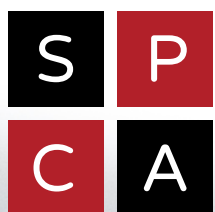


MONTREAL SPCA

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

In 2019, the Montreal SPCA celebrated its 150th anniversary, a marvelous opportunity to highlight the work and accomplishments of thousands of people throughout the years.

Without each and everyone of the women and men who spoke out on animals' behalf when no one took animal-welfare issues seriously, who walked shelter dogs or took care of stray cats during the long Montreal winters, asking for nothing in return, the situation of animals in Quebec would not have progressed as we have seen it do over the past 150 years.

The survival rate of the animals we take in now exceeds 90%, and the average length of their stay is under 10 days. The dark era when we had to euthanize animals *en masse* for lack of space is most definitely behind us. Today, the Montreal SPCA ranks among the most progressive shelters in North America.

Much work remains to be done to protect animals from neglect, abuse and exploitation, and thus ensure their well-being. Yet, seeing how far we have come in 150 years fills us with great hope for the future.

Today, the Montreal SPCA relies on the tireless work of more than 125 employees and 400 passionate volunteers, who offer a range of services that extends well beyond the traditional role attributed to animal shelters.

Thanks to each and every one of these animal lovers, we now carry out campaigns that were unimaginable even only a few years ago. We are currently fighting to ban cat declawing, a cruel and unnecessary practice that has no place in our modern society. And for the first time in Canada, a zoo owner is facing criminal charges for animal cruelty and neglect—the culmination of an investigation led by our team.

This year, we won a most significant victory to mark our 150th anniversary: carriage horses are now gone from the streets of Old Montreal. This win reflects the original mission of our organization at its foundation in 1869: to improve the deplorable conditions in which horses were forced to work in Montreal.

With 150 years of service under our belt, it is easy to focus on the great strides we have made and the decisive victories we have won. For me, however, it is most often the small successes that are the most heartening.



Take, for example, the story of Eva. When this ferret arrived at the shelter lethargic and dehydrated, she had been refusing to eat for several days and was no longer able to relieve herself. A preliminary exam revealed a foreign body obstructing her intestine, which we found in surgery and removed quickly. We gave her all the care she needed to get back on her feet. Or, consider the litter of tiny kittens, who after coming in without their mother, spent time in our incubators and were then bottle-fed by foster families. They were just recently adopted after being weaned and sterilized. It is also always a great joy to see a family go home with a dog, cat, rabbit or rat who will become a true family member. It is all the more so when sick or shy animals who will require a lot of care find their forever families. After all, these animals, just like all the others, deserve a second chance at life.

"Every day, our team manages to work miracles with limited resources."

There have certainly been a few losing battles over the past 150 years, and there will surely be more to come. We have faced difficult times. Yet, we can be proud of where we are now, of everything we have accomplished, and of the future we are building together for the well-being of all animals. This future will be compassionate, just and without suffering.

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Élise Desaulniers
Executive Director

EVENTS

THE SPCA CELEBRATES ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY!

150 YEARS OF COMPASSION

In 2019, the Montreal SPCA blew out its 150 candles, and it is now the largest animal protection organization in Quebec. This is an important milestone for us and, by extension, for all Quebecers. Indeed, citizens can be proud of the progress that has been made in animal-welfare issues in their city and province throughout the years. We can only cheer these advances made and be optimistic about the shifts in attitude around animal protection. Of course, there is still a lot of work ahead, but celebrating all the victories—big and little!—spurs us on with great energy.

THE MONTREAL SPCA HIGHLIGHTS ITS BEGINNINGS

The Montreal SPCA launched a campaign orchestrated by Upperkut, in collaboration with Consulat, to celebrate its 150th anniversary. The campaign evoked the history of the organization by recreating vintage photos of today's employees. The magnificent images were diffused throughout the city.

THE MONTREAL SPCA HOSTED AT CITY HALL

On April 10, the Ville de Montréal welcomed the SPCA team with style to City Hall to mark the organization's anniversary and its 150 years of accomplishments. The most distinguished guests? A few animals were invited into the hall of honour—and exciting and amusing first! This was indeed an important day for the Montreal SPCA and, by extension, for Montrealers, who were able to appreciate the immense work accomplished over the years.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Organized by Humane Canada, the largest national conference on animal welfare was held on April 14 and 15 for the first time in Montreal, in honour of the Montreal SPCA's 150th anniversary. Several of the program's workshops and conferences were led by renowned speakers. These included the Montreal Cat Expo, led by the famous feline behaviourist Jackson Galaxy, who is better known as "Cat Daddy."

150TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

A prestigious fundraising gala to highlight the Montreal SPCA's 150th anniversary was held on June 12 at the Marché Bonsecours. Over 320 guests turned out for an unforgettable evening celebrating love and compassion for all animals. Thanks to their generosity, the evening raised over \$134,000 to help us pursue our crucial work of helping animals in need.

BOOK ABOUT THE MONTREAL SPCA'S HISTORY

On May 9, as part of the Montreal SPCA's 150th anniversary celebrations, the book *Au nom des animaux - L'histoire de la SPCA de Montréal (1869-2019)* written by Virginie Simoneau-Gilbert, was published by Somme toute publishing house. The work recounts the complex history of the largest animal-welfare organization in Quebec.





MONTREAL VEGAN FESTIVAL

On September 21, the Montreal SPCA held a booth at the Montreal Vegan Festival. During the event, participants were able to learn about the important work carried out by the SPCA.

CLIMATE MARCH

A small delegation from the Montreal SPCA walked with the Montreal Climate March on September 27. The organization participated in this historical gathering not only for the future of humanity, but also for that of the animals with whom we share the planet, as they are often the first affected by climate change.

NUMEROUS ADOPTION EVENTS

In addition to its ongoing adoption service, which is open seven days a week, the Montreal SPCA makes every effort to find a forever home for the thousands of animals who come into its care each year. In 2019, we organized several special events to encourage the adoption of our little protégés. For instance, on June 21, adoption fees were waived for animals aged five months or older, while from July 1 to August 18, the SPCA absorbed the adoption fees for animals with special medical or behavioural needs and who, unfortunately, have more difficulty finding a new home. On August 16 and September 6, the SPCA held adoption evenings in collaboration with the Pitou, Minou & Compagnons pet-supply store in Montréal's Saint-Laurent borough. As usual, adoption counselors had the pleasure of advising and informing many families about the commitment and responsibilities involved in bringing an animal home.

A MONDOU ADOPTION ROOM

Since mid-November 2019, the Mondou pet-supply store in the Anjou borough has offered an amazing adoption area that welcomes cats from two shelters, including the Montreal SPCA. After filling out a form, prospective families can meet the cats, who live all together. This initiative fully complies with our adoption procedure, and helps us match even more animal companions with forever families according to individual needs.

POP-UP SALE

On September 7, the Montreal SPCA held its third large-scale bazaar. The event raised over \$6,200 in support for the SPCA's mission. During this unique activity, hundreds of people purchased new and used accessories and food for their companion animals, all while savouring a vegan barbecue and sweets.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

On March 17, the Montreal SPCA participated in the traditional St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Montreal. Dressed in green, many volunteers brought along their four-legged friends to take part in the parade. Special thanks to Erik Hamon, his organizing committee, and photographer Chantal Levesque.

REVENUES AND EXPENSES

The Montreal SPCA is a registered charity that depends on public donations to fulfill its mission.

In 2019, 26,936 individual donors and 347 charitable organizations and companies lent us a generous and helping hand. Our monthly donation program continued to be successful, with 6,197 monthly donors.

The Montreal SPCA's 2019 financial statements were audited. They accurately present the organization's financial position and the results of its operations and cash flows. The Montreal SPCA has solid finances, with short-term assets of 4.5 million dollars and short-term liabilities of 1 million dollars. However, in terms of results, the revenues and expenses for 2019 amount to 8.1 million dollars, and are broken down as shown.

> [Consult the independent auditor's report in the 2019 financial statements](#)

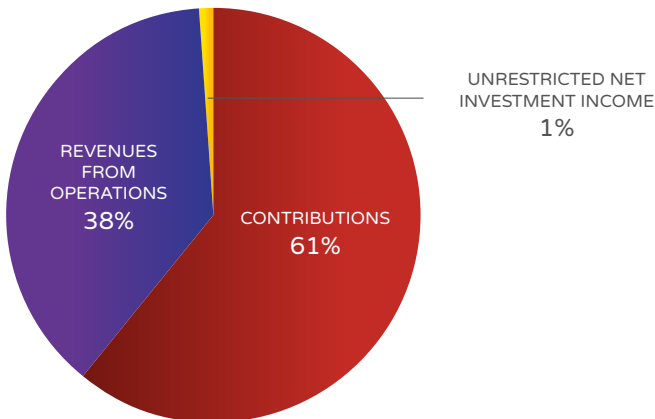
Salaries and employee benefits made up the most significant component of the Montreal SPCA's expenses. In 2019, the Montreal SPCA had 73 permanent and full-time employees, and 66 part-time employees. Salaries and employee benefits are distributed as shown between departments.

The SPCA is extremely grateful for the generosity of its donors. Without their dedicated support, many animals would not get a second chance at life, and we could not accomplish everything we do for the welfare of these sentient beings!

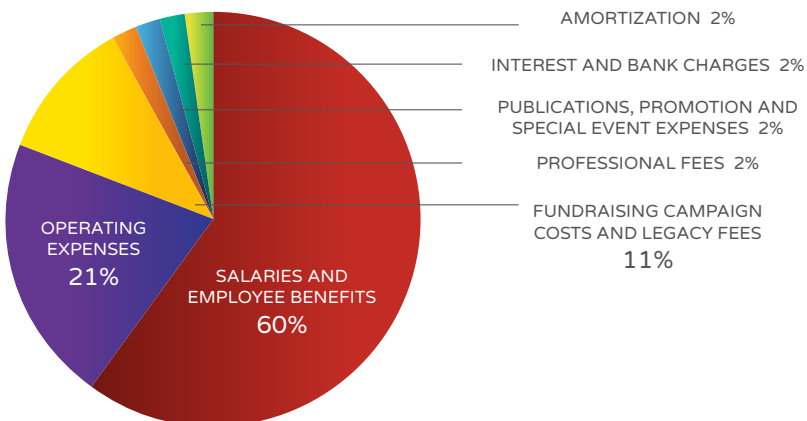


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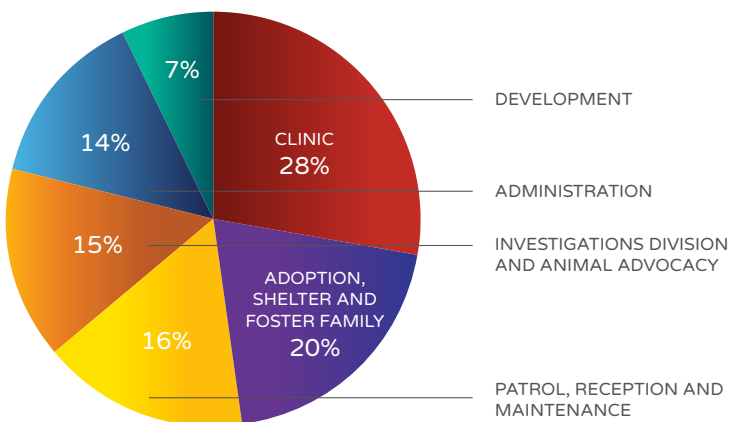
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Bryant-Mapes Foundation:

The Montreal SPCA launched a year-end campaign the value of which was doubled by matching support from the Bryant-Mapes Fund. The operation was made possible through the generosity of two enthusiastic dog lovers, Floranna Bryant and Dorothy Mapes, who made a special bequest to our furry friends by creating the Bryant-Mapes Fund for the Care of Dogs. Thanks to them and the fund's administrator, each donation made to the Montreal SPCA before December 31 was matched, up to a maximum of \$100,000.

EBOX:

The Montreal SPCA is most grateful to EBOX for its \$50,000 donation raised during the #EBOXGivesBack campaign, which was held between May 27 and June 23, 2019. Throughout the campaign, EBOX raised public awareness about animal abandonment during moving season and supported the SPCA in its work.

YOUR SUPPORT IS
PARAMOUNT. THANK YOU!

The 290 individuals, companies and foundations who stood out by making significant contributions to the Montreal SPCA include:*

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* The SPCA publishes only the names of major donors whose permission was obtained by email.

OVERHAUL OF THE SHELTER

In 2019, the generosity of our donors and support from the Bryant-Mapes Fund allowed us to undertake major remodelling, including the reorganization of our spaces for cats and our adoption and long-stay dog kennels. In 2019, we also did a major overhaul of our reception area, thanks to the generosity of Mondou.

Inspired by best practices and the most recent knowledge in animal welfare, our new facilities are designed to minimize shelter animals' stress and increase their comfort.

ANIMAL CARE

In 2019, the Montreal SPCA treated and cared for 14,889 animals, many of whom had been abused, neglected, lost or injured, or were in need of spaying or neutering.

Day in and day out, our veterinary team plays an essential role in ensuring the well-being of all animals of all species. The team's main objective is to provide high-quality medical and emergency care to our animals. In their exams, basic vaccinations, deworming, emergency interventions and spay or neuter operations, our veterinarians and veterinary technicians show every animal compassion and kindness.

The Montreal SPCA also helps animals with special medical or behavioural needs, who unfortunately have a harder time than our other protégés finding adoptive homes.

With medical support, specialized care, partnerships with other shelters and educational programs, our team ensures the well-being of all animals.

EVERY LIFE COUNTS

Beyond our adoption work, we also respond to the needs of all animals, including wildlife. More than 638 animals of various species were transferred to sanctuaries, rescue groups and other partner shelters in 2019. The SPCA has also implemented a series of tailored programs, ranging from neonatal care for orphaned kittens to specialized palliative care given by trained foster families. Over a hundred animals benefited from these programs in 2019. Thanks to all these measures, our euthanasia rate has fallen below 9.21% for cats and 9.16% for dogs. The organization continues to position itself among the shelters with the most progressive policies in the country.

THE MARY PHELAN NEONATAL PROGRAM

Mary Phelan's estate and other donors' generosity have allowed us to set up a new neonatal program. This innovative program maximizes the chances of survival for many litters of orphaned kittens who arrive over the warmer months. Taking care of these vulnerable little beings takes a lot of time and resources, as they must be individually bottle-fed by hand every three hours, day and night. In 2019, the Mary Phelan Neonatal Program saved 90 such orphans, by providing temporary foster families with all the materials and training to help the babies become strong enough to be sterilized and put up for adoption.

LIFE-SAVING TECHNOLOGY

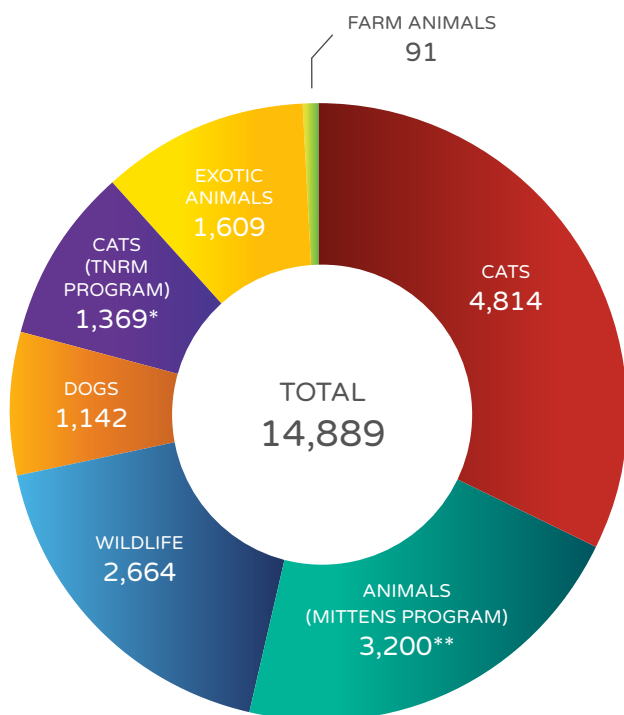
Thanks to the generosity of its donors, the SPCA obtained two new incubators. These will help us better care for orphaned kittens awaiting placement in foster care. Donations also allowed us to purchase a new ultrasound device, which greatly facilitates diagnoses and speeds up our veterinary team interventions in critical cases.

STERILIZATION AT NO COST

In partnership with the Montreal SPCA, the Ville de Montréal offers a sterilization program for animals living in low-income households. Through the program, these animals can be spayed or neutered at our shelter free of charge to their owners.

PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND THEIR ANIMALS

Every night over the winter, 80 beds are available at the former Royal Victoria Hospital for people experiencing homelessness and their companion animals. The SPCA participated in the development of safety protocols, and provided training and materials to ensure that both humans and animals are comfortable and can safely co-inhabit. The Montreal SPCA is pleased that humans and their animals are being considered as families and therefore will not be separated.



*CATS TREATED THROUGH OUR TNRM PROGRAM

Launched in 2010, our Trap-Neuter-Release-Maintain (TNRM) program is a humane, effective and low-cost way to reduce the stray cat overpopulation. It is the result of a partnership between the Montreal SPCA and citizens of various cities and boroughs who have seen the method's positive impact over the years. In 2019 alone, we sterilized 1,369 stray cats, thus saving thousands of kittens from being born in the city streets.

**ANIMALS TREATED THROUGH OUR TARGETED STERILIZATION CLINIC

Supervised by head veterinarian, Dr. Gabrielle Carrière, Mittens-Montreal SPCA Targeted Permanent Sterilization Clinic works to counter animal overpopulation in the province by offering discounted sterilization services to animal guardians with limited financial resources. Did you know that approximately 25 animals are spayed or neutered every day, six days a week, thanks to this clinic?

Survival rate*

Cats: 90.79%

Dogs: 90.84%

Average length of stay:

Cats: 7.9 days

Dogs: 10.1 days

*The Montreal SPCA practises euthanasia solely as a last resort. Only the animals with the most serious behaviour or health problems, or who arrive dying and whose suffering we can only reduce, are euthanized. Our organization is one of the most progressive in North America.



AYO'S STORY

After being hit by a car, five-month-old Ayo arrived at the SPCA with serious injuries. To save this tiny kitten, the medical team had to take drastic measures, beginning with amputating part of her tail and her back right leg. They were able to reconstruct her chin and reattach the skin so it would be as functional and aesthetic as possible. Once recovered, Ayo was adopted by a caring family.



LOKI

A COMPLEX SURGERY

Loki's worrisome state required our veterinary team's immediate attention. An exam revealed that Loki's rib cage was completely flattened, which explained his severe respiratory problems. Our veterinarians went ahead with a high-risk surgery, installing a splint in the hope of reshaping his thorax. Lasting over 40 minutes, this necessary operation required many veterinary follow-ups to ensure the procedure brought the sought-after results. And indeed, the correction of Loki's rib cage proved to be a success! A loving family is now caring for this little kitten, offering him all the loving attention he truly deserves.



RAMSÈS

A 14-YEAR-OLD DOG IN SERIOUS NEED OF HELP

Ramsès was abandoned at the Montreal SPCA at the venerable age of 14. An examination revealed that his teeth were in horrible condition. His gums, bones and the ligaments in his mouth were so inflamed and infected that most of his teeth were hanging by a thread. Eating had to be very painful for him. The veterinary team extracted all his teeth, performed a thorough cleaning to stop the infection and closed his wounds with a few stitches. Ramsès' convalescence was a huge success, and he has since been adopted.

OUR INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Montreal SPCA's Investigations Division is charged with enforcing the provisions of the Criminal Code dealing with crimes against animals as well as Quebec's provincial animal welfare legislation, namely the *Animal Welfare and Safety Act* and the *Regulation respecting the safety and welfare of cats and dogs*. The territory covered by our animal protection officers includes the islands of Montreal and Laval, as well as part of the Montérégie, Lanaudière and Laurentian regions—a circumference of an hour-and-a-half's drive from the Montreal SPCA. Every year, our Investigations Division receives thousands of complaints and reports.

IN 2019, OUR ANIMAL PROTECTION OFFICERS:

- visited over 4,951 animals of various species,
- opened 1,335 new investigations,
- removed a total of 581 animals from their environments, and
- led investigations resulting in 29 convictions.

THE ZOO DE SAINT-ÉDOUARD SEIZURE

On top of its usual investigative activities, the Montreal SPCA took on a weighty case this year, which culminated in the first time a zoo owner has ever been charged with criminal animal cruelty in Canada. The accused, Normand Trahan, was arrested and faces a five-year prison term and lifetime ban on having custody or control of an animal. The zoo's lions, tigers, zebras, bears, wolves, kangaroos, primates and other animals were removed from the premises by the Montreal SPCA and its partners. A seizure of this magnitude required an on-site operating base capable of functioning 24/7, the mobilization of a large part of the SPCA's Investigations Division team, the expertise of veterinarians and specialized partners, as well as coordination with a network of shelters and sanctuaries to ensure optimal living conditions adapted to the needs of the animals who were removed from the premises. The preliminary investigation began in early March 2020.



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THE SPCA ON TV

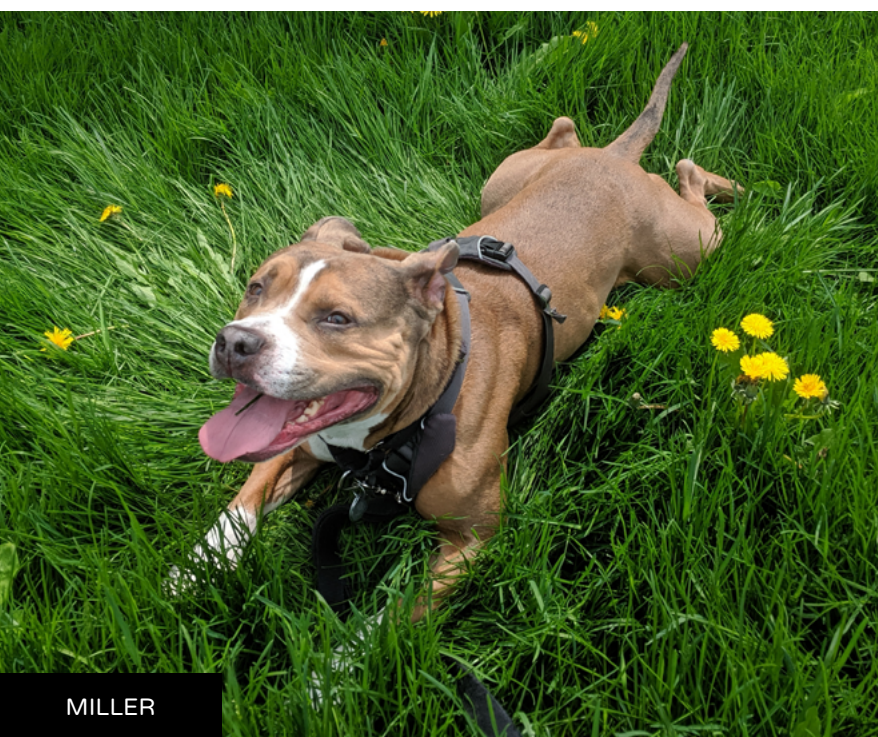
On Canal Vie for a second season starting in spring 2020, the television show "*SPCA en action*" follows the daily work of animal protection officers from the Montreal SPCA's Investigations Division, who fight animal cruelty and abuse day in and day out. The show goes behind the scenes of various investigations and showcases the team, who is entirely dedicated to abused or neglected animals.

TWO STORIES WITH A HAPPY ENDING

OWNERS OF 99 CATS CONVICTED

The Montreal SPCA seized 99 living and three deceased cats from an apartment in Laval in late 2017. The animals were safely removed from the premises, after many infractions of the *Animal Welfare and Safety Act* were observed, including unsanitary and unsafe living conditions and obvious lack of veterinary care. The cats received the attention and veterinary care that they required.

Tried in April 2019, the animals' owners were found guilty on seven counts, and were sentenced to \$11,500 in fines and to a 15-year prohibition from owning animals.



MILLER

DOG BEATER SENTENCED TO PRISON TIME

In January 2017, our Investigations Division received a complaint about a man brutally beating his dog. After obtaining a search warrant, our animal protection officers arrived on the scene, seized the dog, named Miller, and brought him in to the shelter. In September 2019, Miller's former owner pled guilty to a count of cruelty to animals for having caused his dog undue suffering. The man was sentenced to 90 days in prison, a five-year prohibition on owning animals, and a 12-month probation conditional to undergoing anger-management therapy. Adopted by his foster family, Miller now lives the good life: he takes long naps, goes swimming and enjoys long walks with his new family.

ANIMAL ADVOCACY

PROVINCIAL DRAFT REGULATIONS

The Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec (MAPAQ) published draft regulations on animal welfare. Although they offer some progress, the draft regulations do not go far enough: not only do they exclude many species, they also continue to permit chaining dogs outdoors permanently, 24 hours a day for their entire lives. The draft regulations would also remove some of the current protections for dogs and cats used in research. The SPCA launched a campaign to demand better protection of animals, and over 6,000 people signed our petition.

FELINE, FROM HEAD TO CLAW

In April, the Montreal SPCA launched a campaign to ban the declawing of cats in Quebec. Over 39,000 supporters joined us in urging the Ordre des médecins vétérinaires du Québec (OMVQ) to ban this practice, which is already prohibited in over 30 jurisdictions around the world, including most Canadian provinces.

KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

The SPCA works to counter the abandonment of companion animals during the moving season. Its Keeping Families Together campaign aims to abolish no-pet clauses in residential leases. This year alone, over 8,500 people expressed their support for tenants' right to live with animals in residential rental units.

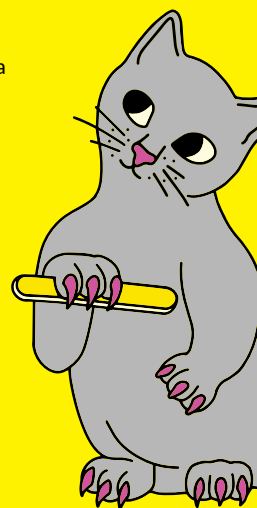


Illustration: PONY



THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA

A NEW ANIMAL BY-LAW FOR MONTREAL

The Montreal SPCA welcomed the Ville de Montréal's new by-law for animal care and control, which came into effect on December 31. The new by-law includes several important measures for which animal-welfare experts, including the SPCA, have long advocated. These include regulating the sale of animals in pet stores and the mandatory sterilization of dogs, cats and rabbits.

RETIREMENT FOR HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE HORSES

On August 21, the Ville de Montréal officially adopted a by-law prohibiting the use of horse-drawn carriages on its territory, which came into effect on December 31. Since the Montreal SPCA has been fighting the use of horses in Old Montreal for nearly 150 years, the end of this industry is a major victory for our organization and it demonstrates just how much people's relationship with animals is evolving. In the months following the announcement of this ban, the SPCA worked in partnership with the City to launch, on May 1, a retirement program for carriage horses.

ENDING THE YEAR ON A POSITIVE NOTE

A SWEET RETIREMENT FOR SISSI

In November, Sissi was the first carriage horse to embark on a new life, thanks to the retirement program offered by the SPCA, the Ville de Montréal and Galahad. After 17 years of loyal service to her owner and carriage driver, she is now enjoying nature, and has even made friends with Peggy, a miniature pony. We wish a beautiful retirement to Sissi and hope that other carriage horse owners will follow her previous owner's example by participating in the program.



SISSI

AWARENESS WORKSHOPS

ANIMAL RIGHTS

During this free presentation, Sophie Gaillard, a lawyer and the Montreal SPCA's Director of Animal Advocacy, used cases she has worked on to illustrate an overview of current legislation on animal protection and its enforcement.

ENGAGE

The Montreal SPCA offers youth programs to the public through its partnership with ENGAGE: Animal Welfare Education. This non-profit organization is dedicated to broadening the next generation's perspective on animals. To learn more about this program, visit engageanimal.org/en.

FIRST AID FOR ANIMALS

The Montreal SPCA offered a free workshop to teach people how to respond in an emergency affecting their companion animal's health.

URBAN WILDLIFE

Participants learned ethical and safe methods for avoiding conflict with urban wildlife, reacting if these animals cause nuisance and intervening to help them.

RABBITS

Every Easter, many people buy rabbits. Shortly after, many of these companion animals are abandoned in shelters, either because they were impulse purchases or because families were unaware of the amount of care rabbits require. To counter this problem and educate the public, the Montreal SPCA held free workshops on rabbit care and behaviour.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers contribute significantly to the Montreal SPCA's operations, and their support and dedication are key to our mission. These valued allies allow us to offer a range of services that stretches far beyond the traditional role of animal shelters. Whether it is taking beautiful photos of our rabbits to round out online adoption profiles, socializing our overstressed cats or taking our canine friends on special outings, our volunteers do an exceptional job helping all the shelter's animals be adopted. The SPCA is fortunate to be able to count on 400 volunteers who assist our staff seven days a week all year.

The Montreal SPCA also wishes to thank our 2019 Board of Directors for their remarkable support and guidance:

Isabelle Brodeur; Louise Cantin;
Dr. Jordyn Hewer; Lucy Modesti
(secretary); Samira Sakhia (chair);
Marc-André Saucier-Nadeau (treasurer);
Marie-Claude St-Amant.

SPCA IN NUMBERS

1,335

new investigations were opened by the Investigations Division

400

volunteers contributed significantly to the SPCA's operations

150,000 +

faithful allies supported the SPCA's work

7,861

animals were spayed or neutered as part of the Mittens-Montreal SPCA Targeted Permanent Sterilization Clinic

638

animals were transferred to sanctuaries, rescue groups or partner shelters

725

lost animals were reunited with their families

4,841

animals were adopted



EVERY LIFE COUNTS: AN ESCAPE HEN FINDS SHELTER AT THE SPCA

In October, the Montreal SPCA received a call from a supermarket. Its employees had found a hen who had hopped into the egg delivery truck. It is unclear how this case of the chicken and the egg could have happened! Luckily, our team rushed out and brought the hen to our shelter to be examined by our veterinarians. Baptized by our team, Beatrice was suffering from dehydration and her feathers were covered with excrement. She immediately received emergency care and her condition stabilized quickly. Beatrice is now enjoying life in a sanctuary.

THE MONTREAL SPCA ONLINE

Every year, the Montreal SPCA increases its social media presence. In 2019, the organization reached over 120,000 followers on Facebook and continues to connect with thousands of people on Instagram and Twitter. On average, the Montreal SPCA's website, sPCA.com, attracts nearly 130,000 visitors every month.

Follow the Montreal SPCA | [@SPCAMontreal](https://twitter.com/SPCAMontreal).



AT THE SERVICE OF ANIMALS FOR 150 YEARS

Founded in Montreal in 1869, the Montreal SPCA was the first animal-welfare organization in Canada. Its mission consists of protecting animals from neglect, abuse and exploitation, representing their interests and ensuring their well-being and, last but not least, raising public awareness and helping citizens develop compassion for all sentient beings.





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