

ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am pleased to present the contents of this year's Annual Report at the 2018 NWT SPCA AGM. As I look back over the year and the organizations undertakings and accomplishments and look to our future goals, I am very encouraged. Our goal is to engage and motivate our society to help build communities that are humane and caring to the animals that depend on them. Our view is that education is the key to accomplishing this goal and making the North a better place for animals and their human family.

This year the NWT SPCA remains focussed on completing our building, securing funding for programs and operations, and of course improving and building on our education platform. A significant success this past year was securing funding from ECE- GNWT for our translation project. With this funding we translated many of our education materials into nine aboriginal languages. This will benefit the smaller communities and educate on the importance of spay and neuter, vaccinating and proper pet care. Another accomplishment from this past year was the hiring of a part time veterinarian and vet technician. Dr. Michelle Tuma and Jessie Olsen have improved our medical capacity immensely and has allowed our Health and Wellness program to grow. We are now able to increase the number of clinics to the communities. As we complete more clinics, other communities are asking for us to visit. Though challenging, it is definitely a positive shift in the attitude of pet care in the North.

Going forward, Board and staff of the NWT SPCA will carry on with our commitment to the animals of the North and the communities where they live. It is my hope that Government funding will become available for our important and necessary service. Until then we will rely on the generous and amazing support of our public. The supporters and the community we live in is extraordinary with its generosity and kindness. For this we are forever grateful.

Nicole Spencer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Spencer". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a white rectangular box.

President

INTRODUCTION

Mission Statement

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

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.

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 group 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. These programs are improving the welfare of our Northern pets and the community 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

Strategic Highlights

- The organization translated educational pet care brochures and the *Kindness Is...* book into 9 Indigenous languages to help promote humane communities and responsible animal guardianship. Made possible through ECE-GNWT grants.
- Relationships with other groups such as *Vets without Borders* and Calgary Vet School is developing so NWT and Nunavut communities can benefit from veterinary care.
- NWT SPCA was able to pay off the mortgage for the property which eliminates out yearly mortgage payment – due to a generous donation.
- Increase in NWT and Nunavut communities are asking for spay/neuter clinics.
- NWT SPCA had a Resolute, Nunavut (clinic August 2017) and were a part of the Sahtu Annual Vet Clinic in February.
- The organization has applied for Societies Taxation Levy which will save us \$12,000 annually if approved.
- Fundraising has gone well and we were able to hire staff according to the number of increased animal intakes.
- The number of Visits from Local Schools and Social Groups has increased dramatically, and we are working with Yellowknife Association of Community Living School to Work Program, GirlSpace, YKACL, plus more.



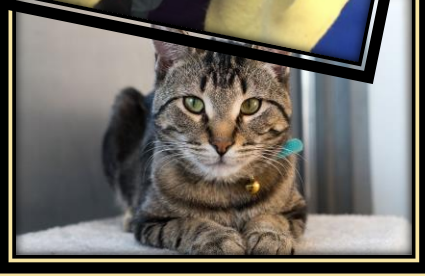
Operating Highlights

- Dr. Michelle Tuma was hired as part time veterinarian for in-house shelter medical services and community clinics. Jessie Olson was hired as a part time vet technician adding to our hard working Animal Medical Team.
- A surgical room has been set up at the shelter for spay, neuters and other medical attention for our shelter animals.
- Appropriate cleaning and safety protocols have been adjusted at the shelter to improve the facility procedures and overall operations.
- The garage/workshop building was built and will increase storage capacity.
- A formal Volunteer Handbook was developed for the shelter which summarizes the NWT SPCA's volunteer policies and procedures.
- Staff training practices have improved for the betterment and safety at the shelter.



Our Purpose- Our Animals

Animal intakes always vary slightly but dogs from the communities outside of Yellowknife make up the majority of the animals we have. This year intakes included 705 dogs, 87 cats, 2 hedgehogs, several mice, one snowy owl and 20 pigeons. There were 28 animals born at the shelter as well.



GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF INTAKES-DOGS

The following are the communities that we assisted in 2017 and the number of dogs from each.



Beaufort Delta (83)

Tuktoyaktuk 8
Inuvik 33
Ft. McPherson 20
Pauluatuk 3
Ulukhaktok 19

North Slave Region (235)

N'dilo 23
Dettah 16
Whati 23
Wekweti 19
Gameti 2
Behchoko 109
Lutselke 7
Yellowknife 39

Dehcho Region (87)

Wrigley 11
Jean Marie River 1
Fort Liard 41
Fort Simpson 29
Nahanni Butte 5

Sahtu Region (20)

Fort Good Hope 8
Norman Wells 3
Tulita 6
Deline 2
Colville Lake 1

South Slave Region (95)

Fort Providence 21
Fort Smith 1
Fort Resolution 55
Hay River 18
Kakisa 10

Nunavut (144)

Kugluktuk 64
Cambridge Bay 42
Kugaaruk 2
Gjoa Haven 2
Resolute Bay 8
Taloyoak 26

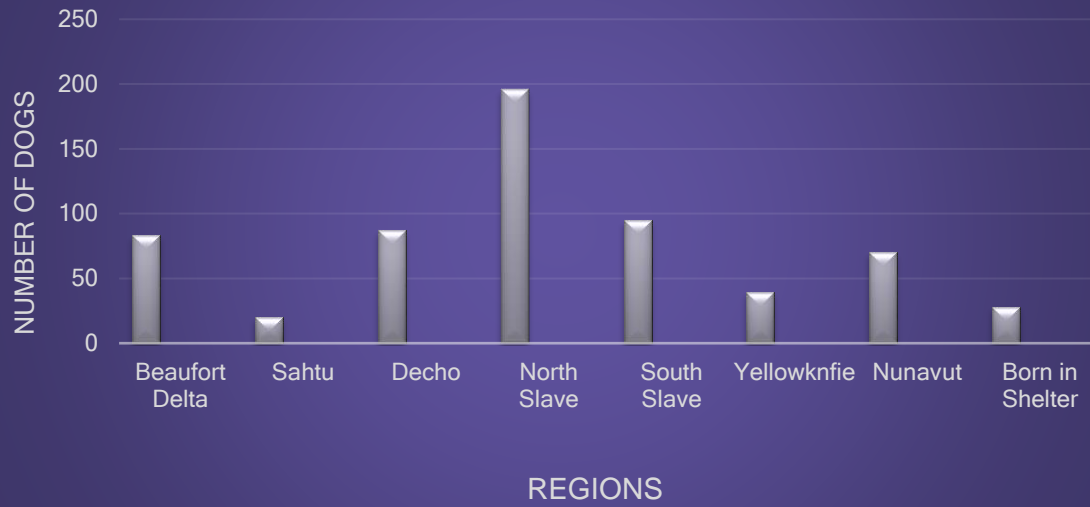
Pups Born in Shelter **28**

ANIMAL STATISTICS



Animal Intake Comparison by Region

Number of Dog Intakes per Region



Total Number of Dog Intakes 705.

Total number of Cat Intakes 87.

Number of Cat Intakes per Community



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017



2017 Dog Jog

January	February	March	April
	<p>National Cupcake Day</p> 	<p>6th Annual Diamond Dessert Gala</p>	<p>Chase the Ace</p>
May	June	July	August
<p>Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce Tradeshow Fred Henne Poop Pick-up NWT SPCA AGM</p>	<p>2017 Midnight Sun Show, Shine & Ride Borealis BBQ Behchoko Vaccine Clinic NWT SPCA Book Launch Helmets for Hardy</p>	<p>Folk on the Rocks Raffle Draw Recycling</p>	<p>Recycling Ramble and Ride Family Carnival and Dog Walk Yellowknife Garden Tour Resolute Spay/Neuter Clinic</p>
September	October	November	December
	<p>Annual Winter Raffle Begins</p>	<p>Calendar Sales begin Christmas Market iAdopt Contest</p>	<p>Grinch Returns Photo Event Borealis Santa Paw Photo Event</p>

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 Outreach

NWT SPCA has a program for community dogs to get sterilized and vaccinated. For \$250 a family can send in their dog to us and we will get the dog spayed or neutered, and vaccinated if needed. The dog is then sent back to the community. We are also going into communities for spay/neuter clinics.

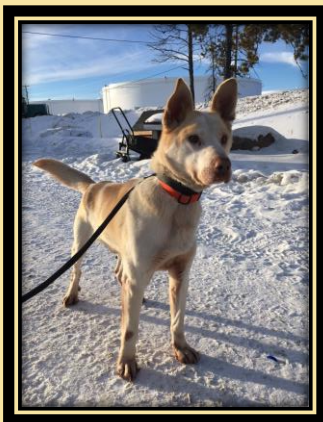
Foster Program

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.



Hero Campaign

The HERO Campaign is a way for people to save a dog without the responsibilities that come along with ownership. For \$75 (the average cost of a one-way ticket) you can sponsor a dog to fly south to a partner facility, or for \$100 you can sponsor a dog to fly to Yellowknife from 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. A second Scholarship Maureen Goldsmith Memorial is also \$500 which is given to a person who gives back to the animal welfare community and who is registered in a conservation or animal biology field.

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 are flown every year for 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 general public and other businesses in town. We also have recycling events to get all of the big bags that are donated from the Mines into smaller bags that we can then bring to the Depot.

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. In the past few years we have gone into Behchoko, Lutselke, Resolute, and recently Fort Simpson. In our future we are going into Kugluktuk and hopefully several more communities partnering with Vets without Borders.



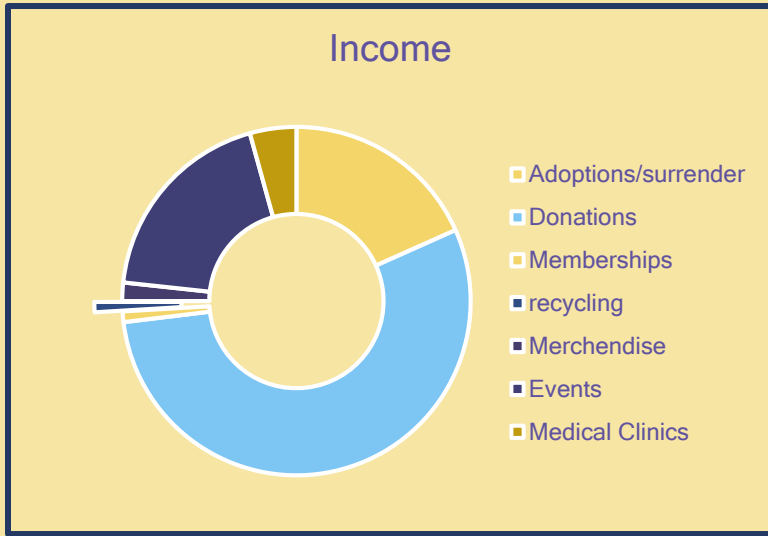
Resolute Spay/Neuter Health Clinic 2017



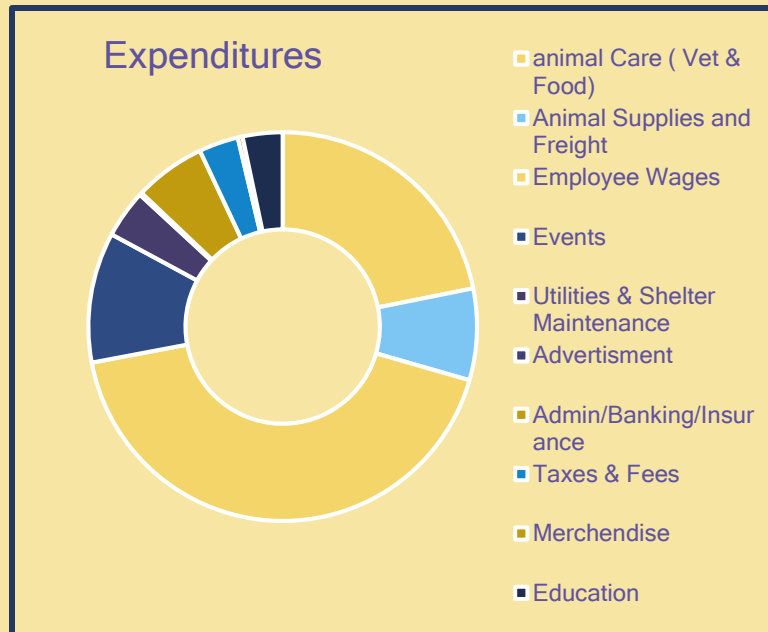
Behchoko Vaccine Clinic June 2017



FINANCIAL SUMMARY



Adoptions/surrender	\$129,895
Donations	\$363,404
Memberships	\$6,970
recycling	\$6,721
Merchandise	\$12,140
Events	\$134,579
Medical Clinics	\$30,544
Total	\$709,088



Animal Care	\$133,120
Supplies/Freight	\$46,375
Employee Wages & expenses	\$259,468
Events	\$66,069
Utilities & Shelter Maintenance	\$24,389
Advertisement	\$1,224
Admin/Banking/Insurance	\$36,119
Taxes & Fees	\$20,048
Merchandise	\$2,418
Education	\$20,214
Total	\$616,400



“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.”



“We will 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 is a challenge but is key to our future sustainability.”

SPECIAL THANK YOU



- West Jet
- First Air Cargo
- Air Tindi
- Buffalo Air
- YK Food Rescue
- Borealis Pet Services
- Sutherlands Drugs
- Great Slave Animal Hospital
- Crooked Whisker
- Kavanaugh Bros LTD.
- Arctic Alarm
- Weatherby Trucking
- Northern Food Services
- Qimmiq Kennels

ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL FOSTERS, VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF!



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