



ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

In this my last year as President of the NWT SPCA, I am so proud of the relationships that have been cultivated over the years. Connections with businesses and other groups is so necessary and valued but the most remarkable bonds are with the people who share the passion and drive to do right by the animals that need us most.

Animal welfare is difficult and those of us drawn to it share a strong connection. We all try our best and struggle with the burdens that come with the call to help the most vulnerable.

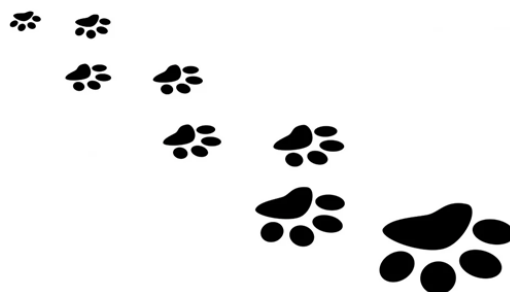
Shelter staff, volunteers and veterinarian professionals endure much anxiety, pressure, and heartache. I believe it is only the heartwarming rewards that allow us to keep going year after year. Seeing an animal in a desperate state and helping them to thrive is an experience that will forever live with me.

The past two years have been difficult for everyone with the worldwide pandemic and all that entailed. Our animals helped get us through it and continue to help us in our everyday lives. I hope we remember and value the gift that our pets give us. They make life special with their enthusiasm, unconditional love, and spirit. How fortunate are those of us who share a special bond with an animal, and how very privileged are we who get to give animals a second chance to live a happy and healthy life.

I am honored to have been a part of the NWT SPCA for as long as I have; almost 14 years of many highs and lows, many achievements, and many tears. Some animals have found a special place in my soul. Each one that I have encountered along the way has made me better and all the people that I have met and shared these experiences with are forever a part of who I am.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the NWT SPCA, I am pleased to present the 2021 Annual Report.

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.”



Who Are We?

NWT SPCA is the largest SPCA in the NWT located in Yellowknife, the Territory's capital. We are 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.

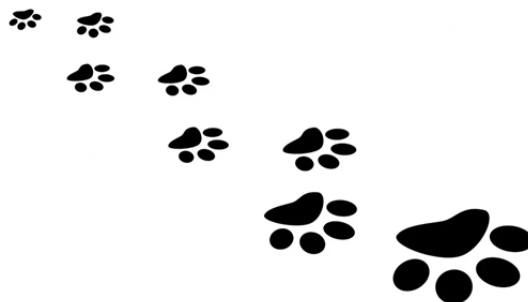
NWT SPCA believes in taking a positive and collaborative approach to saving lives and helping the north understand and appreciate the value of northern companion animals in modern society. With determination, ability to learn and adapt to challenges together with our volunteers, staff, and on-the-ground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

Strategic Plan Objectives

- Funding & Ongoing Donations
- Community Outreach & Support
- Improved Animal Care
- Advocacy for Animal Welfare in the North



The NWT SPCA is committed and ready to work to achieve our objectives and goals. Our Board is dedicated to the overall success of the organization and the animals we care for.



SUMMARY

Highlights

- Second year of Covid
- 2 Mega Cash Raffles
- Partner with Vets Without Borders Wellness Clinics -Kugluktuk, Fort Liard, Wrigley & Taloyoak
- Virtual Dog Jog
- Cabin Radio- third year In-Shelter Visits
- Tibbit to Contwyoto Donation **\$8200**
- Century 21 Golf Tournament Annual Sponsorship **\$13,000**
- **57** dogs and **5** cats for the Community Spay/Neuter program
- Grant from City of Yellowknife Multi-Year Grant for **\$10,000**
- **397** adoptions
- Giving Tuesday Success **\$58,000**

Animal Intakes

Animal intakes always vary slightly but dogs from the communities outside of Yellowknife make up the majority. In 2021, intakes included **473 dogs**, **126 cats**, and **3 rabbit** and **1 mouse**. There were **17 animals** born at the shelter as well.

Helping Alberta Rescues

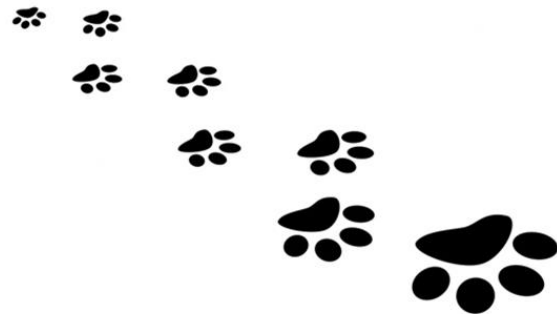
We try to help other rescues especially in Alberta where there is an over population of cats. In 2021, 77% of our cats came from Alberta while 9% were from Yellowknife and 14% other communities. We regularly work with For All Animals Rescue (FAARS) in Drayton AB.



ANIMAL STATISTICS 2021

Adoption and Transfers

	Dog	Cat	Critters
Adoptions in NWT	172	122	1
Adoptions outside NWT	72	10	
Transfers to other Rescues	164	N/A	2



Geographic Area of Intakes-Dogs

The following are the communities that we assisted in 2021 and the number of dogs from each region.

Dehcho Region (8)

Fort Liard 2
Fort Simpson 4
Jean Marie River 2

South Slave Region (30)

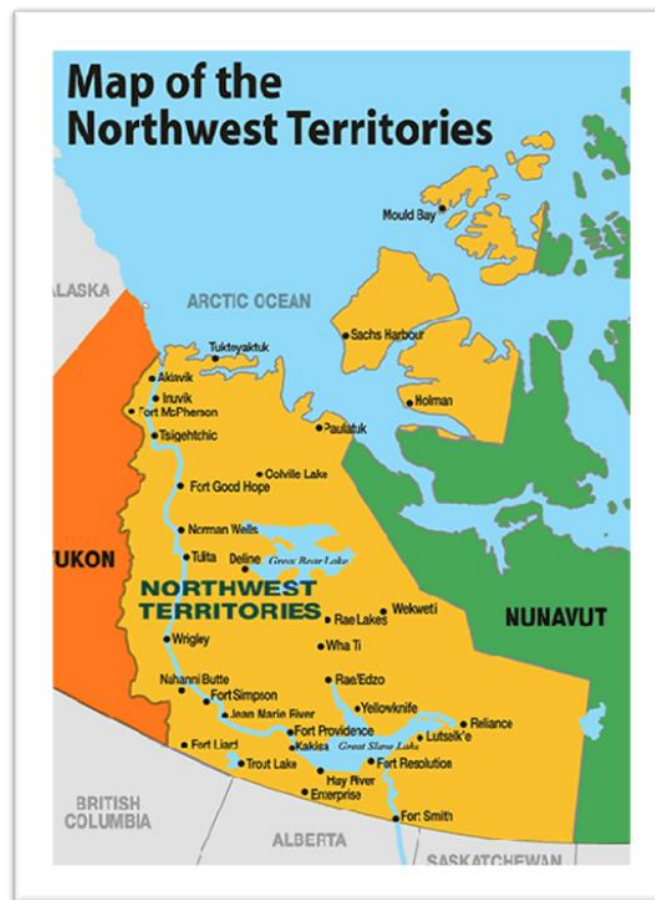
Fort Providence 18
Hay River 3
Fort Resolution 9

Sahtu Region (21)

Fort Good Hope 1
Norman Wells 2
Tulita 4
Deline 7
Colville Lake 7

Beaufort Delta (77)

Inuvik 22
Ft. McPherson 17
Paulatuk 11
Ulukhaktok 5
Aklavik 13
Sachs 7
Tsiigehtchic 2



Nunavut (180)

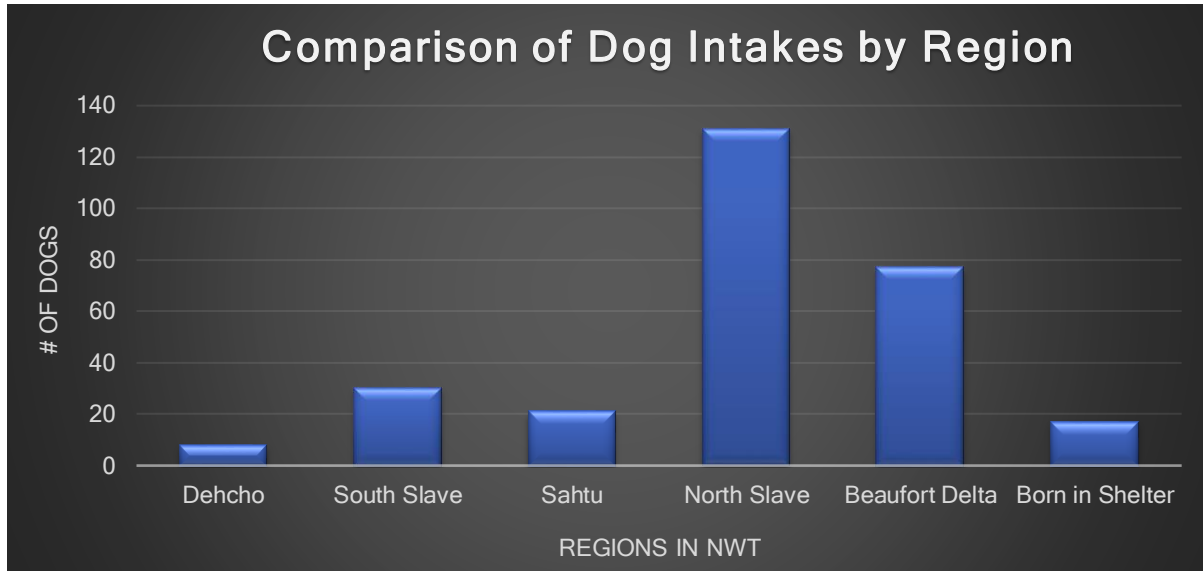
Kugluktuk 92
Cambridge Bay 8
Gjoa Haven 38
Resolute Bay 3
Taloyoak 30
Kugaruuk 8
Iqaluit 1

North Slave Region (131)

Dettah 3
Ndilo 1
Whati 16
Wekweti 2
Gameti 7
Behchoko 74
Lutselk'e 7
Yellowknife 21
GSAH

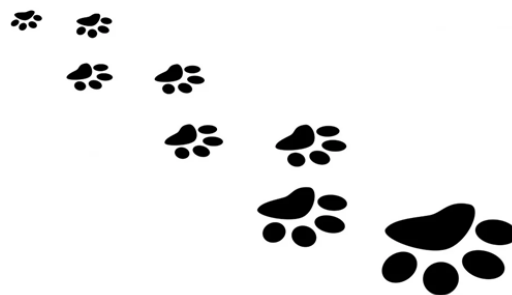
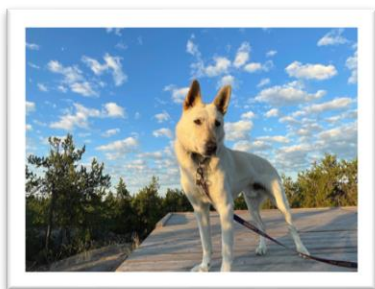
Born in shelter
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Comparison by Region Analysis

The graph above depicts numbers of dog intakes by region. North Slave region includes the communities that are closer and have easy access to Yellowknife where the shelter is located. The Beaufort Delta has a team of volunteers that provides sending dogs to Yellowknife via Canadian North Cargo less difficult than in other areas. The Sahtu Region in NWT has lower number which indicates the positive impact that the One Health Initiative (University of Calgary) is having. For over about 13 years this team has been visiting the five Sahtu Communities annually. Nunavut has teams of volunteers dedicated to helping dogs in their region and this relates to the high number on the graph. These Nunavut communities use Canadian North Cargo to get dogs to us in Yellowknife under our sponsorship agreement. *Northern Canine Rescue* in Cambridge Bay has been active for several years while *Paws with Purpose* in Gjoa Haven is relatively new. Kugluktuk has a team of people that facilitate sending dogs out through their local government administration.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS, CAMPAIGNS & ACTIVITIES 2021

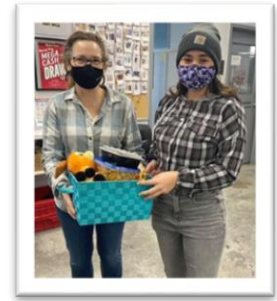


2021			
January	February	March	April
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Cupcake Day • Winter Raffle Draw • Sahtu Vet Clinic • Pop-Up Shop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tibbit to Contwoyto Donation 	
May	June	July	August
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fred Henne Poop Pick-up • Mother's Day Raffle • VWB Kugluktuk Clinic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ladies Golf Tournament donation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ramble n Ride •Century 21 Donation •Independent Grocer In-Store Donation Campaign 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Fetch 5 K and 10k Dog Jog
September	October	November	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VWB Liard & Wrigley Clinic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AGM •VWB Taloyoak Clinic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calendar Sales Begin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Pictures with Santa •Christmas Pop-Up Shop •Boxing Day Raffle •iAdopt Campaign

PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

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, and we will get the dog spayed/neutered, dewormed, and vaccinated. The animal is then sent back to the community.



Foster Program

It takes many hands to ensure is healthy and happy. Foster homes are the difference between surviving and thriving. Some animals do not do well in a shelter environment, so we match them with foster homes. Fostering help socialize a dog or cat and offer them a stress-free environment to live temporarily. All food, supplies and medical care is provided.

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 groups and individuals with a passion for saving lives. Without these wonderful people many dogs would not be living their best life.

Hero Campaign

The HERO Campaign is a way for people to help a dog without the responsibilities that come along with ownership. For \$125 (the average cost of a one-way ticket) you can sponsor a dog to fly south to a partner facility, or for \$150 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.

Northern Pet Food Pantry

Thanks to Food Rescue Yellowknife and local people, donations of pet food and supplies will go to families in the NWT Communities who need a little help with caring for their pets. 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 are provided every year through this program.

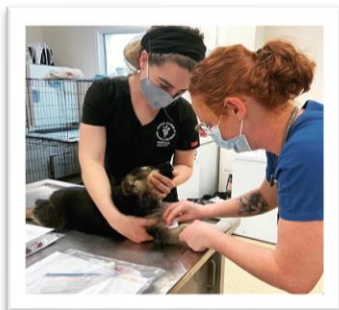
Bottle Recycling Initiative

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 2021 we accepted \$15,000 from recycling.



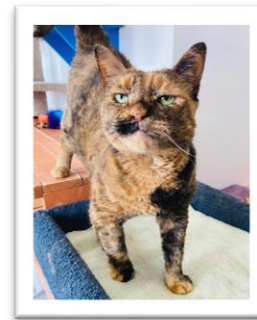
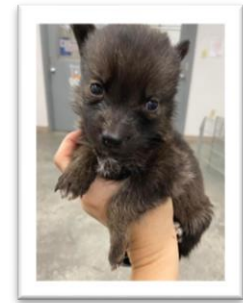
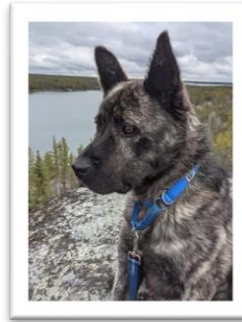
Community Animal Health and Wellness Initiative

As part of the NWT SPCA's Strategic Plan our objective is to create safe, healthy communities by building working relationships between our organization and NWT Community Governments. Improving the health of family pets will build stronger human/animal bonds which is so important in the mental and physical lives of northern Canadians. Under the NWT SPCA Animal Health and Wellness Umbrella, in 2021 we were involved in 4 clinics. In partnership with Vets Without Borders we visited Fort Liard, Wrigley, Taloyoak and Kugluktuk in 2021. In addition, we were a sponsor of the Sahtu Annual Clinic which visits the 5 Sahtu communities each year.



2020/21 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Expenses	\$
Animal Medical Expenses	181,508
Food	21,559
Insurance	8052
Bank services and Income Expenses	8899
Shelter Repair and Maintenance	17,209
Freight	53,510
Shelter Utilities	22,842
Events & Materials	16,034
Wages	312,491
Vehicle	4690
TOTAL	652,459



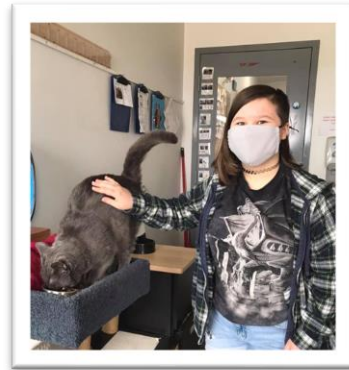
REVENUES	\$
Donations	397,789
Adoptions	145,640
Merchandise	27,977
Raffles and Events	37,012
Calendar	7775
Grants / Contributions	41,033
Memberships	5780
Shelter Medical	16,826
TOTAL	679,834
Miscellaneous income	633
Net Income	28,130

Note:

Numbers are rounded to nearest dollar therefore will vary slightly from actual financial statements.

Note:

Approximately \$13,000 from Mother's Day Raffle was collected prior to March 31/21 (fiscal year end). This money will not be accounted for above in the raffle and events column.



2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Nicole Spencer

Vice President - Dana Martin

Treasurer- Kelley Weatherby

Secretary - Candace Seddon

Director - Randy Hilworth

Director - Megan Cooper

Director - Sonya Robinson

*Michelle Tuma and Tia Hanna became Board member in November 2021.



SPECIAL THANK YOU

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



A Heart Felt Thank You to our Volunteers and Shelter Staff who help in so many ways to keep us going!

