



Society for the Prevention  
of Cruelty to Animals

# MONTREAL'S SPCA 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

**M**ontreal's SPCA was founded in April, 1869 as the first animal welfare organization in all of Canada. We have a strong history of investigating abuses to animals, in rescuing and adopting hundreds of thousands of animals, and for speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves. That is our history.

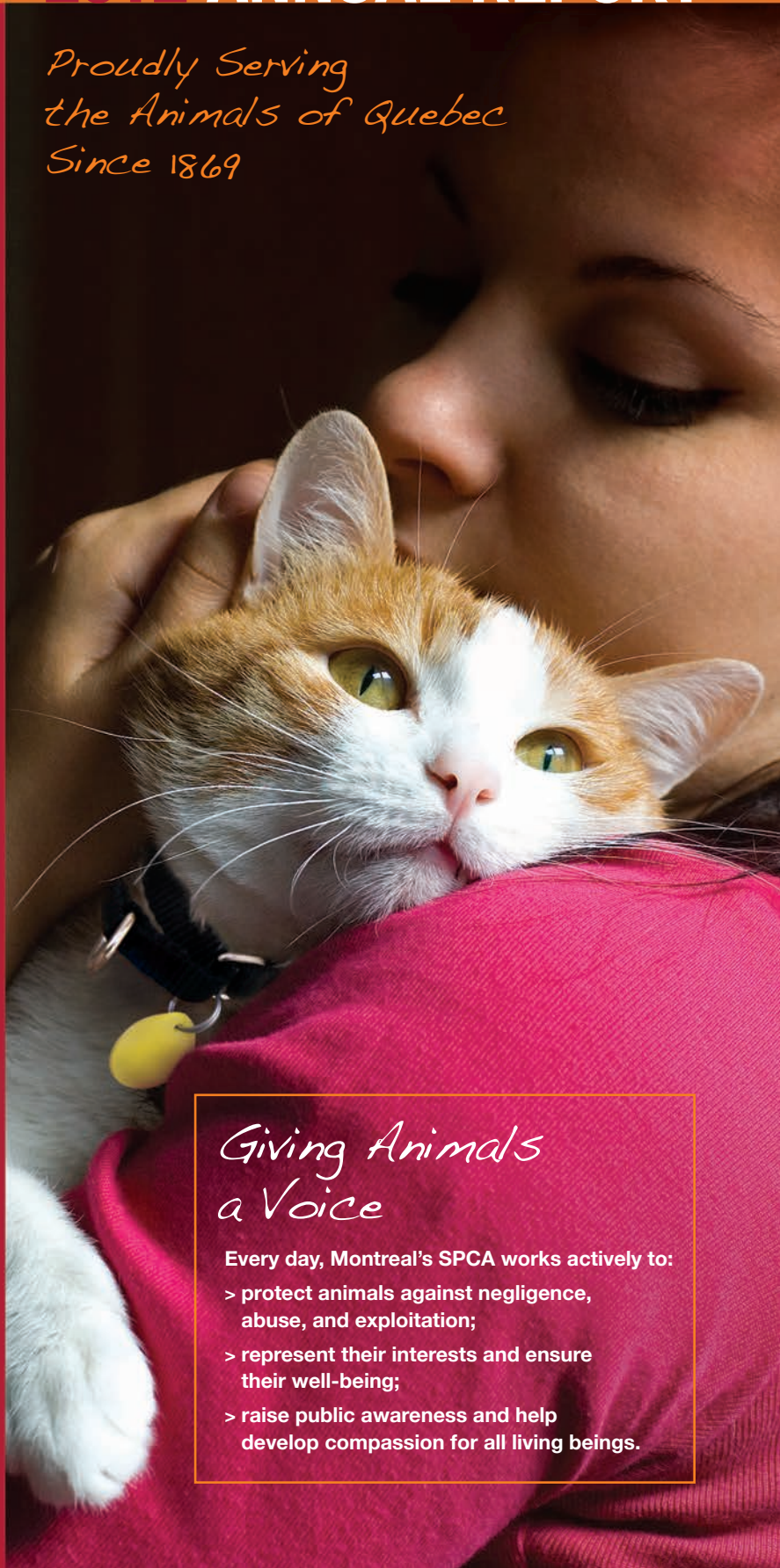
Today, we serve as the largest animal welfare organization in Quebec. We receive and care for over 14,000 animals a year, from dogs and cats, to birds, horses and rabbits. Our veterinarians sterilize over 5,000 animals a year and tend to the many animals who are brought to us injured or in need of care. We investigate thousands of reports of animal cruelty and bring prosecution against those who would abuse an animal. We fight every day to advocate on behalf of all animals, including agriculture animals, wildlife and companion animals. This is our present.

Our future is bright. We will usher in dramatic new protections for animals through our work in advocacy and legislation. We will work cooperatively with local municipalities to enact laws and ordinances that will protect animals and make Montreal a community that is truly animal-friendly. We will update our animal shelter and take every opportunity to ensure that our programs get from our shelter to each corner of our service area. That is our future.

This Annual Report tells the story of 2012 in words and numbers. But the real story is one of passion. From our Board of Directors, to our staff, to our hundreds of volunteers and thousands of supporters we are truly a Society that cares passionately about how the animals in our community are treated. And that passion is our history, our present and our future.

Nicholas Gilman  
Executive Director, Montreal's SPCA

*Proudly Serving  
the Animals of Quebec  
Since 1869*



## *Giving Animals a Voice*

Every day, Montreal's SPCA works actively to:

- > protect animals against negligence, abuse, and exploitation;
- > represent their interests and ensure their well-being;
- > raise public awareness and help develop compassion for all living beings.

## EVENTS

We spent the year 2012 getting together with our existing donors and meeting new ones.

With volunteers, we launched a new nightclub evening called **Paws 4 a Cause** which raised \$50,000! And our second annual **Walk on All 4s**, expected to raise \$25,000, beat all expectations and raised over \$40,000!

We also continued our tradition of seasonal cocktails.

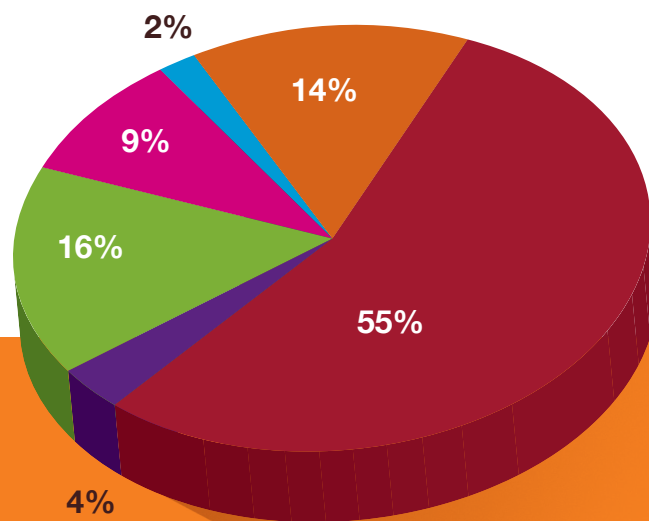
All of this success is due to the volunteers who put in so much time, experience, and love to help make these events really shine.



## 2012 REVENUES

We are so grateful to all Montreal's SPCA generous supporters (individuals, families, businesses, foundations and organizations) who help us help the animals and pursue our mission. Here are where our revenues came from in 2012:

2012 REVENUES*	
Adoption fees and other income	1,039,747
Donations	3,960,183
Seized animal reimbursements	259,445
Legacies (cash and receivable)	1,167,341
Municipal services and licenses	671,316
Special events	120,776
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,218,808</b>



\* Internal approved numbers (before external audit firm)



# ANIMAL CARE

**M**ontreal's SPCA cares for over **14,000 animals a year**, making it one of the busiest animal shelters in Canada. We are very proud of the work of our staff and volunteers in the selfless work they do on behalf of animals of all kinds. We receive and care for cats, dogs, fish, birds, hamsters, horses, pigs, rats, gerbils, rabbits and turtles. We are open to receive animals 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



## INSPECTION



*Black Jack is one of the two carriage horses rescued by Montreal's SPCA in October 2012.*

**O**ur inspectors respond to complaints of animal cruelty and neglect. They also check the places where animals are kept for sale, lease or exhibition. In 2012, they investigated **1,387 complaints** and conducted the inspection of **4,645 animals**, all species combined. They removed over 100 animals as a result of their investigations and many criminal charges were laid.

## ANIMAL CARE STATISTICS

ANIMAL RECEIVED	2011	2012
Cats	7,661	8,327
Dogs	2,792	2,802
Exotic animals	659	766
Wildlife	1,918	2,132
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,030</b>	<b>14,027</b>

## VOLUNTEERS

**M**ontreal's SPCA has over **400 volunteers** who spend thousands of hours a year at our two shelters. Their critical work includes walking dogs, socializing with cats, providing animal enrichment, shelter projects, providing statistical reports, entering animals on lost and found,

putting on our St. Patty's day parade, creating events and fund-raisers, updating the adoptable animals on-line, and much more. We are so fortunate to be supported by these wonderful and caring people. It is also important to note that the 10 members of our Board of Directors are all volunteers.

*Our dogs are exercised several times a day by a fiercely-dedicated team of volunteer dog walkers!*



## THE SPCA ANNEXE

**A**mong its numerous undertakings, Montreal's SPCA operates a second shelter, known as the "Annexe", just a block from our premises on Jean-Talon. Started in 2008, this unique program was originally set up to house the 400 dogs that were seized during two puppy mill confiscations that year. It was then predominantly used for housing animals seized during cruelty investigations.

The Annexe has now developed into a full-time program providing support



for puppy mills seizures and extreme hoarding situations, along with animals who have special needs (behavioural or medical), animals awaiting transfer to rescue or other shelters, and animals waiting for adoption when we no longer have space at the main SPCA shelter.

The Annexe has now a staff of 7 employees and 50 volunteers.

To date, thousands of animals have been rescued thanks to this program.

## OUR TNRM PROGRAM



**M**ontreal's SPCA implemented a sterilization program for feral cats called TNRM, short for Trap-Neuter-Release-and-Maintain.

Our TNRM program consists of partnerships with 8 municipalities/boroughs and citizens in order to trap, sterilize and release feral cats back into their established colonies in an effective, efficient and humane manner.

The TNRM program also ensures the continuity of care for these

cats (food, drinking water, proper shelter during winter) and offers guidance and information to the citizens to maintain the cats' well-being.

Since its creation in 2010, this program has made it possible to **sterilize over 1,000 feral cats**, thus preventing thousands of unwanted litters.

## MONTREAL'S SPCA ONLINE

**O**ur online community has greatly expanded in 2012 through our website ([www.sPCA.com](http://www.sPCA.com)), our Facebook page ([facebook.com/SPCAMontreal](https://facebook.com/SPCAMontreal)) and Twitter ([@SPCAMontreal](https://twitter.com/SPCAMontreal)) where you will find the latest news, activities and useful information for your pets. In September 2012, we launched our first online newsletter, called EXPRESS, which is available on our website. You are all invited to visit, follow and like us!



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