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MONTREAL SPCA

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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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.



OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR 2022 :

MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



2022 was a year of significant change at the Montreal SPCA. First, after five years at the helm of the organization, Élise Desaulniers stepped down. We bid her farewell with heavy hearts and a deep sense of gratitude. I had the tremendous honour of being chosen by the SPCA's Board of Directors to take over as acting executive director, working with Laurence Massé, director of philanthropic development and communications, who supported me as interim associate executive director. Secondly, the labour shortage that seriously impacted all Quebec industries posed a major challenge in terms of accommodating large numbers of animals. Just like every other shelter in the country following a relative lull in 2020, the Montreal SPCA is now faced with a growing number of animals in need, especially a sharp increase in surrenders. Our dedicated team has risen to this challenge with flying colours; over the course of the year, we cared for over 12,300 animals of all species.

In 2022, the Montreal SPCA also remained more steadfast than ever in its mission to take in and care for stray and abandoned animals, come to the aid of abused or neglected animals through our law enforcement work, prevent hundreds of surrenders through our educational and community programs, and act as a vehicle for political and legal change regarding society's treatment of animals.

As we emerged from the global pandemic, we were able to reopen our doors to the public and see our adoption numbers rise again. Adoptions have increased by almost 30% compared to 2021, when adoptions were mainly by appointment.

Thanks to our animal advocacy team's efforts, leashed dogs are finally allowed on Montreal's metro, and the major political parties spoke out on a range of animal protection issues in the first-ever provincial election debate on the subject, which the Montreal SPCA put on.

I'm extremely proud and excited to share an overview of all the work our teams accomplished in 2022 through this annual report.

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing us to carry out all this extraordinary work on behalf of animals. If we have such moving and successful stories to tell, it is thanks to your compassion and ongoing support. Your donations are what save lives and allow the Montreal SPCA to be at the forefront of the animal protection movement in Montreal, Quebec and across Canada.

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

Sophie Gaillard
Interim executive director

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

In addition to taking in, caring for, rehabilitating and rehoming thousands of abandoned animals every year, the Montreal SPCA plays a vital role in animal protection and welfare across Quebec.

In 2022, the Montreal SPCA further embraced its leadership role, by lending its voice in many ways to all animals suffering in silence, regardless of their species. The SPCA took centre stage, not only to help the animals we see every day but also the wildlife we come across more and more often in the city.

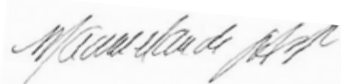
Naturally, I'm thinking here of the "Longueuil deer" who made headlines again in 2022 and whose cull was the subject of a legal challenge that the Montreal SPCA helped spearhead. As the cull was suspended pending a decision by the court, the deer have been granted a temporary reprieve. Yet, as the continued loss of wildlife habitat seems inevitable, society will have to learn to cohabitate with these animals. Together, we must find humane and responsible ways to share our land with these beings, who are unquestionably just as alive and sentient as our domestic animals.

Another major victory for animals: the ban on declawing cats and an end to non-therapeutic surgeries. The Montreal SPCA has fought against these cruel practices for years, which are no longer acceptable today, as attitudes are rapidly changing.

In fact, over 33,000 people supported the SPCA's campaign to ban no-pet clauses in housing. The people of Quebec care deeply about their four-legged friends and refuse to be forced to abandon them to find suitable housing.

With these and many other tremendous achievements behind us, the Montreal SPCA remains a strong and determined advocate to ensure animals are not only protected from abuse, neglect and exploitation but also treated with kindness and compassion.

On behalf of myself and my colleagues on the Board of Directors of the Montreal SPCA, I would like to congratulate all the employees and volunteers who work tirelessly to build a better future for ALL animals. Such willingness to go above and beyond is rare and invaluable.



Marie-Claude St-Amant
Board President

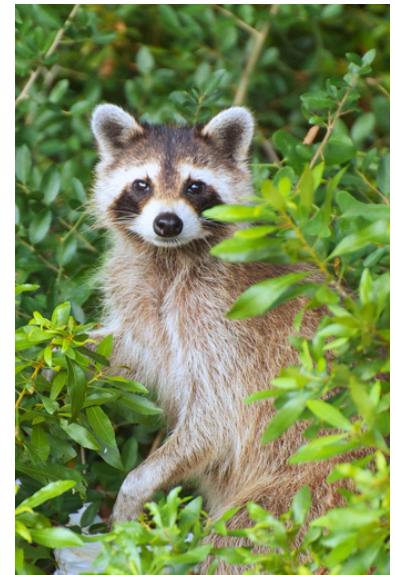
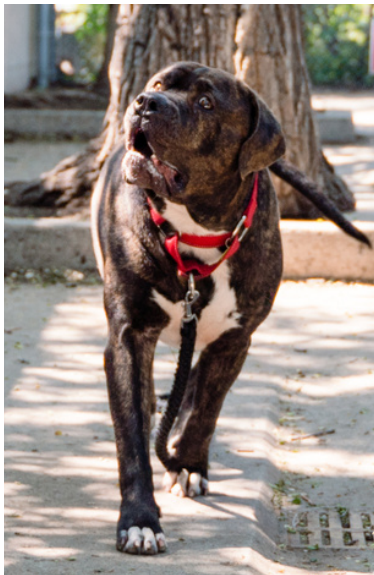
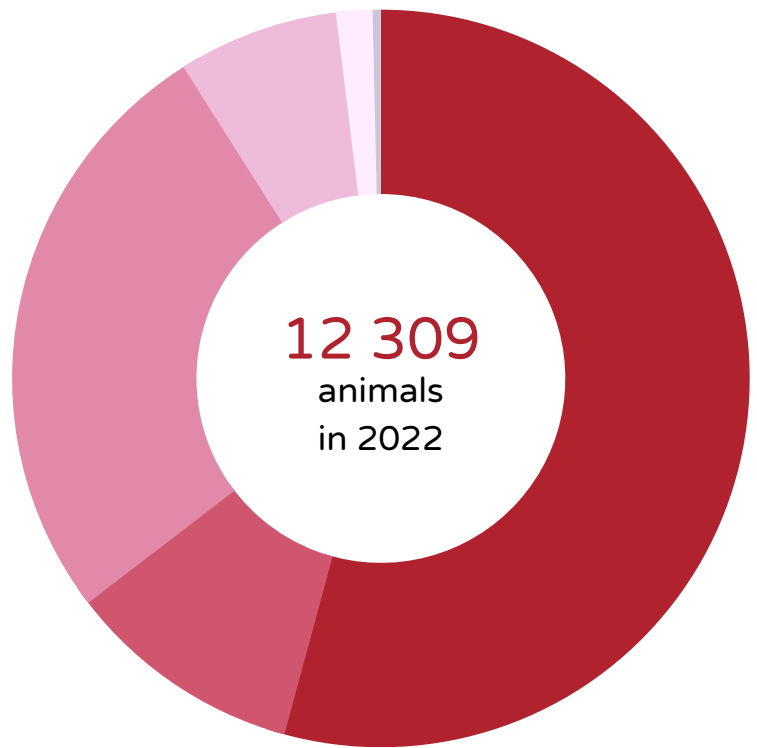


THE SPCA IN NUMBERS

2022 has been keeping us busy! For the year, we took in 12 309 live animals. We will continue to work hard in the coming year to find new forever homes for all of the animals we take in. All of this is possible thanks to you. Your precious support allows the Montreal SPCA to carry out its mission day in and day out.

Number of Animals Helped at the Shelter

- Cats: 6 673
- Dogs: 1 277
- Fauna: 3 252
- Small animals: 866
- Birds and exotic animals : 197
- Farm animals: 44





ADOPTION

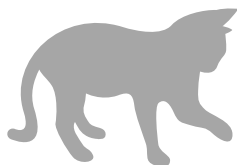
Placing abandoned animals in the care of people who will look after their well-being is one of the shelter’s main activities. The Montreal SPCA is opposed the sale of animals in pet stores, on the Internet or through classified ads. It advocates, instead, for the placement of animals through a responsible and rigorous adoption process.

All animals put up for adoption by the SPCA have been examined by a veterinarian. Dogs and cats have been neutered, microchipped, and given their first basic vaccinations (dogs also get rabies vaccines). Rabbits are sterilized.

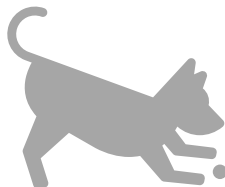
People wishing to adopt an animal are invited to visit our shelter because adoptions can now happen at the SPCA without an appointment! Guided by adoption counsellors, prospective families will get answers to all their questions and be informed about the commitment and responsibilities of adopting an animal.

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In 2022 alone, **4,018 animals** were adopted at the Montreal SPCA.



2,796 cats



391 dogs



263 rabbits



384 small animals



147 birds and
exotic animals



37 farm animals



FOSTER FAMILIES

The Montreal SPCA actively recruits new foster families willing to commit to a minimum of one month and supports them by providing medication, care and guidance.

Placing sick, vulnerable or special-needs animals in temporary homes allows us to provide these protégés with specific care in a comfortable environment. Foster families care for cats undergoing treatment, orphaned kittens, nursing cats with their litters, animals with minor injuries or those who find life at the shelter too stressful. Animals in foster care may need medication, socialization or simply some TLC before adoption.

There are currently close to **300 animals** in foster care.



INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

A cornerstone of daily activities, the Investigations Division allows the Montreal SPCA to carry out its mission of protecting animals. Our officers enforce both the Criminal Code provisions on crimes against animals and provincial laws on animal protection.

The Criminal Code provides that every person who commits an offence of animal cruelty, by causing unnecessary pain, suffering or injury, is liable to a fine of up to \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term of up to 2 years less a day, or to both. The Criminal Code also provides that every person who wilfully neglects an animal whom they own or have custody of, including failing to provide them with proper and sufficient care, is liable to a fine of up to \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term of up to 2 years.

Some figures:

- In 2022, the Montreal SPCA received and processed **2,625 complaints**.
- Our officers visited nearly **4,500 animals** of all species and opened **1,523 new investigations**.
- Our team removed some **147 animals** from their place of custody.
- As a result of the Division's investigations, **17 convictions were obtained**.

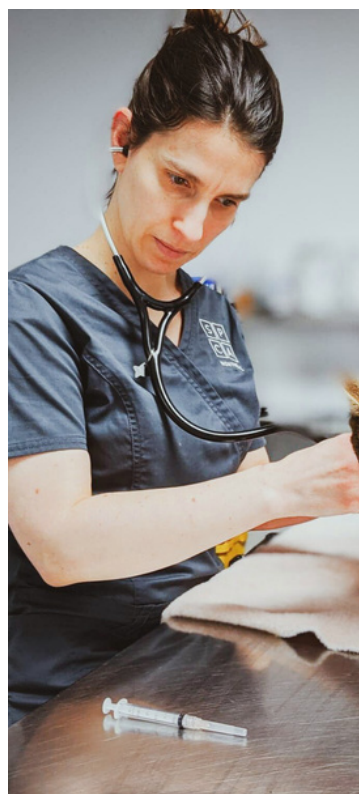


MITTENS - MONTREAL SPCA TARGETED PERMANENT STERILIZATION CLINIC

Neutering is the most effective means of countering animal overpopulation—a huge issue for both cities and the species involved. Many cases of abuse and abandonment can be eliminated by this effective prevention method, which veterinarians also recommend as means of preventing health problems in animals, such as tumours and infections, as well as certain undesirable behaviours (scent marking, running away, bleeding and meowing during breeding season, etc.).

With this in mind and thanks to a donation from a generous benefactor, the Montreal SPCA founded the Mittens Permanent Targeted Neuter Clinic in 2015. Overseen by Chief Veterinarian Gabrielle Carrière, **this special clinic helps address the animal overpopulation problem plaguing Quebec by offering neuter services at reduced rates to low-income animal guardians.**

In 2022, our clinic performed **2,506 sterilizations.**



ANIMAL ADVOCACY

Since 1869, the Montreal SPCA has been a key political player contributing to societal progress in terms of animal protection in Quebec and Canada. Our deep commitment to protecting animals of all species is a defining characteristic of our organization. In fact, we are by far the most active and influential animal advocacy organization in Quebec.

The Montreal SPCA's Animal Advocacy team fought time and time again in 2022 to bolster animal protection and played an instrumental role in securing significant victories for animals in Quebec.

Some of our most significant 2022 achievements include:

- On June 7, 2022, a petition initiated by the Montreal SPCA calling for the abolition of no-pet clauses in housing was presented to the National Assembly by MNA Manon Massé. The petition collected **33,157 signatures**
- **Provincial ban on gas chambers as well as cat declawing and other non-therapeutic surgeries performed on companion animals** as a consequence of our lobbying and public campaign efforts
- Organization of the first-ever **provincial animal protection electoral debate**
- **Launch of a pilot project allowing leashed dogs on the Montreal metro system** following our Fido in the Metro_campaign
- **Being granted intervenor status in the Longueuil deer cull case** in order to submit to Quebec courts arguments related to responsible wildlife management and the implications of recognizing animal sentience in law





A COMMITTED BOARD

The primary functions of the is to plan and guide our policies and make strategic decisions so that our goals and objectives are met.



Marie-Claude St-Amant, President

Marie-Claude St-Amant has been a lawyer for 16 years and is a partner at Melançon Marceau Grenier Cohen (MMGC) where she practises in the areas of labour law, human rights and freedoms and animal advocacy



William Awad, secrétaire

William Awad is a human resources management expert at Deloitte over 17 years of experience in HR leadership, business partnerships, and organizational change and talent management.



Bianka Monette

Bianka Monette, a chartered accountant, is currently Senior Director, Finance and Administration, at Moment Factory and has worked for 20 years in various public and private companies.



Dre Marie Robichaud, m.v.

Dr. Marie Robichaud works in both emergency and clinical settings. Since graduating, in June 2013, she has also worked in several shelters.



Michael Tsaprailis

Michael Tsaprailis is a partner in KPMG's Services-conseils—Management branch in Montreal.



Samira Sakhia, MBA, Treasurer

Samira Sakhia is President, Chief Executive Officer and sits on the board of Knight Therapeutics Inc., a Canadian specialty pharmaceutical company.



Frédéric Côté-Boudreau

Frédéric Côté-Boudreau is a CÉGEP philosophy professor and an animal ethics specialist.



Carlos Ponce

Carlos Ponce is an entrepreneur and marketing specialist with over 25 years of experience in building brands and business leadership.



Anne Sérode

Anne Sérode is a senior director at TACT, a consulting firm specializing in change management. She worked for several years as a manager in the media industry.

REVENUES AND EXPENSES



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

The Montreal SPCA is a registered charity that depends on donations to fulfill its mission (69.4% of 2022 revenues; 70.1% of 2021 revenues).

In 2022, some 25,243 individual donors and 386 charitable companies, organizations and foundations lent us a generous and helping hand. Our monthly donation program continued to be successful, with 7,085 monthly donors. The Montreal SPCA received a total of 40 bequests, representing 25.1% of total revenues.

The Montreal SPCA's 2022 financial statements were audited. They accurately present the organization's financial position and the results of its operations and cash flows.

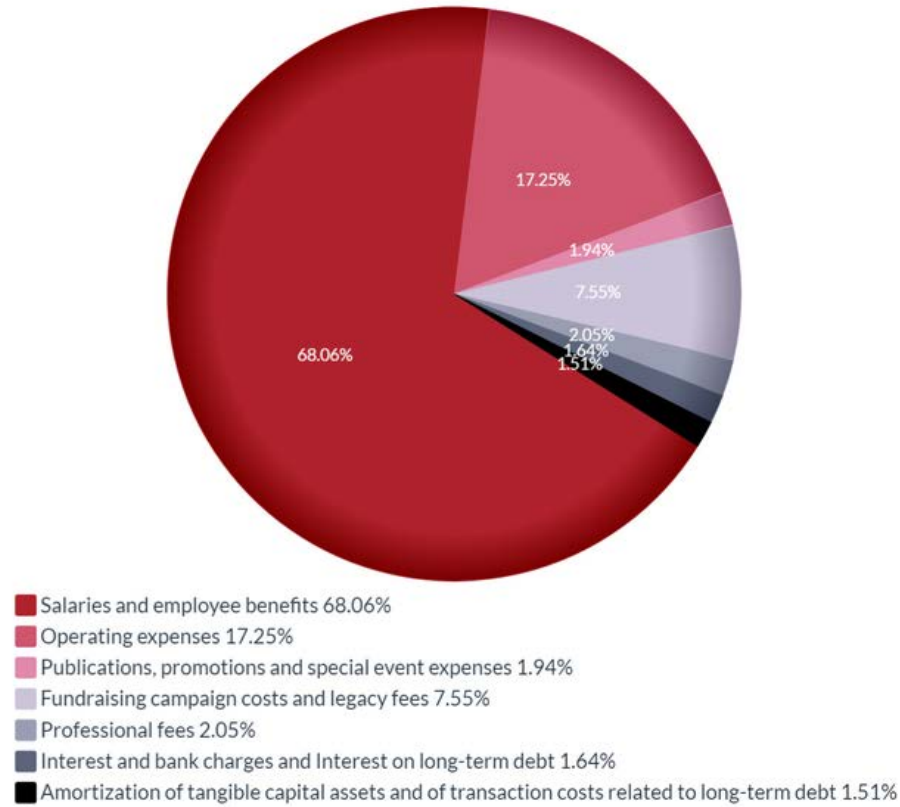
The Montreal SPCA has sound finances, with short-term assets of \$6.3 million and short-term liabilities of \$1 million. Revenues amount to \$9.9 million, while expenses account for \$8.7 million, generating an excess of revenues over expenses of \$1.3 million. This excess stems from unbudgeted bequests, which could be used to compensate a potential deficit in a year with fewer bequests or to fund new programs in line with the Montreal SPCA's strategic planning, for example.

Carole-Anne Des Ormeaux
Director of Finance

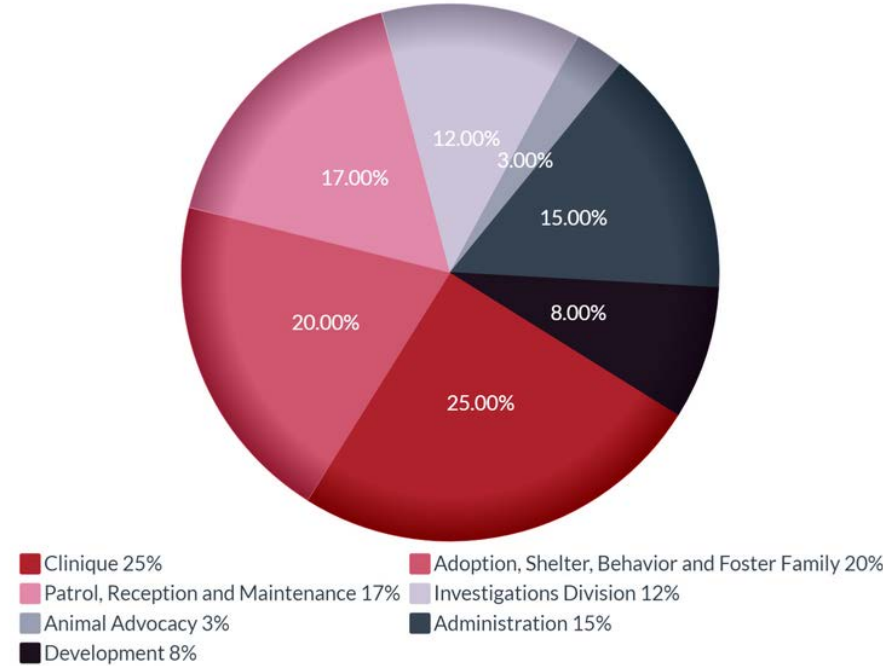


EXPENSES

Salaries and employee benefits make up the greater share of the Montreal SPCA's expenses. In 2022, the Montreal SPCA had 60 permanent, full-time employees and 106 part-time employees. Salary and employee benefits are distributed as shown between divisions:

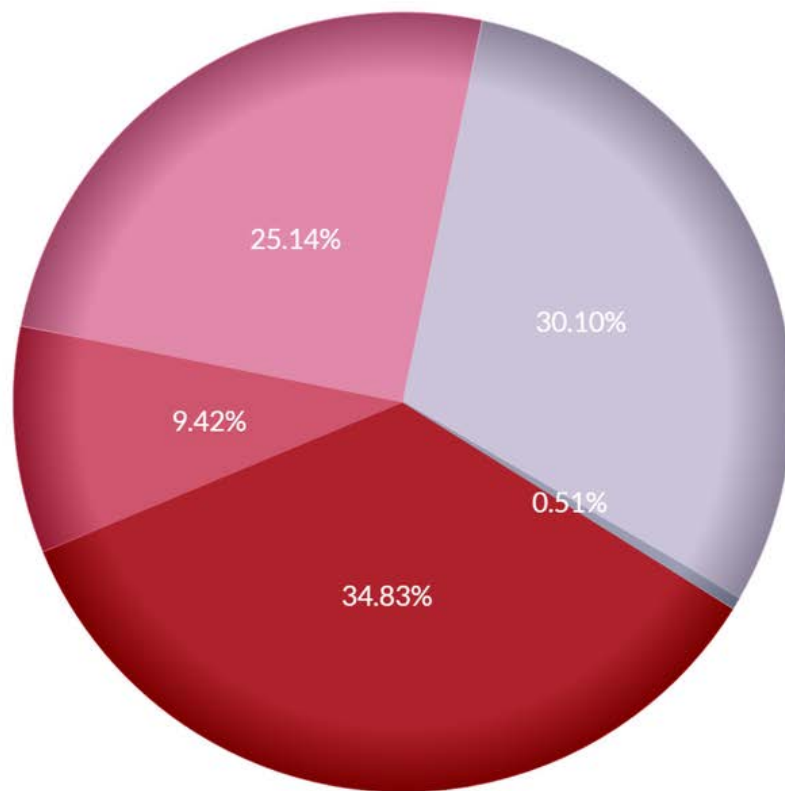


SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS



REVENUES

The SPCA is extremely grateful to its donors for their generosity. With their dedicated support, we ensure the welfare of sentient beings and give many animals a second chance at life!



■ Donations and other contributions 34.83% ■ Fundraising campaigns 9.42% ■ Legacies 25.14%
■ Revenue from operations 30.10% ■ Unrestricted net investment income 0.51%



MISSION

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-welfare 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 then seen all over the island of Montréal. 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-welfare organization in Quebec, speaking on behalf of animals wherever there is ignorance, cruelty, exploitation or neglect.





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