

MONTREAL SPCA

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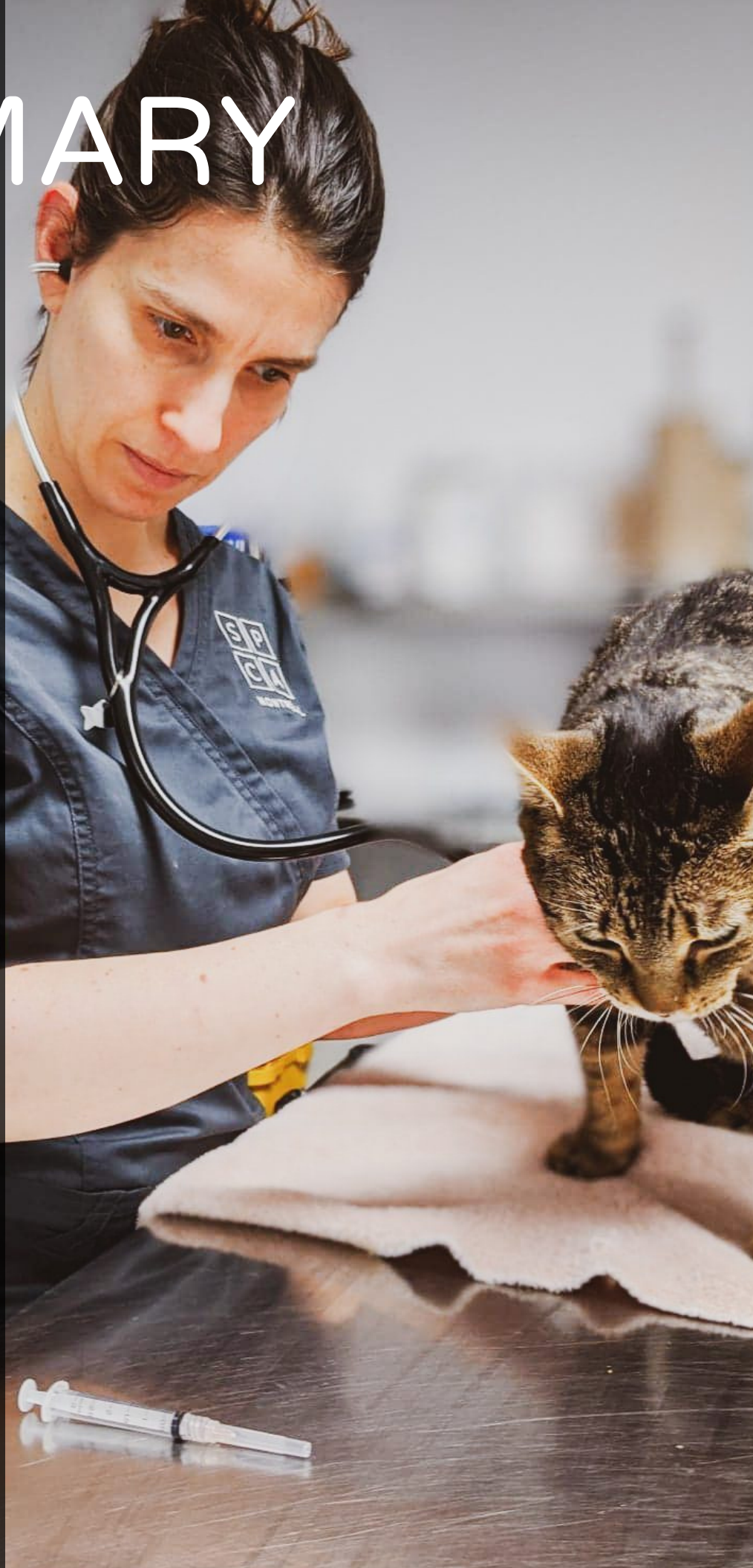
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OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR 2021 : A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Protecting animals from neglect, abuse and exploitation; advocating for their interests and ensuring their well-being; raising public awareness and helping to foster compassion for all sentient beings: this has been the mission of the Montreal SPCA for over 150 years. This work is the cornerstone of our organization and it guided our daily actions throughout 2021.

Even after getting through a global pandemic and the many adjustments to our work methods, 2021 was still full of challenges. I am very proud to share, through this annual report, a brief overview of all the work we accomplished in 2021. Our teams continue to go above and beyond to ensure that the Montreal SPCA is a safe haven for all the animals who set paw here.

Our teams are committed—day in and day out—to doing whatever it takes to ensure the best possible future for the thousands of animals that come through our doors. Our animal behaviourists creatively maximize the physical and mental stimulation of all shelter animals of all species during their stay with us. Our veterinarians are continually improving their skills so that they can provide state-of-the-art care in our shelter to as many animals as possible. Our customer service advisors also contribute, offering tips and advice to the public in an effort to prevent abandonment whenever possible. When surrender is the only option, our employees and volunteers make sure each animal's stay is comfortable and find them a loving forever family as soon as possible.

It is because of you that we're able to accomplish this amazing work serving the animals. It is also because of your compassion and support that we have touching, moving stories to share with you. Your donations save lives and allow the Montréal SPCA to be an animal welfare leader in our beautiful province.

Thank you for your precious support!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Élise'.

Élise Desaulniers
Directrice générale



THE MONTREAL SPCA: MUCH MORE THAN A SHELTER

To truly accompany each animal who journeys through the Montreal SPCA, our teams work hard to develop different programs that are adapted to our residents' needs.

THE MARY PHELAN NEONATAL PROGRAM

Orphaned kittens need constant attention and care: during their first weeks of life, they must be kept warm and hand-fed, one by one, every three hours. To help us provide this care, we founded the Mary Phelan Neonatal Program, which allows us to train foster families and provide them with all the necessary materials for caring for these cute little fur balls.

Program Leader:
Jessica Nichol, Clinical Program Manager

THE PALLIATIVE PROGRAM

Our Palliative Program was created to help ensure that even animals suffering from a terminal illness have every opportunity to find a welcoming home in a forever family.

We make the last days of animals at end of life as comfortable and peaceful as possible by placing them in permanent foster homes and providing them with all the necessary support and medical care.

Program Leader:
Jessica Nichol, Clinical Program Manager



GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

PARTNERSHIP WITH DANS LA RUE

Thanks to donations, we are able to help not only our protégés at the shelter, but also the animals of people who receive services from partners like Dans la rue, an organization that helps youth that is experiencing homelessness or other precarious situations. Dans la rue meets their immediate needs and works with them in developing skills to lead more independent and rewarding lives.

“For several years now, the Montreal SPCA has been helping the young people who come to our organization and, above all, their animal companions. The SPCA regularly provides us with quality food and other supplies for cats and dogs, educational workshops on canine behaviour, and low cost spay/neuter services. When some of our users have undergone treatment or been hospitalized, the SPCA has helped us ensure they did not lose their animals. Thank you to the Montreal SPCA for all it does, without discrimination, for animals in need and their guardians!”

Alesse Nesbitt

Psychosocial frontline outreach worker, Dans la rue

Program Leader:
Jamie Saad, Animal Welfare Manager, Projects

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THE MAISON BENOÎT LABRE

We can care for animals directly, but we can also help organizations, like the Maison Benoît Labre, which helps people experiencing homelessness with companion animals. The organization is very grateful for the support we provide them, via donations: “A big thank you to the SPCA, who is always ready and willing to help us. With incredible generosity, they share donations to provide food, toys and accessories for all the furry companions. They work with the Ville de Montréal to provide sterilization and microchipping services at a reduced cost through their Mittens Targeted Permanent Sterilization Clinic. It would certainly be tough without the Montreal SPCA!”

Program Leader:
Jamie Saad, Animal Welfare Manager, Projects



THE MONTREAL SPCA'S ANIMAL ADVOCACY DEPARTMENT

The Montreal SPCA's Animal Advocacy department is responsible for the organization's efforts to strengthen animal protection legislation and public policy at the municipal, provincial, and federal levels. Its mission is to represent and advance animals' interests in the legal and political system, as well as to raise awareness of animal protection issues amongst the general public.

DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Me Sophie Gaillard joined the Montreal SPCA as a lawyer for both the Animal Advocacy Department and the Investigations Division in 2013, after having graduated from McGill University's Faculty of Law and articling at the Montreal office of the Directeur des poursuites criminelles et pénales. In 2018, Me Gaillard was named Director of Animal Advocacy. She was also responsible for overseeing the SPCA's animal cruelty investigations up until 2021. She currently serves as the Director of Animal Advocacy and Legal Affairs.

Me Gaillard also teaches Animal Law at the Faculty of Law at McGill University and, from 2017 to 2020, served on the board of directors of the Animal Welfare Foundation of Canada. In 2018, she was one of the three finalists for the Young Bar of Montréal's "Leaders of Tomorrow" award, in the "Alternative Career" category. Me Gaillard is a frequent lecturer and media commentator on animal law and protection and has contributed to academic publications in these fields. Her work has been profiled in Quebec as well as nationally.

Me Gaillard works closely with our Animal Advocacy coordinators, Émilie-Lune Sauvé and Erin Martellani. She also supervises a number of Université de Montréal and McGill University law students each year.

A FEW OF OUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS

- Participating in legislative consultations on animal protection bills, including by submitting detailed briefs as well as by providing oral testimony at the National Assembly .
- The “Animals Are Not Things” campaign that led to the adoption of a new provision in the Civil Code of Quebec that recognizes animals as sentient beings (art. 898.1) as well as the enactment of the Animal Welfare and Safety Act, the first law entirely dedicated to animal protection in Quebec.
- A successful fight against dog breed-specific legislation at the municipal (City of Montreal) and provincial levels, including a lawsuit against the City of Montreal, lobbying efforts at both levels of government, and extensive public awareness campaigns.
- Lobbying efforts directed at the City of Montreal that led to a ban on horse-drawn carriages and the enactment of the most progressive animal bylaw in the province .
- Organizing the first-ever federal election debate on animal welfare in 2021, in partnership with other Canadian animal protection organizations.
- Organizing the first-ever municipal election debate in 2021 on animal protection.
- The “Fido on the Metro” campaign calling for leashed dogs to be allowed in Montreal’s public transit system, supported by a petition that collected over 16,000 signatures.



THE MONTREAL SPCA IN NUMBERS

NUMBER OF ANIMALS HELPED AT THE SHELTER

In 2021, more than 11,500 animals passed through the Montreal SPCA's doors, met our teams, received necessary care and found a new home, either through our adoption program or through a partner organization.

Cats: 4,315

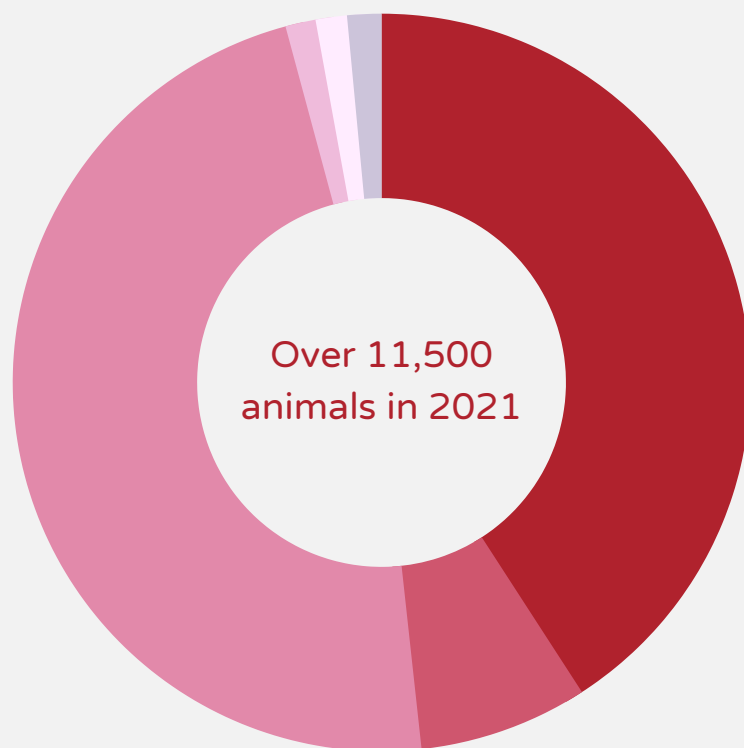
Dogs: 783

Fauna: 5 021

Farm animals: 140

Small animals: 1,145

Exotic birds: 158



AN INCREASED SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

The mission of the Montreal SPCA is to raise public awareness and compassion for all sentient beings. This is why our communications team works every day to disseminate information relevant to educating the public on various animal welfare issues.

We are fortunate to have the support of thousands of followers on our various social media accounts. This channel not only allows us to provide the public with tools and information, it also advises our Investigations Division in real time of animal abuse that, unfortunately, tends to go viral on Facebook and Instagram. We would like to thank our followers who promptly report situations of animal cruelty and neglect so our animal protection officers can intervene.

OUR SOCIAL NETWORKS IN NUMBERS



Over 139,000 subscribers



Over 26,000 subscribers



A COMMITTED BOARD

The primary functions of the Montreal SPCA's board of directors are to plan and guide our policies and make strategic decisions to ensure that our goals and objectives are met. Ultimately, the board is accountable to the community it serves for the SPCA's organizational and financial health. Elected by the members of the Montreal SPCA, the board is composed of nine volunteers with varied backgrounds in terms of their professional expertise and personal interests.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD!

- Me Marie-Claude St-Amant, President
- Samira Sakhia, MBA, Treasurer
- William Awad, Secretary
- Frédéric Côté-Boudreau
- Carlos Ponce
- Dre Marie-Robichaud, m.v.
- Michael Tsaprailis
- Isabelle Brodeur
- Lucy Modesti
- Marc-André Saucier-Nadeau

To learn more about our Board of Directors, visit :
spca.com/en/board-of-directors



REVENUES AND EXPENSES

The Montreal SPCA is a registered charity that relies heavily on donations from the public to fulfill its mission (2021 contributions: 70.1% of revenues; 2020 contributions: 63.4% of revenues; 2019 contributions: 60.6% of revenues).

Despite the enduring pandemic, the Montreal SPCA has adapted and been innovative in its programs, resulting in an excess of revenues over expenses of \$1,031,989 as of December 31, 2021.

The Montreal SPCA's audited 2021 financial statements give a true and fair view of the organization's financial position and the results of its operations and cash flows (refer to the independent auditor's report in the financial statements on the Montreal SPCA's website). The organization's financial position is very good, with current assets of \$4.6 million (2020: \$4.7 million; 2019: \$4.5 million) and current liabilities of \$1.05 million (2020: \$861,000; 2019: \$968,000).

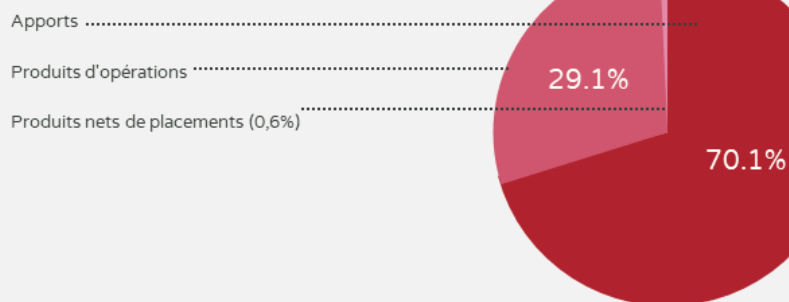
The Montreal SPCA is extremely grateful to its donors. In 2021, we were able to pursue our mission despite the imposition of public health measures, thanks to the generosity of our supporters. Without all of them, we would not have been able to ensure the well-being of the more than 11 500 sentient beings who passed through our shelter.

Carole-Anne Des Ormeaux,
Director of Finance

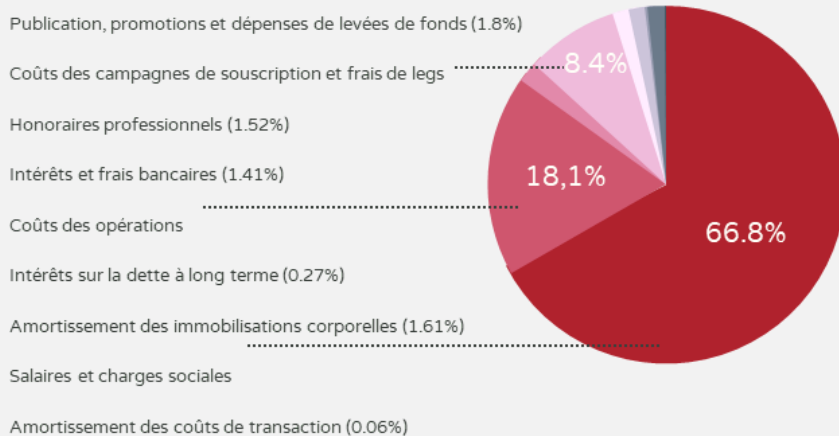
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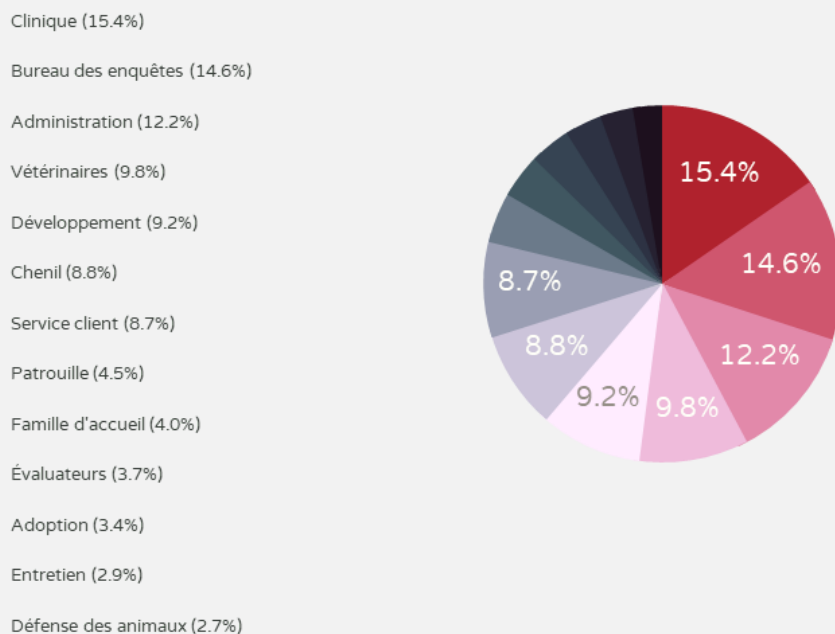
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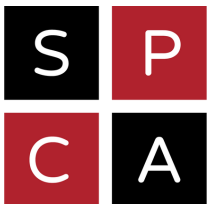


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A HISTORY OF COMPASSION

Founded in Montréal in 1869, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (now known simply as the Montreal SPCA) was the first animal protection organization in Canada. Although we do not know exactly how the organization came about, history shows support from animal advocacy societies in France, England and the United States. During its first year of existence, the SPCA worked primarily to improve the living conditions of draft horses, who were seen all over the island of Montreal at the time. The SPCA then turned its attention to other issues, such as humane dog management, cockfighting and the killing of wild birds. The SPCA has come a long way since its foundation. It is now the largest animal protection organization in Quebec, speaking on behalf of animals wherever there is ignorance, cruelty, exploitation or neglect.



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