

ANNUAL REPORT

ONTARIO
SPCA
AND HUMANE SOCIETY



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ABOUT THE ONTARIO SPCA

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society is a registered charity that has been changing the lives of animals for over 150 years. The Society strives to keep pets and families together and does so through a variety of community support services, such as sheltering and adoptions, including emergency sheltering, feral cat management programs, animal transfers, food distribution, humane education, animal advocacy, and spay/neuter services. The Ontario SPCA does not receive annual government funding and relies on donations to provide programs and services to help animals in need. To donate, visit ontariospca.ca

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society Provincial Office sits on the traditional territory of the Wendat, the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations and the Métis Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. The treaties that were signed for this particular parcel of land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923.

PURPOSE

We provide care, comfort and compassion to animals in need; we value all animals and engage our communities to treat them with respect and kindness.

PRIORITIES

- Ensure the best possible support for animals in our care.
- Inspire healthy bonds between pets and people through accessible care, education, and community collaboration.
- Partner to influence and advocate for the welfare of animals in Ontario and beyond.

VALUES

- Compassion
- Transparency
- Excellence
- Collaboration
- Accountability

2023-2028 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Focus on facilities We will develop a facilities plan to ensure that buildings are safe and reliable for staff and animals in our care.	Enhance community support The Society will create community-based services, such as emergency boarding, feeding pets for families in need, and launching a new Humane Education program.
Build a Central Ontario Regional Animal Centre We will design and build a new facility that serves the Central Ontario Region and supports our Northern communities.	Develop a plan for animal advocacy We will collaborate with other organizations in animal welfare, advocating for policy changes and increasing awareness of animal welfare.
Northern outreach We will partner with like-minded organizations and Indigenous communities to provide sustainable resources to the North.	Pet population management in our communities We will strive to increase access to spay/neuter services to underserved communities.
Enhance our impact and influence in animal welfare through collaboration We will consider opportunities to partner and collaborate with other SPCAs and Humane Societies on initiatives that support animal welfare.	

Ontario SPCA Leadership Team 2024 - 2025	Board of Directors 2024 - 2025
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



Our purpose at the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society has always been to give animals the care, support, and second chances they deserve, and I am proud of the positive impact we have made in communities across the province.

I want to express my deepest appreciation to the incredible donors, volunteers, and staff who make this work possible. Your passion and dedication have been the driving force behind this organization, and I am privileged to share this journey with you.

Each year, thousands of animals come to us needing a safe place, medical help, and a whole lot of love. Whether it’s a lost pet finding their way home, an animal getting the life-saving care they need, or a furry friend finding a forever family, our work transforms lives.

But our impact extends far beyond the animals who come to us for care. Our community support services help families keep their beloved pets by providing access to food, essential veterinary care, and spay/neuter procedures. These initiatives ensure that animals remain where they belong—safe and cherished in their homes.

Warm regards,

Doug Brooks
**President & Chief Executive Officer
Ontario SPCA and Humane Society**

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



As we reflect on another incredible year at the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society, I am inspired by the profound impact we’ve made in creating healthier communities through our work across the province. By ensuring animals receive the care they need and remain with the people who love them, we strengthen not only the bond between pets and their families, but also the fabric of our communities.

One shining example of this is our work in Cornwall, where our Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Animal Centre is located. In the last four years, we have performed more than 650 spay/neuter surgeries, preventing an estimated 30,000 potentially unwanted offspring. There is still much work to be done, but we are making progress in our efforts to reduce pet overpopulation.

The Ontario SPCA has also had a significant impact on the number of Parvo cases in the SD&G communities. Since we started hosting public vaccination clinics for Parvo in 2017, more than 500 dogs have been vaccinated against this potentially fatal disease. What was once running rampant in the community was reduced to only three reported cases after only three years of this preventative care.

From distributing pet food where it’s needed most—close to 1 million meals were distributed across the province in 2024 to keep furry bellies full—to teaching the next generation about compassion and responsible caregiving, our programs

foster a culture of kindness and respect for animals.

Efforts such as these are only possible because of the thoughtful stewardship of donor funds and the strategic balance we maintain between addressing immediate needs and planning for the future. Whether it’s expanding community programs, investing in innovative animal care solutions or ensuring the sustainability of our services, we remain committed to using every dollar entrusted to us effectively and responsibly in all our communities.

Thank you to our donors, volunteers, and the dedicated team for supporting this important work. Together, we are building a brighter future for animals and the communities they call home.

With gratitude,
Renata D’Innocenzo
Chair, Ontario SPCA Board of Directors

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

184%
increase

in people accessing
basic veterinary care.

800

dogs/cats supported by
behaviour programs.

Neuter Scooter pilot project

launched, making 36 trips to provide
761 spay/neuter surgeries.



225 Northern
animals

transferred to find homes.

9,276 spay/neuter
procedures

performed, preventing an estimated
539,120 potentially unwanted offspring.



5,721

Ontario SPCA animals found loving homes.



824 volunteers

lending a helping hand, representing a 17%
increase in our volunteer program since 2023.

961,534 meals

distributed to community food banks and
Northern partners to keep furry bellies full.



13,235 students

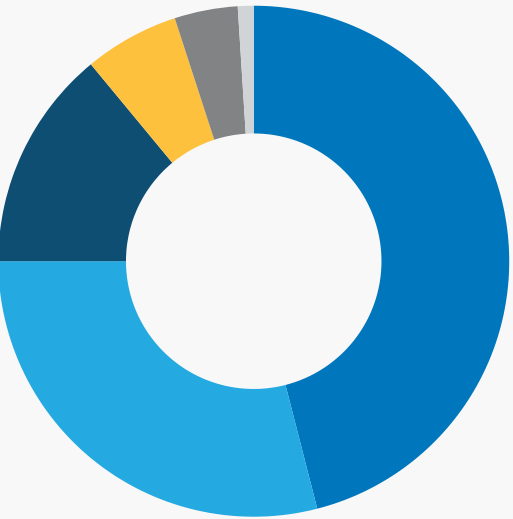
inspired to treat animals with respect and kindness
through our AnimalSmart™ humane education program.

Public clinic opens in Barrie offering
**basic veterinary
services**

for families without the means to take their
animal to a veterinarian for preventative care.

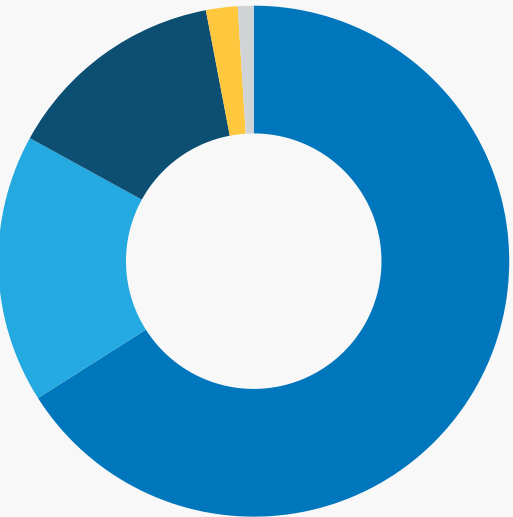
YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK

2024 Revenue



● Legacies <i>Legacy gifts, also known as gift in wills or bequests, are donations left in one's will or estate plan. These thoughtful contributions fund our long-term sustainability and shape our future impact.</i>	\$13,804,774	46%
● Fundraising <i>Includes digital fundraising, individual, corporate and foundation giving, special events and lottery.</i>	\$8,629,080	29%
● Shelter & Veterinary <i>Includes adoptions, spay/neuter surgeries, vaccines, microchips, dental, and wellness.</i>	\$4,181,903	14%
● Investments <i>Includes interest earned on cash reserves and GICs.</i>	\$1,658,657	6%
● Municipal Contract Fees <i>Includes municipal contracts and license revenue.</i>	\$1,127,896	4%
● Other <i>Includes grants, gain on sale of capital assets, and capital contributions revenue.</i>	\$204,282	1%
	\$29,606,592	100%

2024 Expenditures



● Animal care, community outreach and advocacy <i>Includes animal care facility operations, humane education, advocacy, communication and programs that keep pets and people together, such as spay/neuter clinics and mobile services, basic veterinary services, and community support services such as food distribution.</i>	\$16,063,585	66%
● Behind-the-scenes support <i>Includes essential support for programs and services needed to operate 14 animal care facilities and 2 spay/neuter clinics across the province.</i>	\$4,165,350	17%
● Fundraising initiatives <i>Includes donor engagement activities, legacies and special events.</i>	\$3,327,351	14%
● Amortization of facilities, equipment and systems <i>The depreciation of fixed assets over their useful life, including buildings, leasehold improvements, computers, vehicles, furniture and equipment.</i>	\$505,578	2%
● Interest and bank charges	\$290,337	1%
	\$24,352,201	100%

2024 Capital Expenditures

Land	\$301,028
Animal centre renovations	\$500,388
Equipment	\$35,915
IT and system upgrades	\$98,898
Vehicles	\$205,593
	\$1,141,822



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

\$12.5M from our reserves
have been designated for
future buildings and
renovations.

TO SEE THE 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, VISIT: [ONTARIOSPCA.CA/FINANCIALS](https://ontariosPCA.ca/financials)

ANIMAL ADOPTIONS

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society operates 12 animal centres across the province, a satellite adoption centre, and the Ontario SPCA Provincial Dog Rehabilitation Centre in Peterborough. Animals adopted from Ontario SPCA are spayed or neutered, microchipped, vaccinated, and they go home with some food from Royal Canin to help ensure a smooth transition.

▶ Marty beat the odds to live his best life

We're committed to finding loving homes for adoptable animals, no matter how long it takes to find their perfect match. Marty was with us for 130 days before his special day came!

When Marty arrived at the Ontario SPCA Orillia Animal Centre, we weren't sure he would make it. The five-month-old Shepherd-mix puppy was emaciated, his patchy fur stretched tightly over his protruding bones.

Tests showed Marty was a very sick pup. He had an enlarged heart and a severe heart murmur, and his joints were misshapen and likely quite painful. He had a hunch in his back and couldn't raise his tail due to joint complications. The veterinarian warned us that his heart might give out as he battled his way back to health.

This little fighter made it through several rounds of treatment and even surgery, all made possible thanks to generous supporters. Sadly, when it was time to find a loving home, he was overlooked by potential adopters. Maybe they could only see his disability, and not the joy and excitement in his eyes as he searched for frogs in every lake, pond or puddle he came across.

Finally, after 130 days, a social media campaign, and even a story on the radio, Marty found his forever home! Since that time, we've received birthday updates, holiday greetings and many, many happy photos of Marty and his canine siblings.

We are so grateful to everyone who helped give Marty the second chance he deserved!



MARTY

LEARN MORE AT [ONTARIOSPCA.CA/ADOPT](https://ontariosPCA.ca/adopt)

5,721

Ontario SPCA animals found loving homes

1,720

dogs

3,774

cats

227

pocket pets

24.5 days: average length of stay, which is down 3 days from 2023

2025 GOAL

Our goal is to find loving homes for 6,000 animals.

21%

increase in total intakes

31%

increase in re-homing requests

25%

increase in the number of dogs coming into care

23%

increase in the number of cats coming into care

5%

increase in the number of stray dogs

4%

increase in the number of stray cats



ONTARIO SPCA PROVINCIAL DOG REHABILITATION CENTRE

Located in Peterborough, the Ontario SPCA Provincial Dog Rehabilitation Centre has been custom-built to help dogs who need more individualized care than a typical animal centre can provide to help them get adopted. Operated by the Ontario SPCA's Animal Behaviour team, the centre supports dogs from animal centres across the province.

When three-year-old Edwena, affectionately called Eddie, arrived at the Provincial Dog Rehabilitation Centre, we knew she needed a lot of support. Being in rooms alone was very hard for Eddie, which meant living in her kennel was extremely frustrating and scary for her. Edwena also had some fear and reactivity when meeting new people.

Eddie's care team began working on a plan for her. One of the staff even began fostering Eddie, and she began to thrive. Eddie went for walks with new people, and discovered she loved other animals, especially playing with dogs!

After more than seven months in our care, Eddie's big day finally arrived. A couple came to the centre to meet her, spending almost the entire day getting to know her, and letting her warm up to them at her own pace.

"We were looking at adding a second dog to the house and we knew that we were in a good position for a rescue dog, which perhaps needed some extra help," says Richard Beckett, Eddie's adopter. "We were trawling websites looking for good matches when we came across her. We were happy to learn that she had gone somewhere for the extra help she clearly required."

After nearly a five-hour meet and greet, Eddie was on her way home! She now has a family who loves her and is committed to helping her overcome her challenges. She even has a new doggy brother named Yogi!

"I love her very much and I am very glad that she is here with us, living her best life," Richard says. "She deserves it!"



EDWENA

LEARN MORE AT [ONTARIOSPCA.CA/DOGREHAB](https://ontariosPCA.ca/dogrehab)

▶ Changing lives at the Ontario SPCA Provincial Dog Rehabilitation Centre

7,428

walks to exercise dogs

40

dogs supported at the Dog Rehab Centre

30 days

is the average length of stay

2025 GOAL

The Provincial Dog Rehabilitation Centre will accept dogs from other SPCAs and humane societies.

average of 187 hrs of TLC per dog



COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

At the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society, we’re committed to supporting pet families when they need it most. Our Community Support Services webpage had 122,972 page views in 2024, which is up 27% from the previous year—these are people who love their animals and need help.

One of the ways the Ontario SPCA is supporting those facing hardship is through a new pilot initiative that provides essential pet supplies to pet parents in our community who may be unhoused, or at risk. Working with local social service agencies to distribute the packs to those who need them, the Ontario SPCA has rolled out the initiative in York Region, Orillia and Cornwall. A total of 180 of these cold weather packs were given out in 2024.

“The No Cold Pets initiative has really made a huge impact on the people we work with. Many of them rely on their pets for emotional support, and when it gets cold, it’s tough because they often don’t have the money or resources to get proper winter gear for their animals,” says Mélodie Cousineau, Social Support Worker at Centre 105 in Cornwall. “I’ve seen people come in with their dogs wrapped up in jackets, just doing their best to keep them warm. Thanks to this program, we were able to provide a bit of extra warmth and comfort for their pets during the cold months, helping to keep them safe and protected.”

This pilot project is just one of the community support services the Ontario SPCA offers to prevent unnecessary rehoming. Our goal is to keep animals out of shelters and with the people they love. Through our Community Support Services, we’re helping break down barriers, such as access to basic veterinary care, and delivering programs like distributing pet food to food banks to keep furry bellies full.

LEARN MORE AT [ONTARIOSPCA.CA/COMMUNITYSUPPORT](https://ontariospca.ca/communitysupport)

302,489
lbs

distributed to community
food bank partners

807,588
meals

provided to hungry animals
through food banks

1,527
days

of emergency boarding
provided to displaced animals

820

lost animals reunited with
their families

291

shelters for feral cats built by
84 volunteers, including 11
corporate groups

54

community food bank
partners



2025 GOAL

Distribute cold weather
packs in Durham, Orillia
and Muskoka.

Emergency sheltering keeps animals and people together

One of the ways we provide support is through temporary emergency boarding. When a Renfrew County resident lost her apartment, she asked for help caring for her beloved cat, Karma. The 10-year-old cat had been part of the woman’s life since Karma was a kitten.

“When I was suddenly made homeless, being alone without any family support, it was a distressing time with fear of losing my fur family,” recalls Karma’s mom.

Adding to the stress was Karma’s health; she had bronchitis and pneumonia. We were able to help Karma get the care she needed and ultimately reunite her with her mom once she found a new place to live.

“Knowing I was going to be reunited with my Karma Kat made my struggles less stressful,” she says. “I am so grateful for the emergency shelter program, the amazing staff and volunteers for their time, effort, and care. Many thanks and hugs to them all.”



KARMA

Food donations help animals across Ontario

The Ontario SPCA works with 54 community food banks across the province to keep furry bellies full. But in remote Northern areas of the province, food banks are few and far between. In those areas we work with partnering communities and organizations to ensure food gets where it’s needed most.

“The donation came at a critical time, and it has already made a significant difference in the lives of both pets and their owners. It is heartwarming to see organizations like yours making such a meaningful impact on our community, and we are truly appreciative of your continued commitment to the well-being of animals,” says Jonathan Kenny, Animal Control Officer, Lac Seul First Nation Animal Control Department.

“Your contribution is not only providing essential nutrition to pets but also bringing a sense of hope to those who may be struggling to care for their beloved animals. We are proud to partner with such a dedicated and compassionate organization, and we look forward to continuing this positive relationship.”



JONATHAN KENNY,
LAC SEUL FIRST NATION
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Pet-friendly shelters give hope to the unhoused

In many communities, pet-friendly services for unhoused people are limited, but thanks to a unique partnership in Durham Region, more people experiencing homelessness can keep, and care for, their beloved pets.

The Humane Society of Durham Region, one of 12 Ontario SPCA animal centres, has partnered with the Christian Faith Outreach Centre (CFOC) to provide supplies for its two pet-friendly shelters. The Ontario SPCA has supplied food, collars, jackets, and kennels to keep animals and patrons safe. Donations often come through social media requests and Walmart Logistics in Mississauga.

“Both shelters are at max capacity for animal companions and have been since the inception of the dog-friendly policy,” says Caitlin Rae, Strategic Communications & Fund Development Coordinator at CFOC.

Caitlin says the patrons share with her how much their animals mean to them.

“She’s been with me through thick and thin,” one individual says about their furry friend. For many patrons, they would rather remain unsheltered with their animals instead of rehoming them to access social services, like a shelter.



HIGH-QUALITY, HIGH-VOLUME SPAY/NEUTER CLINICS

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society is committed to making essential veterinary services more accessible to prevent pet overpopulation and keep animals with the families who love them. The Ontario SPCA Centre Veterinary Hospital in Stouffville and the Ontario SPCA Marion Vernon Memorial Animal Clinic in Barrie offer high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter services, as well as vaccinations and microchipping.

Community cats are among the thousands of animals who come through our doors each year. They are brought in by their caretakers, so they aren't contributing to the cycle of pet overpopulation. Of the more than 6,900 spay/neuter surgeries the Ontario SPCA performed in 2024, feral felines accounted for 374 of the procedures.

Pirate was one of the feral cats who visited our Barrie clinic. He came in with a group of barn cats who needed to be spayed/neutered and vaccinated. Sadly, he had a serious eye injury and needed to have his eye removed, a procedure our veterinarian was able to perform at our Barrie clinic. As we provided Pirate with loving care, he began to trust us and his true personality began to shine.

"When he came in, we could see he had an eye problem. We knew we had to do more to help him," says Jennifer Tucker, Clinic Manager, Ontario SPCA Marion Vernon Memorial Animal Clinic. "He was the sweetest cat who loved to cuddle so we also wanted to see if we could get him into a home."

Now named Uno, he found a loving family to call his own. He's a playful, curious young cat who hasn't let his challenges slow him down.



A lack of accessible spay/neuter services and a shortage of veterinarians has fueled demand for the Ontario SPCA's services.

232,082 annual views of the Ontario SPCA spay/neuter webpage
447 animals registered each month, on average

27% increase in website traffic to the spay/neuter homepage

6,905 spay/neuter surgeries at the Barrie and Stouffville clinics
4,578 vaccines

392,240 potentially unwanted offspring prevented

2025 GOAL
Our goal is to perform 10,000 spay/neuter surgeries at the Barrie and Stouffville clinics

2,147 microchips

159 dental procedures

BASIC VETERINARY SERVICES

To keep animals and families together, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society offers basic veterinary services, including community vaccine clinics.

In response to a spike in deadly Parvovirus cases in the Cornwall area in 2017, the Ontario SPCA's community outreach team began holding annual Parvo vaccine clinics. By 2019, 450 dogs had been vaccinated against the life-threatening illness, and only three cases of the Parvo virus were reported in the community that year. Those vaccination efforts continue, with 78 dogs vaccinated at the public clinic in 2024.



1,761 vaccinations

968 physical exams performed

294 subsidized appointments

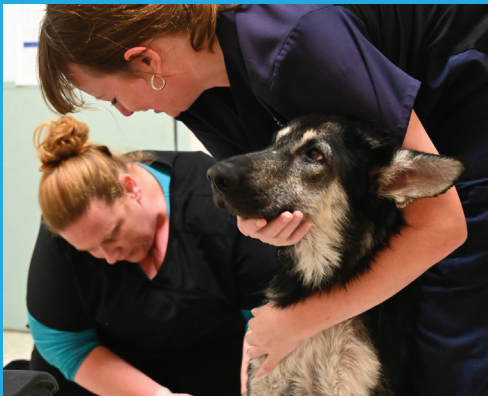
79 microchips

64 humane care appointments

When Michelle Richer found six puppies abandoned on her doorstep, she turned to Ontario SPCA's Parvo vaccination clinic to protect them before finding them homes. The Cornwall resident knows all too well the heartbreak of Parvo. She lost two 12-week-old puppies, Spike and Piglet, when the illness tore through her home years ago. She says she always vaccinates her dogs against Parvo and believes that without that protection, all her dogs would likely have died.

"I do believe vaccines save lives. All my animals are vaccinated," says Michelle. "Watching my two dogs die and there was nothing I could do, even with the help of a vet. I never want to feel that way again—so helpless."

In addition to bringing basic veterinary services to underserved communities, our two clinics in York Region and Barrie provide basic veterinary services for families without the means to take their animal to a local veterinarian for routine care. The clinics provide general wellness examinations, vaccinations and, when necessary and requested by the family, end-of-life care.



2025 GOAL
2,347 appointments to help animals

TO LEARN MORE AT [ONTARIOSPCA.CA/COMMUNITYSUPPORT](https://ontariosPCA.ca/COMMUNITYSUPPORT)

MASH-STYLE SPAY/NEUTER CLINICS

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society’s MASH-style spay/neuter clinics are portable outreach events designed to reach underserved communities. They can be easily packed up and transported to wherever they are needed, including remote communities where road access is limited. In addition to providing spay/neuter surgeries on-site, they also deliver basic veterinary services to animals who may not otherwise have had preventative care, including critical vaccines.

In 2024, the Ontario SPCA visited nine communities, including four First Nation communities. One of our wellness events was in Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation on Manitoulin Island, in partnership with the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising. A total of 37 cats and 48 dogs were spayed or neutered during the four-day event, preventing an estimated 3,800 potentially unplanned puppies and kittens. The MASH-style event also included 20 animal wellness appointments, and 138 vaccines were administered. The Ontario SPCA will be returning to the community in 2025 for another MASH spay/neuter clinic.

“This spay/neuter and wellness clinic has been a great opportunity for the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising First Nation Communities. This was much needed for our communities to assist with the control of our pet population,” says Zachary Corbiere, By-Law Enforcement Officer, United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising. “On behalf of our First Nation communities and all participating pet owners, I would like to share our gratitude and say Chi Miigwetch to the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society and to the important veterinarians and registered veterinary technicians for all their hard work and dedication.”

We believe every animal deserves to have access to this basic care, and the people who love them deserve the peace of mind knowing their furry friends can get the care they need. We are so thankful to everyone who is helping make it possible in communities across Ontario.



714

spay/neuter surgeries

51,040

potentially unwanted
offspring prevented

2025 GOAL

6 MASH-style spay/neuter
clinics booked

976

vaccinations

231

animals microchipped

9

community events, including four
First Nations communities

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT [ONTARIOSPCA.CA/MOBILESERVICES](https://ontariospca.ca/mobileservices)

NEUTER SCOOTER

To help reduce barriers to access spay/neuter services, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society rolled out its Neuter Scooter pilot program in 2024. The service transports animals to partnering high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter clinics for surgery, then returns them to their waiting families at the end of the day. While limited to cats in 2024, the Neuter Scooter will also transport dogs in 2025.

By removing transportation barriers and partnering with high-quality, high-volume clinics that can accommodate many animals each day, the pilot program ensures more animals can be spayed or neutered, which reduces pet overpopulation.

For Sharon Gatza, the Neuter Scooter service was invaluable when she took in a stray cat. While she and her husband couldn’t keep the cat, which they named Chevy, they were prepared to have him neutered to help him find a home. Within days of calling the Ontario SPCA, the cat was on the Neuter Scooter and headed for his appointment.

“We’re seniors with a small dog and four cats,” Sharon explains. “We went ahead and did your program and are very thankful for it. I think it’s a very viable program and I was just delighted when we found out about it.”

When Sharon needed help finding Chevy a home, she reached out to the Ontario SPCA Lennox & Addington Animal Centre for re-homing assistance. Now Chevy is loved and warm and will never have to spend another winter alone outside.



CHEVY



COURTESY OF THE NAPANEE BEAVER



2025 GOAL

50 trips, giving 750 animals
access to spay/neuter

761

spay/neuter surgeries for cats

43,680

potentially unwanted
offspring prevented

7,460 kms

travelled

36

trips

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT [ONTARIOSPCA.CA/NEUTERSCOOTER](https://ontariospca.ca/neuterscooter)

SPCA MOBILE ANIMAL WELLNESS SERVICES UNIT

The Ontario SPCA Mobile Animal Wellness Services unit, made possible in 2019 thanks to a Pet Valu “Companions for Change™” sponsorship, was stationed in the Sudbury area for the second year in a row to provide accessible spay/neuter and wellness services, including vaccinations, to Northern pet families.

The Ontario SPCA’s Mobile Animal Wellness Services unit provides more than just veterinary care—it brings peace of mind to pet parents who want the best for their beloved companions.

Mike, a devoted caregiver to two cats, walked to the mobile unit, one cat at a time. He wanted to ensure his beloved Panther and Salem received their wellness exams, vaccines, and deworming. Despite facing some personal struggles, his cats were his priority. They were always well-groomed and deeply loved.

“He would deprive himself of necessities before his cats,” says Hope Lumbis, Manager, SPCA Mobile Animal Wellness Services. “These were two of the healthiest, most cared for cats. His demeanor changed right away when he was able to talk to the vet about his cats and indicated how happy he was that he could eat this week but also still get his cats looked at and protected.”

By bringing accessible veterinary care directly to communities, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society ensures animals receive the care they deserve—and people like Mike don’t have to choose between their own well-being and their animal’s health.



NORTHERN OUTREACH

At the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society, collaboration is at the heart of everything we do—because working together creates the best outcomes for animals.

In many Northern communities, there are more adoptable animals than there are families who can give them homes. A lack of access to basic animal wellness services, such as veterinarians and spay/neuter services, has contributed to an increase in animal populations across Northern Canada.

By working together with like-minded organizations and Indigenous communities, the Ontario SPCA is giving Northern animals the second chance they deserve and providing sustainable resources to the North.

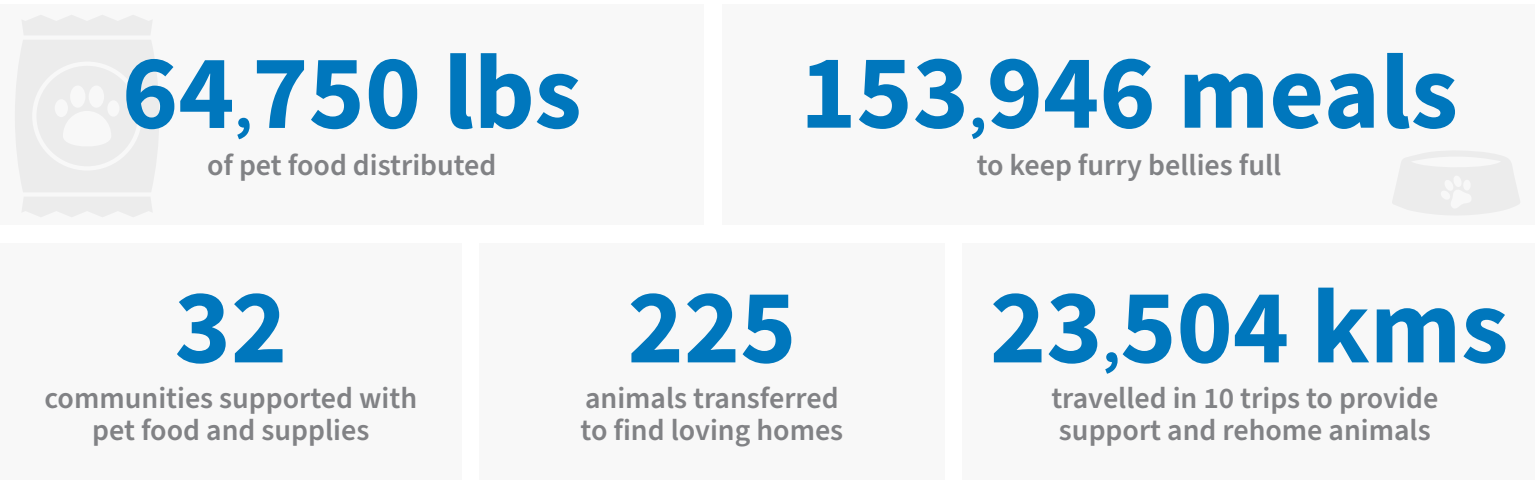
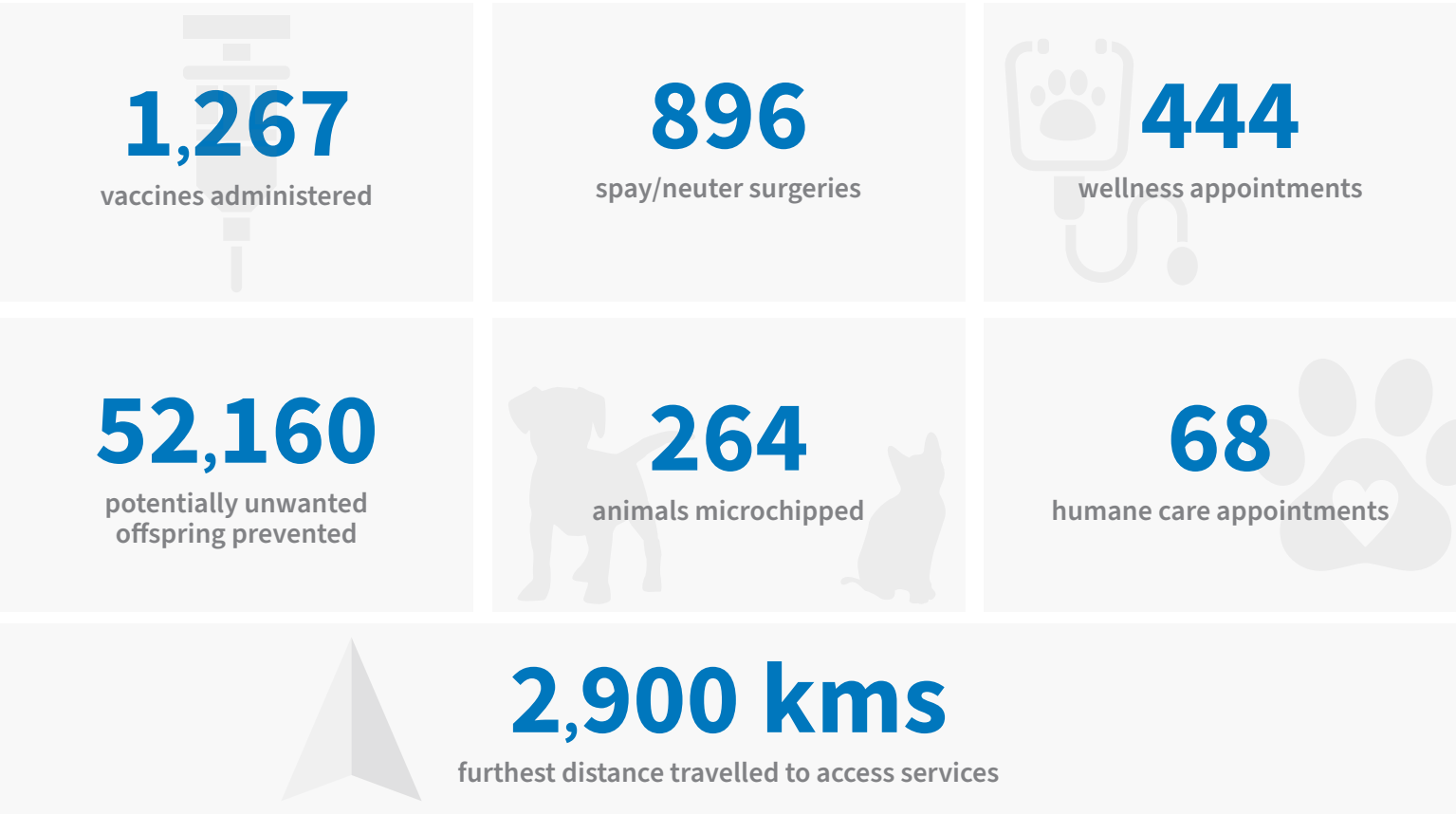
Timing was everything for Jonathan, a curious grey and white cat we met while visiting the community of Lac Seul First Nation to host a MASH-style spay/neuter clinic. The community’s animal control officer asked if we could help a cat found hiding under a car. The cat was injured and scared, hiding from a group of dogs. His wounds needed care, and his collar, now embedded in his skin, was a painful reminder that he had been loved, but had somehow lost his way.

With limited space to transport animals alongside our surgical equipment, we turned to Kenora Cat Shelter to help. They welcomed Jonathan into their care and brought him back to health. Once he was fully healed, we made the trip North to transport Jonathan and 23 other cats the more than 1,800 kilometres to find loving homes through Toronto Cat Rescue.

Jonathan’s story is a testament to the power of collaboration. When organizations and communities come together, more animals like him get the second chances they deserve.



JONATHAN



2025 GOAL
4 spay/neuter clinics supporting an estimated 320 animals



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ANIMAL ADVOCACY

► PUPS Act

The PUPS Act addresses the urgent issue of puppy mills and unethical breeding in Ontario. The legislation, introduced in 2023, defines puppy mills and sets prohibitions on neglectful actions, like allowing diseases and parasites to spread and lack of sanitation at breeding facilities. It also sets out higher penalties for the distress or death of dogs and allows for the creation of regulatory standards for breeding and selling dogs.

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society has been supportive of the goals of the legislation from the start and actively contributed to improving the Act as it worked its way through the provincial legislature. We also launched a campaign to ensure swift passage of the Bill when it appeared to have stalled in the spring of 2024.

While the legislation is an important step in addressing the problem of puppy mills, we have repeatedly told the government that detailed regulatory standards must accompany the legislation itself.

In 2025, we will be continuing to push for high, science-based standards that focus on health, facility, and care requirements that dog breeders must meet. We will also be pushing for the government to fulfil its promise to consult on banning unnecessary and cosmetic veterinary procedures, which was announced when the PUPS Act was introduced.



► Veterinary Professionals Act

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society is also actively engaged in ensuring the passage of the Veterinary Professionals Act. This legislation updates the framework for veterinary oversight in the province, including recognizing Registered Veterinary Technicians as the skilled veterinary professionals that they are.

At a time when many people in Ontario have difficulty accessing veterinary care, it is critical that Registered Veterinary Technicians be allowed to practice to the full scope of their training and skills.

The legislation passed in the spring of 2024 and the College of Veterinarians of Ontario has started the process of developing the regulations that will define and codify many aspects of the new framework.

The Ontario SPCA will be engaging with the CVO as part of its consultation process, particularly focusing on the scope of practice for Registered Veterinary Technicians and ensuring they can actively contribute to animal care to their full capability.

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Over
2,000
people
supported our advocacy
campaigns by sending emails to
the provincial government

Visitors to our
advocacy webpage
**increased
by 271%**
compared to 2023

In 2024, animal advocacy
email subscribers
**more than
doubled**

ANIMALSMART™ HUMANE EDUCATION

Education is one of the most powerful ways to create a better future for animals. The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society’s AnimalSmart™ program offers free presentations for Grades 1-8 in our animal centre communities.

Through AnimalSmart™, we’re inspiring the next generation to care for and protect animals in their communities. Designed to foster empathy, encourage responsibility, and deepen connections with animals, our presentations feature grade-specific content that makes learning both meaningful and interactive.

There were some fun and exciting new developments for the program in 2024, including a new theme—Animals in our Community—that explores how people and animals coexist. We also introduced enhanced interactions and gamification to make learning even more engaging. Josie the rabbit takes students on a tour through a virtual neighbourhood to explore spaces that support animals. When she visits a local park, she also reveals ways in which youth can stay safe around animals. With a choose-your-own adventure look and feel, students can take the lead in their learning.

“Hearing the students’ enthusiasm when they talk about their pets, seeing their faces when they realize that animals have emotions too, and listening to how they can be caring to animals is very fulfilling to me,” says volunteer Cory Philip. “It gives me hope when young children talk about being kind to animals as an extension of being kind to each other.”

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603
presentations delivered

1,162
volunteer hours logged

13,235
students reached

96
volunteers

New theme 3
Animals in our Community was launched
and delivered to 17 classrooms

2025 GOAL
860+ presentations to
be delivered, reaching
20,000 students



VOLUNTEER IMPACT

Volunteers are the heart of the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society, and Paul Sullivan is a shining example of the compassion and dedication that makes a difference in the lives of animals. Since joining the Ontario SPCA Renfrew County Animal Centre in 2024, Paul has taken on a variety of roles, always driven by his deep love for animals and his commitment to helping those in need.

“I decided to volunteer because of my love of helping those who cannot help themselves,” says Paul. “Giving back and helping is a deep core value of mine.”

Paul’s passion for animal welfare stems from a lifelong bond with animals. Growing up surrounded by animals, he learned early on the importance of caring for and respecting them. His journey into animal advocacy was deeply personal, inspired by the loss of his childhood dog Duke, who was his best friend. The Black Lab mix was diagnosed with cancer when Paul was in the first grade. That experience ignited a lifelong mission to provide comfort and care to animals in need.

“It devastated me to lose him,” Paul reflects. “Ever since then I have wanted to do everything I can to save and help any and all animals.”

Today his dog River and cat Fluffers are the centre of his world, reinforcing his unwavering dedication to helping animals in any way he can.

From transporting animals to spay and neuter clinics to assisting with enrichment activities, cleaning, and organizing, Paul is always ready to lend a helping hand. He has even used his artistic talents, capturing special moments with his photography at local fundraising events like the Doggy Paddle, and soothing animals in isolation by playing his guitar, helping them find peace in their most vulnerable moments.

At the end of every volunteer shift, Paul feels a deep sense of purpose and joy, knowing he has made a difference.

“The impact and difference I can make occupies my mind heavily,” Paul says. “I always feel purposeful and a deep joy after doing anything to help.”

Paul’s story is a testament to the incredible contributions that volunteers make, and we are incredibly grateful for his compassion and commitment. Thank you, Paul, for the immeasurable impact you have had on animals!



PAUL SULLIVAN

824 volunteers across Ontario	193 foster volunteers caring for 1,861 animals	17% increase in our volunteer program since 2023
10,077 hours caring for animals in our centres	204 community outreach volunteers assisting with events, food, animal transfers etc.	96 AnimalSmart™ volunteers inspiring future animal advocates

BE A HERO FOR ANIMALS IN NEED

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society introduced a new fundraising platform in 2024 called Humane Hero, empowering individuals, teams, and businesses to host events that support animals in need at the Ontario SPCA animal centre of their choice. This campaign allows supporters to create personalized fundraisers, with all proceeds supporting the Society’s mission to provide care and shelter to animals across Ontario.

A heartfelt example of this campaign in action is the story of Yoda, a beloved dog from Renfrew. Yoda found his forever home through the Ontario SPCA’s Northern dog transfer program in 2017 and quickly became a cherished member of the community. One of his favourite activities was visiting the Mount Molson Dairy Bar for his daily “pup cone.”

Following Yoda’s passing in 2024, the Mount Molson Dairy Bar decided to honour his memory by renaming the “pup cones” to “Yoda cones,” with all proceeds donated to the Ontario SPCA Renfrew County Animal Centre. This tribute not only keeps Yoda’s legacy alive but also supports animals in need, exemplifying the spirit of the Humane Hero platform.

The Humane Hero platform offers various ways to get involved, including celebration fundraisers for special occasions, corporate events, compassion parties, and tribute or memorial fundraisers to honour loved ones or pets. By creating or donating to a Humane Hero fundraiser, supporters provide urgently needed care and shelter for animals in need.

By becoming a Humane Hero, you can make a significant impact on the lives of animals across Ontario.



YODA



TO LEARN MORE OR TO REGISTER YOUR FUNDRAISER, VISIT THE HUMANE HERO WEBSITE AT [ONTARIOSPCA.CA/HUMANEHERO](https://ontariospca.ca/humanehero)

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A gift in your will is more than a donation—it’s a promise for the future. Join our Animal Advocate Circle, a community of like-minded individuals who believe in making a difference for animals beyond their lifetime.

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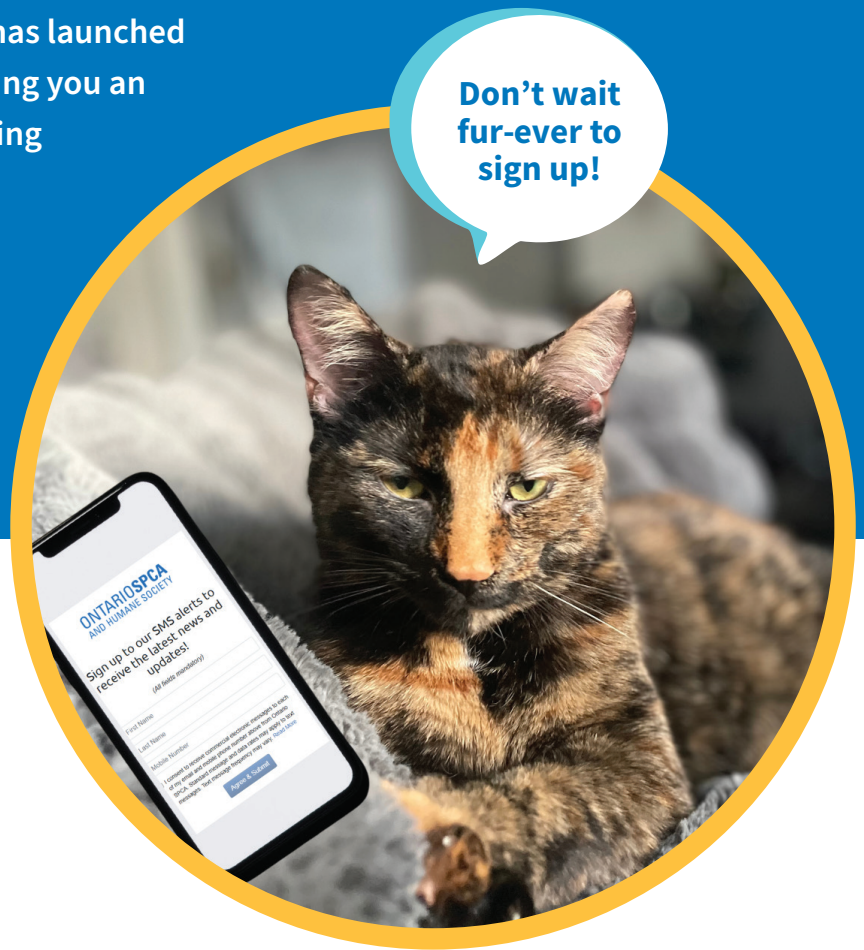
ONTARIO SPCA AND HUMANE SOCIETY

STAY CONNECTED BY SIGNING UP FOR TEXT UPDATES

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society has launched a brand-new texting (SMS) program, giving you an easy way to stay updated on heartwarming stories, exciting news, and the impact you're making for animals in need.

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