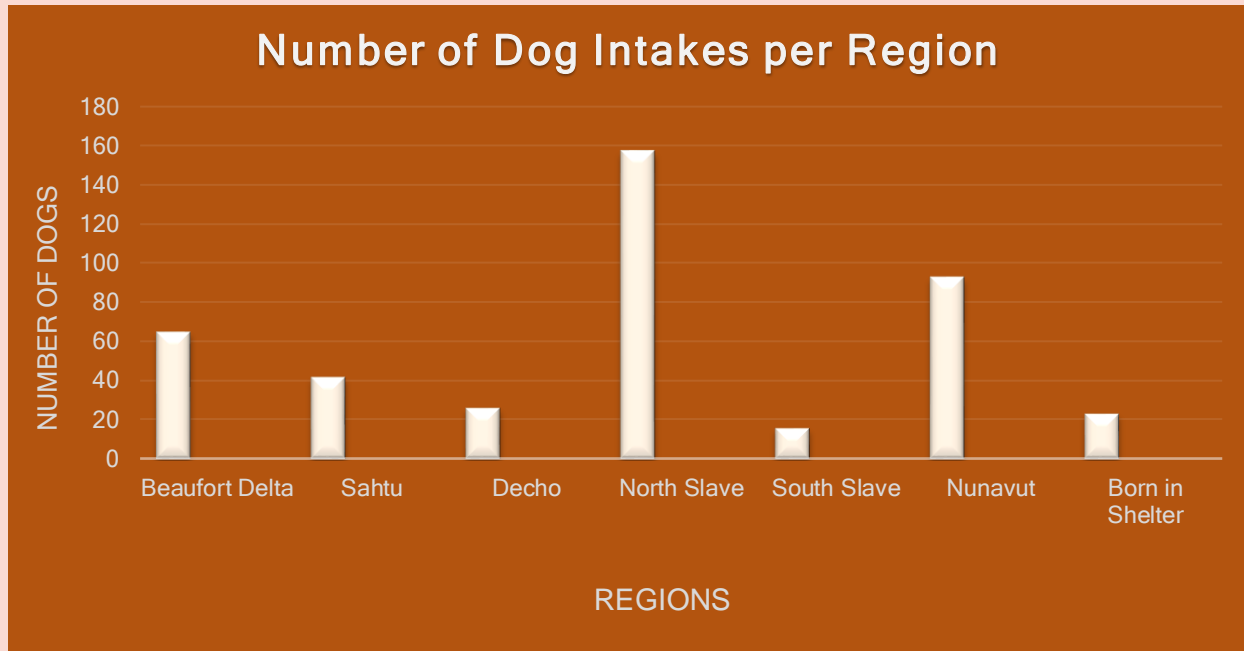
Sahtu Region (42)

Fort Good Hope 13
Norman Wells 4
Tulita 10
Deline 12
Colville Lake 3

Pups Born in
Shelter 23

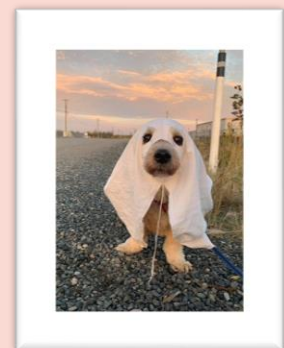
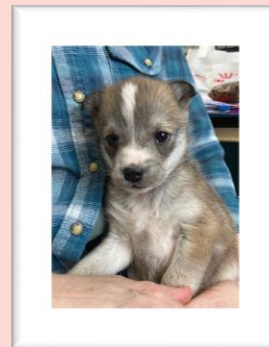
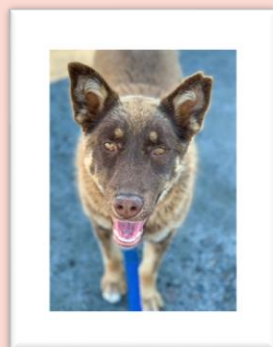
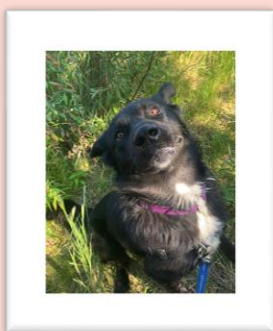
ANIMAL STATISTICS 2020

Dog Intake Comparison by Region



Adoption and Transfer Statistics 2020

	Dog	Cat	Other
Adoptions in NWT	198	88	1
Adoptions outside NWT	68	N/A	N/A
Transfers to other Rescues	63	N/A	N/A



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020



2020

January	February	March	April
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Cupcake Day • Winter Raffle Draw • Sahtu Vet Clinic 		
May	June	July	August
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fred Henne Poop Pick-up 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Liard Free Vet Clinic with VWB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Fetch 5 k & 10K Dog Jog
September	October	November	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWT SPCA AGM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Simpson Health Clinic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calendar Sales begin • Paws for a Cause Online Auction • iAdopt Contest • Resolute Bay VWB Clinic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paws for a Cause Online auction • Boxing Day Mega Cash Draw • Midnight Petroleum Fill - up Event • Giving Tuesday

PROGRAMS

Volunteering

Our organization is built on our volunteers. From our Board of Directors to our everyday supporters they make what we do possible. Volunteers help at the shelter walking dogs, cleaning, hanging out with our cats in their fabulous room. They also make having fund raising events possible. To volunteer with us you must be a member. All volunteers must complete an orientation with our orientation coordinator.

Community Spay and Neuter Program

Under the umbrella of the NWT SPCA Animal Health and Wellness Initiative our organization offers a program for communities outside of Yellowknife to get their pets sterilized and vaccinated. For \$250 a family can send in their dog or cat to us and we will get the dog spayed/ neutered, dewormed, and vaccinated. The animal is then sent back to the community.

Foster Program

The NWT SPCA is always looking for new foster homes. We have many animals that need safe loving homes for stays of a few days to a few weeks. Fostering help socialize a dog or cat and offer them a stress-free environment to live temporarily.

Northern Dog Transfer Network

Every year we give hundreds of dogs a second chance by transporting them out of the communities of the NWT. Some stay here in the Territory, but many are flown out to the southern rescue organizations that can foster and adopt them into great homes. This Network of organizations is an incredible chain of caring organizations and individuals with a passion for saving as many dogs as possible. Without these wonderful people many dogs would not be alive today or would be suffering greatly. We also made two trips to the NWT/Alberta Border to transfer a number of dogs to HEART and Garcia Rescue.



Hero Campaign

The HERO Campaign is a way for people to save a dog without the responsibilities that come along with ownership. For \$100 (the average cost of a one-way ticket) you can sponsor a dog to fly south to a partner facility, or for \$200 you can sponsor a dog to fly to Yellowknife from Lutselke, Whati, Gameti, Inuvik, Cambridge Bay, Rankin Inlet, or any number of the smaller communities in the NWT or Nunavut.

SPCA Animal Care Scholarship

The NWT SPCA funds one \$500 scholarship annually to recognize and reward an individual who contributes both in their education and extracurricular activities to the betterment of Animals. There is also the Maureen Golsmith Memorial Fund made possible by Maureen's Family Since 2014. The 2020 recipients were Kirianne Ashley, Olivia Laureijs and Nikita Constant.



Community Pet Food and Supplies

Donations of pet food and supplies will go to families in the NWT Communities who need a little help with feeding their dogs or cats and fit them with collars and tie-outs. We donate straw for the warmth and comfort of outdoor dogs in these communities as well.

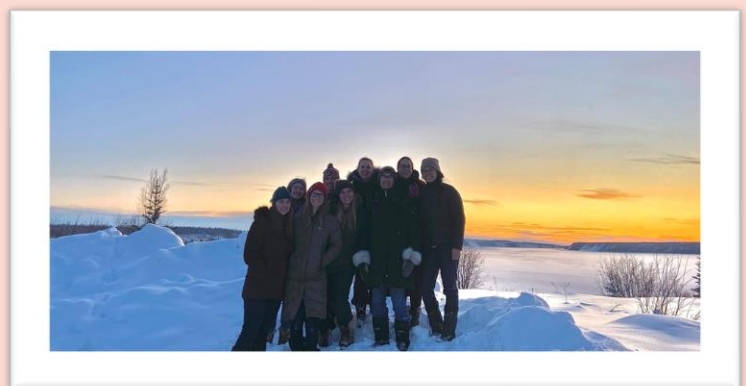
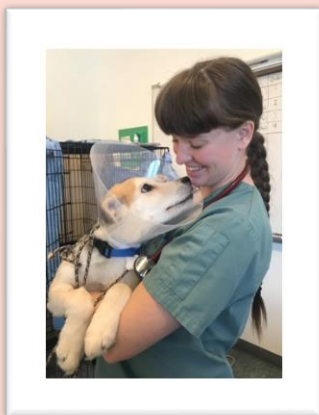
Pet food and supplies are quite costly in Northern Communities, so this program helps with this issue. 1000's out pounds of food and straw provided every year through this program.

Recycling Program

Our recycling program brings in an amazing amount of money to help run our organization. We get bottles and cans from the Mines, the public and other businesses in town. We also have a recycling team that meet regularly to get all the big bags that are donated from the Mines sorted and counted into smaller bags so that we can then bring to the Depot. In 2020 we accepted \$ \$18,000 from recycling.

Spay/Neuter Health Clinics

A part of the NWT SPCA's Strategic Plan is to increase the number of In-Community Spay/Neuter Health Clinics. Under the NWT SPCA Animal Health and Wellness Umbrella, in 2020 we were involved in 3 clinics. Fort Liard, Fort Simpson and Resolute Bay. In addition, we were a sponsor of the Sahtu Annual Clinic which visits 5 communities each year.



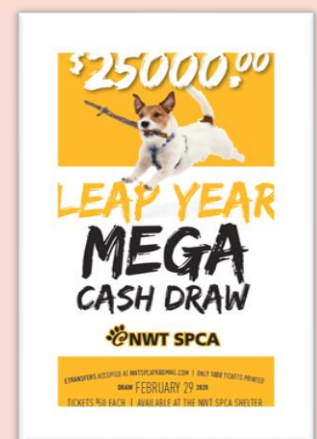
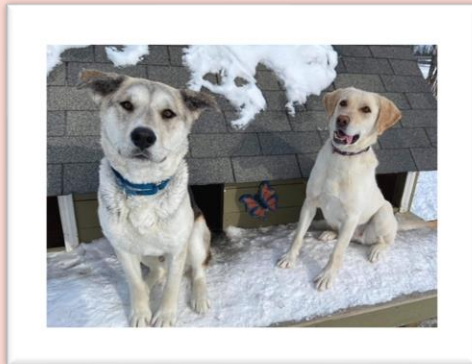
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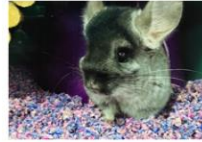
Revenues

Donations	418,627
Adoptions	141,298
Merchandize	26,900
Grants and Contributions	34,413
Events and Raffles	37,263
Mobile Vet Clinics	20,662
Shelter Medical	20,706
Miscellaneous	22,432
Total	722,301

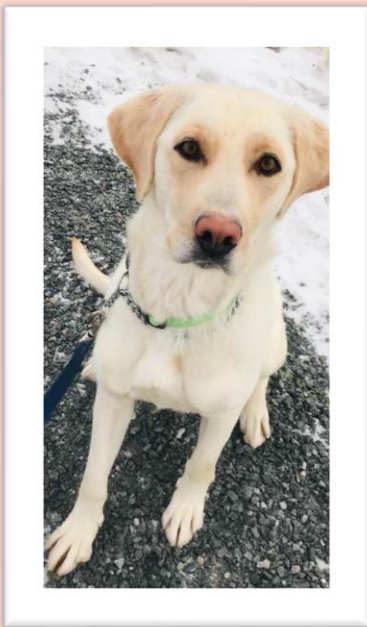
Expenses

Advertising and promotion	102
Pet Food	16,138
Animal supplies	6,289
Medical	154,191
Events Expenses	1,533
Freight	38,942
Insurance and WSCC	24,476
Interest and bank charges	3,230
Education and Printing Materials	7,768
Shelter/ Repairs/ Maintenance	15,583
Mobile Clinic	6,348
Utilities	19,739
Wages and benefits	306,034
Total	600,373





“Our hope is one day there will be no need for our shelter and organization. Until then we will be here to help the Northern animals.”

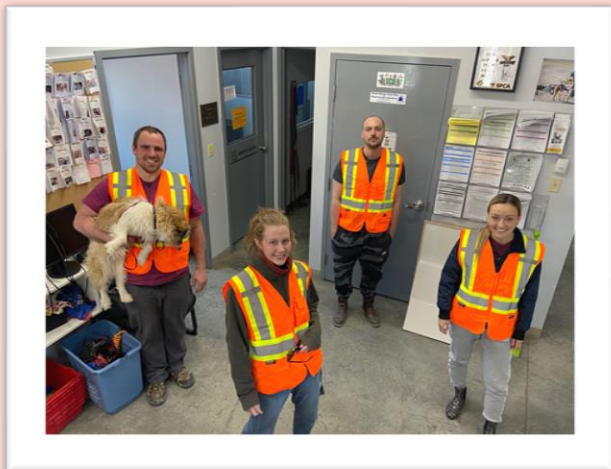


Our goal is to continue improving our outreach to Northern communities and to educate the residents about proper pet care and health. We are also continuing to complete our shelter to better suit our needs and be as efficient as possible. Improving our relationship with communities and trying to establish permanent funding from Government is a challenge but is key to our future sustainability.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

- Canadian North Cargo
- Great Slave Animal Hospital
- Buffalo Air
- Air Tindi
- YK Food Rescue
- Borealis Pet Services
- Crooked Whisker
- Kavanaugh Bros LTD.
- Arctic Alarm
- Midnight Energy
- Weatherby Trucking
- Northern Food Services
- Midnight Petroleum
- Signed
- The Bottle Depot
- Independent Grocers

ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL FOSTERS, VOLUNTEERS & STAFF!



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