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SASKATCHEWAN EMERGENCY PET FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTES FOOD THROUGHOUT SASKATCHEWAN

Since launching in November, the Saskatchewan Emergency Pet Food Bank (SEPFb) has provided food for more than 400 pets!

The SEPFb operates in partnership with local food banks in Fort Qu'Appelle, Maple Creek, Melville, Moosomin, Nipawin, Rosetown, Rosthern, and Swift Current. Food is also available by appointment at the Saskatchewan SPCA office in Saskatoon.

"We want to thank all of our generous donors and sponsors that have chosen to support the Emergency Pet Food Bank. We're so grateful to be able to help Saskatchewan families feed their pets during this challenging time," explained Josh Hourie, community relations coordinator at the Saskatchewan SPCA.

The Saskatchewan Emergency Pet Food Bank is made possible by many generous donations, including a donation of 20,000 pounds of food from Horizon Pet Nutrition.

To learn more about the SEPFb including how to access the program, please visit www.saskspca.ca/food



SASKATCHEWAN EMERGENCY PET FOOD BANK RECIPIENT OF HUMANE CANADA GRANT

The Saskatchewan Emergency Pet Food Bank was recently announced as a recipient of Humane Canada's National Pet Food Bank Grant Program.

According to Humane Canada, "The goal of the program is simple, keep families together," and that has been a key focus of the Saskatchewan Emergency Pet Food Bank.

Proceeds from the grant will be used to purchase additional pet food. Funds will also allow for an expansion of the Emergency Pet Food Bank to include pet accessories such as leashes, collars, and cat litter.

The Saskatchewan SPCA extends a heart-felt THANK YOU to Humane Canada for their support of the Saskatchewan Emergency Pet Food Bank.



WHEN HOME IS NOT A SAFE PLACE TO BE

THE NEW HOPE DOG RESCUE ANIMAL SAFEKEEPING PROGRAM HELPS PET OWNERS FLEEING VIOLENCE

*Submitted by Tami Vangool
Executive Director,
New Hope Dog Rescue*

On September 21 and 22, 2017, I attended The Link conference in Regina that was hosted by the Saskatchewan SPCA. The two-day conference explored the correlation between animal abuse and domestic violence – a relationship which is often referred to as “the Link.”

As I listened to all of the presenters, I was not only shocked to hear some of the statistics several presenters shared, I was also surprised that there were very few programs available to help animals owned by victims when leaving domestic violence situations in Saskatchewan. The fact that Saskatchewan has double the national average of domestic violence rates was very disturbing!

The biggest thing that I still have a hard time wrapping my head around is that there were so few programs for animals where the owner is fleeing a domestic violence situation. As I sat

there listening to all the presenters, I knew New Hope Dog Rescue had to be a part of making changes so victims did have a place for their animals to go for a short period of time, allowing both the victim and their animals the chance to leave the abuser.

Shortly after I returned to Saskatoon, I put together some of the information I had received at the conference and presented it to our Board of Directors. After that meeting, I had a few meetings with the Saskatchewan SPCA staff and in collaboration we were able to develop our Animal Safekeeping Program (ASK). It did take us some time to get the details worked out, but I am very proud to say we were able to assist our first dog in the fall of 2018.

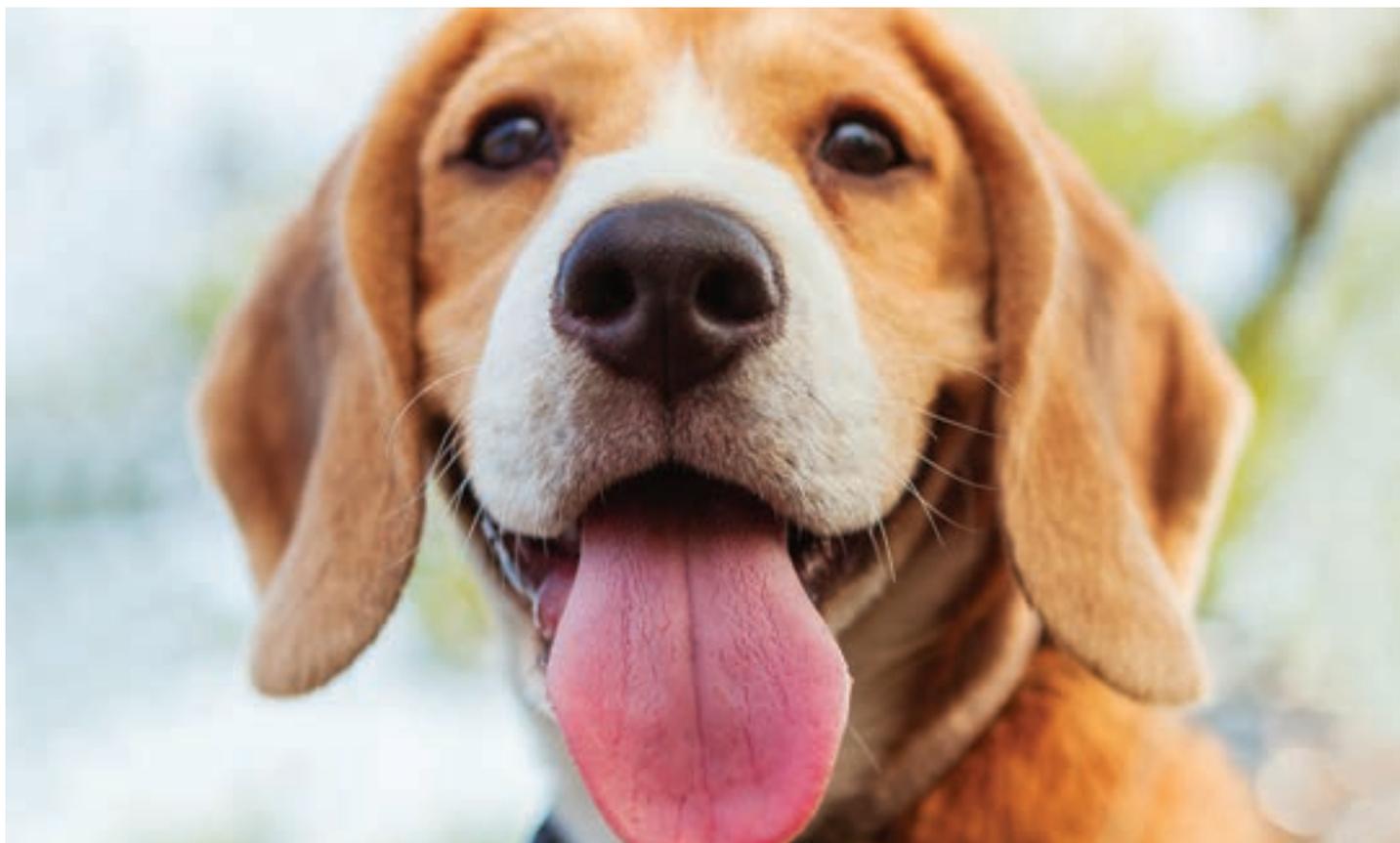
Referrals from a human service professional are required to access the ASK Program. Several presentations were made in the Saskatoon area to share the information about our program. Information is available on New Hope Dog Rescue's website about the ASK Program. We are happy to

have support of our program from our community.

Our program provides free care for pets owned by the victims fleeing interpersonal violence. Pets will be cared for in loving foster homes for up to 90 days. The foster homes have received specialized training to meet the needs of pets coming from homes where there has been violence or abuse. ASK was developed to protect the safety and confidentiality of both the victims and their pets. This program is available at no charge for the pet owner. All necessary food and pet care supplies (e.g., bowls, leashes) are provided. Veterinary care is also available.

New Hope will continue this program as long as there is a need. We know every single pet deserves to feel safe. We are committed to making a difference in our community!

To learn more about the ASK Program visit www.newhoperescue.org/animal-safekeeping



ANIMALS & EMERGENCIES: ARE YOU PREPARED?

Wildfires. Flooding. Extended power outages. Are you and your family ready to handle these and other types of emergencies and natural disasters?

Emergency readiness was the focus of a 3-part webinar series hosted by the Saskatchewan SPCA in February.

The webinars highlighted the importance of planning and preparation in order to protect you, your family, and your animals.



Josh Hourie moderates the Animals & Emergencies Webinar Series

Webinar speakers and topics:

- Lorraine Serhienko, RVT, shared lessons learned about animal care during wildfire emergencies in Alberta and Saskatchewan.
- Ray Unrau from the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency discussed the role of the individual and the three levels of government in responding to disasters.
- Counsellor Lauren Van Ewyk offered strategies to cope with the immediate and the long-term loss felt as a result of a crisis.
- Mel Sehn, a rancher from the Richmond area, spoke about his experiences during the 2017 Burstall fire.

Learn more about the steps you can take to protect your family pets at www.saskspca.ca/emergency.

The Animals & Emergencies webinar series was organized by:



Saskatchewan Poultry Council



WIN A PERSONALIZED SASKATCHEWAN SPCA LICENCE PLATE!



Want to win your very own personalized Saskatchewan SPCA licence plate? Entering is easy! Everyone who makes a donation to the Saskatchewan Emergency Pet Food Bank using the enclosed donation form will be entered into a draw for the licence plate prize.

Proceeds from the sale of all Saskatchewan SPCA licence plates in 2021 support the Saskatchewan Emergency Pet Food Bank. To learn more about licence plates, or to order your own plate, visit www.saskspca.ca/licence-plates.

NEW MENTAL HEALTH APP FOR AG SECTOR

By Neil Billinger, Ag Director, CJWW

Bridges Health in Saskatoon developed the new app called Avail with the help of a \$10,000 grant from the provincial government's Innovation Challenge program.

The app asks relevant questions as part of a routine mental health self-assessment. The confidential system tracks responses to questions about topics such as anxiety, depression, parenting, care giving and substance abuse. Leon Ferguson, vice-president of Bridges Health, calls it a comprehensive self-help tool.

"It gives you an opportunity to kind of reflect on where you are at, which is a nice thing and it also encourages you along the way. I think that is a huge component to success," Ferguson said.

The app can direct you to relevant videos, articles or even a mental health professional. The app is free, but any personal health support services would have the normal fees.

The toll-free Farm Stress Line fielded more than 1,000 calls during 2019-20, an increase of nearly 30 percent over the previous year. Ferguson believes the app provides an opportunity to identify issues at an earlier stage.

"When we are able to access these kinds of tools and supports, we're able to get a better understanding of the overall health and wellness and how it all plays together," Ferguson said. "What we're trying to do is achieve the success and the prevention and sustainability and to thrive so that those stress lines aren't needed as much, but they're definitely very valuable to be there now."

WEBINAR OPPORTUNITY: INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AND ANIMAL OWNERSHIP: EXPERIENCES OF SURVIVORS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

Join us for a webinar featuring Crystal Giesbrecht from the Provincial Association of Transition Houses and Services of Saskatchewan (PATHS). Crystal will share results of research conducted in Saskatchewan with victims/survivors of intimate partner violence who own pets and farm animals, animal welfare professionals, and human service professionals. Examples of the intersections of intimate partner violence, animal maltreatment, and the need for animal safekeeping, as well as recommendations from survivors and service providers, will be shared.

Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Time: 1:30 p.m.

**To register email info@saskspca.ca
or call 1-877-382-7722**

PLATES FOR PUPPIES (AND OTHER PETS, TOO!)



The Saskatchewan Emergency Pet Food Bank is benefitting from the sale of all Saskatchewan SPCA specialty licence plates through 2021. The proceeds from the sale of all licence plates this year will be used to help families feed their pets.

Valley Ford in Hague pounced on the opportunity to help Saskatchewan families. They have purchased 25 gift vouchers that they will share with their dealership clients. "Valley Ford in Hague is proud to support the Saskatchewan SPCA specialty licence plate program. We would be

lost without our fur friends," explains Christy Adams with Valley Ford.

To get your own Saskatchewan SPCA licence plate, visit our friends at Valley Ford in Hague or order your voucher online at www.saskspca.ca/licence-plates. Plates can also be purchased at any SGI motor licence issuer in Saskatchewan.





WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN FILING AN ANIMAL CRUELTY COMPLAINT

When you call Animal Protection Services of Saskatchewan (APSS) at 1-844-382-0002, they are opening a file similar to a police investigation. In order to do so, APSS needs timely, first-hand details to proceed.

When calling, you will be asked for the following:

- Date & time of the incident.
- An address of where the alleged offence occurred. If it's a rural location, you will also be asked to provide directions.
- Details of what you saw (APSS cannot accept hearsay, second-hand information, or social media posts).
- Any photos that you may have.
- If the offence involved a vehicle, you will be asked to provide a description, including the licence plate number, make, model, and colour.
- A description of the animal's owner.
- Describe what kind of animals were involved (e.g.: cows, horses, cats, dogs, etc.).
- The approximate or exact number of each type of animal. For example, if you're calling about a herd of cattle, is the Animal Protection Officer (APO) looking for ten, 12, or 250 head of cattle?

- A description of the animal. For example: What breed is the dog? Is it a large or small? What type and colour is its fur?
- The exact address or location of the animal(s), starting with the closest city or town, the town address, or if it's rural, the legal land description. If you don't know the legal land description, then clear driving directions that include range and/or township roads.
- Details of your concern – body condition of the animal(s), the environment which the animal is in, as well as food, water, and shelter availability.
- Is this animal a stray? APOs do not pick up stray animals of any kind. Stray cats and dogs fall under the jurisdiction of local bylaws. If your area does not have a cat or dog bylaw, the issue is still not APSS's responsibility. APOs only deal with owned animals in distress.

Animal Protection Officers travel hundreds of thousands of kilometers each year investigating complaints. If the animal is in dire condition, APSS makes it a priority to get to the location quickly. In many situations, it may be a couple of days before APOs arrive, especially if it is a remote location.

To learn more about Animal Protection Services of Saskatchewan, visit their website at www.animalprotectionservices.ca.

\$7.5 MILLION FOR LIVESTOCK AND FORAGE RESEARCH IN SASKATCHEWAN

By Neil Billinger, Ag Director, CJWW

The money from the federal/provincial Agriculture Development Fund (ADF) will go to individual research projects and the operations of two important research facilities.

There is more than \$4.1 million for twenty-four livestock and forage related research projects. The remaining \$3.4 million is earmarked

for the Prairie Swine Centre and the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) at the University of Saskatchewan.

“Through the ADF, producers benefit from research into new forage varieties, improved livestock feeding systems and management of animal diseases that drive industry growth,” said David Marit, provincial agriculture minister. “This year’s projects will

expand the growth potential of the industry by exploring topics such as water quality, cost of production, diagnostic supports, animal health, forage production, quality and breeding.”

The bulk of the ADF funding (\$6.5 million) goes to work at the University of Saskatchewan. Three University of Regina research projects have been awarded close to \$600,000.



TO REPORT SUSPECTED ANIMAL CRUELTY:

Dogs & cats:

In Saskatoon: Saskatoon SPCA: 306.374.7387
In Regina: Regina Humane Society:
306.543.6363

Dogs & cats in all other locations:

Animal Protection Services of Saskatchewan:
1.844.382.0002

Livestock:

Animal Protection Services of Saskatchewan:
1.844.382.0002

SASKATCHEWAN SPCA 2020 CHRISTMAS CASH LOTTERY WINNERS LIST

DRAW DATE	NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT	TICKET NUMBER
Early Bird Draw December 1, 2020	Ruth Bruce	Wolseley	\$ 3,000.00	T26653
Stocking Stuffer Draws December 22, 2020	Blaine Mappin	Prince Albert	\$ 500.00	T07941
	Marilyn Adams	Saskatoon	\$ 500.00	T15211
	Terence A Simonot	Saskatoon	\$ 500.00	T21522
	Martin Beaulieu	Esterhazy	\$ 500.00	T19268
	Larry Perpeluk	Kamsack	\$ 500.00	T14529
	Owen Olfert	Saskatoon	\$ 500.00	T17276
	Oraise Horkoff	Swift Current	\$ 500.00	T24523
	Julie Folden	Melfort	\$ 500.00	T04489
	Randy Pister	Yorkton	\$ 500.00	T28890
	Ron Lypchuk	Prince Albert	\$ 500.00	T07536
	Joan Fallis	Estevan	\$ 500.00	T07509
	Brenda Herner	Unity	\$ 500.00	T19235
	Ilene Ekelin	Smiley	\$ 500.00	T12632
	Barb Creary	Shell Lake	\$ 500.00	T19286
Arlene Ross	Milden	\$ 500.00	T28591	
Grand Prize Draw December 22, 2020	Cindy Ingram	St. Walburg	\$ 25,000.00	T14919
Huge Supporter Draw December 22, 2020	Ole K. & Georgia Dangstorp	Oxbow	\$ 5,000.00	T28441
50/50 Kitty Pool December 22, 2020	Maxine Olmsted	Swift Current	\$ 35,827.50	F02617

AGM: SAVE THE DATE

The Saskatchewan SPCA's 2021 Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 18. The location and time is to be determined. This event is open to the public.

More information will be available in future editions of The Humanitarian and online at www.saskspca.ca.

CONSIDER A MONTHLY DONATION TO THE SASKATCHEWAN SPCA

The Saskatchewan SPCA operates thanks to the generous support of our members and donors like you. Please consider making a recurring donation to the Society through our monthly donation option. Contact our office at 1-877-382-7722 to learn about your options for having regular

monthly donations made to the Saskatchewan SPCA. All charitable donations of \$10 or more are eligible for a charitable tax receipt.





\$71,650*

IN CASH PRIZES

TICKETS AVAILABLE APRIL 1, 2021

*Total cash payout is approximate; 50/50 total cannot be determined until draw takes place.

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