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NEWS FLASH

Hope locked up in a bathroom for 48 hours without food

We believe Hope had been locked in the bathroom of a vacant rental for two days before our patrollers found and rescued her. She was visibly unwell, underweight and suffering from severe skin conditions that required immediate medical attention. A report was filed straight away with our Investigations Division.

When she arrived at the shelter, Hope was terrified, hunching up in a corner and looking very scared. But she surprised us by accepting cuddles and comfort from our reception staff—causing

quite a flutter! Left in Hope's file the night she arrived, this note by an animal health technician not only goes to show this puppy's amazing personality, but also our staff's attention to the little details:

"Hope is ADORABLE! She loves hypoallergenic treats (the bone-shaped ones) and keeps giving us 'kisses.' She let us handle her and examine her belly without any trouble. She's an absolute sweetheart. We love her already!"

Hope never gave up and stayed strong against all odds. Thanks to the support of generous people like you, she received the medical attention, food and individual care she deserved and needed to get her back on her feet. She's slowly recovering and will soon be ready to find her forever home. Hope is a true source of inspiration and motivation for all of us at the Montreal SPCA!



Hope



KIBBLE AND BITS

Six puppies rescued from unsanitary living conditions

Plume, Moo, Poptart, Coco, Tug and Mona were brought to the Montreal SPCA after being removed from filthy housing. Only two months old at the time, some of the puppies were very underweight and required a specialized feeding plan, medical care and behavioural intervention. These furry friends

were adorable, but they seemed hungry for socialization, like they were discovering the world for the very first time! Our animal behaviourists quickly got to work to make up for the opportunities lost, setting up a positive reinforcement training protocol for all the puppies. Day after day, the pooches discovered new

sounds, met new people, got used to the new sensations of being handled and learned new behaviours. Thankfully, the hard work paid off and all five pups were adopted in no time. After all, how can anyone resist their cute little faces?



JUSTICE

Prison time for a cat and dog killer



his dog, whose remains were found in a dumpster. In addition to the prison sentence, the individual is prohibited for life from owning or caring for other animals. Made possible by the contribution of witnesses and the efforts of the animal protection officers in the Montreal SPCA's Investigations Division, this conviction demonstrates that cruelty to animals is indeed a criminal act and it has real consequences.

In March 2023, a Montréal man who killed his animals was sentenced to 16 months in prison—one of the harshest animal-cruelty sentences ever handed down in Quebec. In 2022, the Montreal SPCA's Investigations Division opened a file after receiving a report that a man had thrown a cat off his balcony after knocking her unconscious. The investigation revealed that the cat had been beaten, and post-mortem examinations revealed signs of old fractures and injuries. As it turned out, the cat was not the only victim: the accused had also inflicted serious injury on

The outcome of this case is just one example of our impact. The Montreal SPCA's Investigations Division works tirelessly to enforce animal protection laws in its service areas.

From January to June 2023, the Investigations Division

- Received more than 600 calls, many resulting in files being opened and/or visits by our animal protection officers
- Removed more than 75 animals because of neglect or cruelty—60 more active cases this year than for the same period in 2022!

EXTREME MAKEOVERS

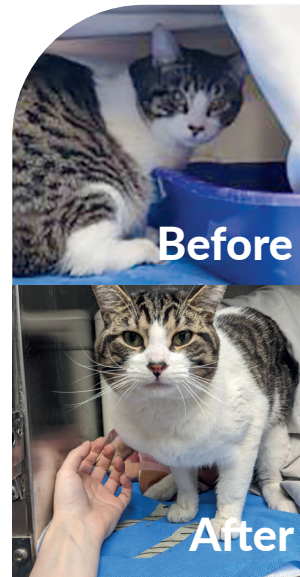
Mallory was a little cat with a big and unbreakable heart



To say that Mallory was in rough shape when she arrived at the shelter would be an understatement. Our veterinary teams believe her extensive injuries were caused by vehicle impact. This stray needed immediate and extensive medical attention to survive. After surgery to re-

pair her jaw and remove a damaged eye, this lovable little kitty was admitted to intensive care where she quickly won over the hearts of our medical staff. We soon realized Mallory was, in fact, completely blind! Despite her hardships and the great deal of care she required,

Mallory continued to be her adorable self and constantly sought affection from the humans she met. When Mallory was well enough, she continued her recovery in a loving, gentle and patient foster family, who did everything they could to help her adapt smoothly to her new environment. This family decided to adopt Mallory once she was back on her paws. They had fallen in love with this little fighter!



Oréo was a tough cookie with a soft spot

Oréo was brought to us because his former guardian wanted to travel without having to care for an animal. Oréo was absolutely terrified at the shelter. When we would open his cage, he would scooch back, flatten his ears and hiss. To give Oréo a fighting chance for some well-being, our specialized behaviourists quickly implemented an intervention plan. As the days went by, and with specific training techniques, calming signals and a healthy dose of catnip and treats, Oréo started to relax. After a while, he stopped hissing entirely and was even seeking out his caregivers' attention. Oréo found his forever home in early July and is

the *purr-fect* addition to the family.

Never underestimate the power of your impact! Every donation helps other cats, like Oréo, have a brighter future. If we're able to put in the time and effort to work with animals like Oréo to give them a second chance, it's all thanks to the support of generous donors like you.

FINANCIAL NEWS

In September only, seize the chance to double the impact of your gift

Given the great number of requests for help we have received so far this year, we're actively looking for 400 new donors to join our Monthly Giving Program. Your ongoing support allows us to pursue our work to quickly rescue and protect animals year-round.

Members of our Monthly Giving Program say it's the most practical and ef-

fective way to support an important cause.

Did you know?

If you join our Monthly Giving Program by September 30, 2023, or if you increase your current amount, your first monthly donation will be MATCHED!



Be an ambassador for animal welfare

No matter how large or small, your monthly donation has a significant cumulative impact on our capacity to help the animals. Together, our community's monthly donations—made by people like you—have a much greater impact than one might realize. By giving monthly, you have an ongoing, long-term effect on the lives of neglected, abused and exploited animals. When you opt for this type of donation, you

enjoy a flexible and practical process that is adapted to your financial situation. Your continued support is crucial to pursuing our mission.

Make your first monthly donation or increase the amount of your monthly gift today: not only will your impact be double *this month* but you'll change the lives of animals in need *every month*.

ANIMAL HEALTH

A worrying increase in feline panleukopenia this year

Several cases of feline panleukopenia have been observed in recent months among the cats entrusted to the Montreal SPCA. This suggests an overall increase in certain areas in Montréal.

Although vaccination has slowed this once-widespread disease, unvac-

inated cats—especially kittens, strays and those living in outdoor colonies—continue to be vulnerable.

In addition to attacking the intestines, this dangerous virus also affects cats' blood and lymphatic systems. In kittens, the mortality rate can be as high as 90%, unfortunately.

Vaccination is the best way to protect your cat against feline panleukopenia and other serious diseases. By vaccinating your cat, you're also stopping the spread of dangerous diseases, especially among strays in your community. Make an appointment at your veterinary clinic today and give your cat the protection they deserve!



POLITICAL NEWS

A spring toward progress for animals



nizations and, above all, to support from generous donors like you.

• May 25 was a historic date: the first bill to allow animals in all rental housing was introduced in the National Assembly by Québec solidaire. This breakthrough is the result of the Montreal SPCA's sustained campaigning to ban no-pet clauses in residential leases, a crucial issue for many years now.

• On June 21, a bill was introduced in the Canadian Senate to ban the export of live horses for slaughter. Over 36,000 Canadians had signed the petition demanding the federal government to put an end to this tragic practice.

• On June 22, Canada made history by passing Bill C-47, which prohibits the testing of cosmetics on animals, the sale of cosmetics based on such testing and misleading labeling. In addition, Bill S-5 was passed on June 13 to phase out the testing of toxic chemicals on animals.

These victories are the direct result of your post shares, petition signatures and letters to your elected officials. It all just goes to show how important your involvement is in making the world a better place for animals.

Major bills were introduced or passed in May and June 2023, marking huge advances for the animal cause in Quebec and Canada. These significant animal protection achievements can be credited to the Montreal SPCA, its partnerships with other animal protection orga-

LISTEN TO THE NEW SPCA PODCAST
"AU NOM DES ANIMAUX" (in French only)

The very first podcast produced by a Quebec animal protection organization!

Six episodes hosted by Claudia Larochelle

LISTEN ON

SHELTER LOVE

Love is in the air: Ernest and Magellan's story



Ernest and Magellan

Sometimes, when cats need a little more time to adjust after arriving at the shelter, we place them in larger enclosures in a secluded, quiet room commonly known as "the Annexe."

In the past, cats have gotten out of these enclosures that are less sealed off than our regular cages and were found roaming through the Annexe the next morning. What had

never happened before now, however, was a cat repeatedly escaping to go snuggle with a furry companion in a different enclosure! Believe it or not, this is actually what Ernest did several times, just to be close to his new friend Magellan.

Their love for one another was a blessing in disguise for both cats, but especially for Ernest, who had refused to eat since

arriving at the shelter. Magellan, who was once wary of humans, is now much more comfortable around us bipeds. To ensure their well-being at the shelter, we decided to make their cohabitation official during their stay. Ernest and Magellan were even adopted together by a loving family who welcomed the adorable duo with open arms.

THE MONTREAL SPCA IN NUMBERS

From January 1 to June 30, 2023, there were:



1,605	companion animals surrendered to us
1,327	animals found straying, injured, abandoned or lost —that's 226 more than the same period last year!
1,369	animals sterilized through our Mittens-Montreal SPCA Targeted Permanent Sterilization Clinic for low-income families
349	sterilizations under our Trap-Neuter-Release-Maintain Program (TNRM) of cats who are no longer adding to feline overpopulation in the community
121	orphaned kittens taken in —that's 40 more than the same period last year!
10,000	medical exams performed by our veterinary teams—that's more than 50 every single day!
541	companion animals placed in foster homes
1,847	adoptions into loving families
193	transfers to partner shelters that are better equipped to meet specific animals' needs.

MOST WANTED

Individual most wanted by the Montreal SPCA to ensure the pursuit of its work.



This person's gender, age or physical appearance are unknown but, **according to our sources, they are not working alone!**

THE ANIMALS MUST FIND THESE PERSONS

Goes by the name of "Monthly donor" or "Animal advocate"

REWARD

MATCHED DONATIONS IN SEPTEMBER

Without their contribution, the Montreal SPCA's future is uncertain.

If you know or have heard of this person, please ask them to join the Monthly Giving Program today using the coupon contained herein.

Their donation will be matched for a limited time only!



A total of 6,802 companion and wild animals were brought to us for shelter stays or to receive the services of our external programs.