

# **NWT SPCA**

**Advocates for Animals of the North**

## **Facts and Figures**

**Information and Questions for Territorial MLA  
Candidates - Election 2019**



**It is proven that the general welfare of a  
community begins with the improved  
attitude and care of its animals.**

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

The NWT SPCA is a non-profit, charitable, and volunteer board -run organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for all domestic animals in the Northwest Territories since its establishment in 1988.

From its inception the organizational goals have been:

- To promote awareness of, and concern for, the humane treatment of domestic animals;
- To discourage abusive practices leading to domestic animal suffering;
- To encourage responsible care and treatment of domestic animals;
- To encourage and support law enforcement of current and future laws enacted for the protection of domestic animals;
- To encourage and promote the adoptions of abandoned and stray animals from animal shelters, SPCAs, rescue organizations, and Humane Societies;
- To assist other animal shelters and communities in the NWT who want to improve the quality of life for domestic animals in their own communities.
- To help communities be healthier and safer through helping the dogs. To be as environmentally friendly as possible at our facility



Our organization continues to build and improve upon our shelter facility (built in October 2012) and the programs offered to the communities of the NWT. Most of the animals we care for need medical attention of varying degrees including basic vaccinations, deworming, sterilization, to life threatening viruses, infections, abrasions and malnutrition and sometimes amputation. Serious abuse cases such as starvation, gun shots, stabbing and deeply embedded collars are also a reality to our organization.

**The NWT has placed last or second last for years according to the Canadian Animal Protection Laws Ranking**

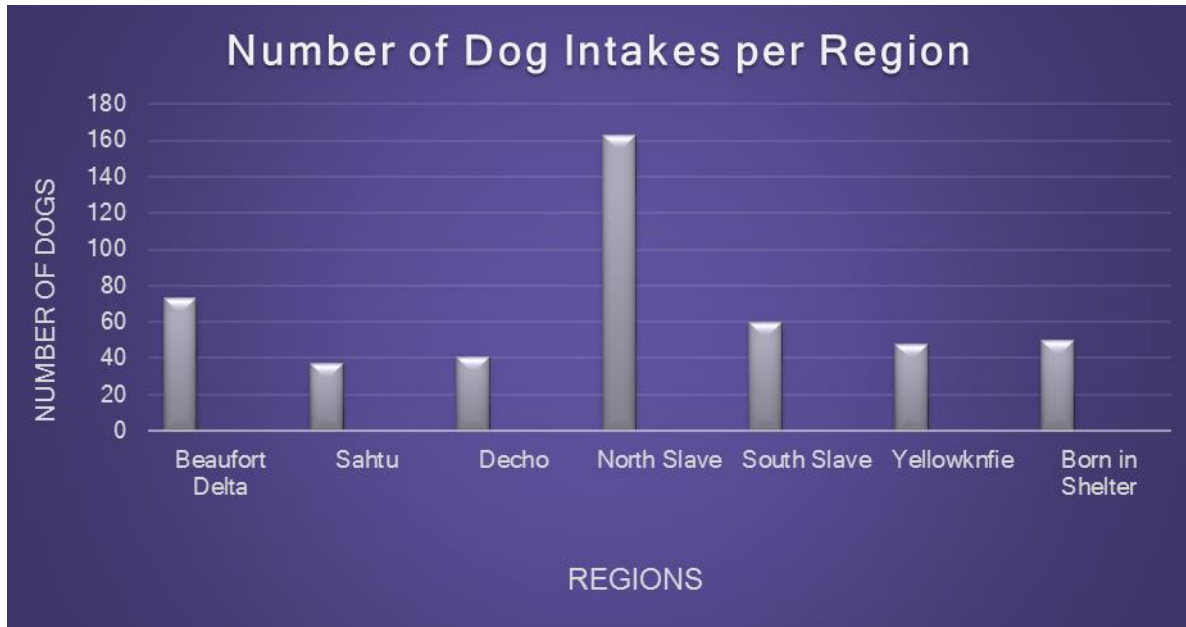
# Some Facts and Stats about the NWT SPCA

- **Purchased land** for \$204,000 from City of Yellowknife
- Our Building and assets total approximately 1 million dollars
- We are a volunteer Board of Directors that is very involved in the day to day running of the shelter.
- Staff is required to care for an average of **640** dogs a year and over 100 cats
- **29 NWT communities** asked for our help in 2018
- Employment of **up to 20 people** BUT have a high staff turn-over due to necessary low wages
- A vet team on site and for clinics
- There were **377 adoptions** in 2018
- Medical expenses for shelter - \$90,000
- Only \$36,000 in Grants from the Municipal or Territorial Governments in 2018
- **On a given day 40 dogs and 10 cats** are in our care
- Revenue in 2018 - \$678,000
- Expenses in 2018 - \$632,000.
- Annual freight including animal transfer, community food and supplies shipment cost \$40,000
- In 2018 - **5 community** Spay and Neuter Clinics
- Utilities and Insurance cost \$20,000 a year.
- Provide affordable programs such as vaccination /spay & neuter services to communities
- Provide opportunities for **Yellowknife Community Living** **EmployABILITY program**, Brownies and GirlSpace groups, Sports Teams and **Schools** (comm hours)



**Communities ask the NWT SPCA for help each day!**

## Where do the dogs come from?



## Intakes at the shelter

Animal intakes always vary slightly but dogs from the communities outside of Yellowknife make up the majority. In 2018 intakes included **640 dogs**, 104 cats, 13 smaller critters. There were 54 animals born at the shelter as well.

	Dog	Cat	Other
Adoptions in NWT	242	N/A	5
Adoptions outside NWT	129	101	N/A
Transfers to other Rescues	228	N/A	N/A

**HELPING ALL COMMUNITIES IN THE NWT**

## **~ Mission ~**

To protect and enhance the quality of life for all domestic animals in NWT and to help support the North in appreciating and learning the value of the northern dog in today's society.

## **~ Vision ~**

To prevent animal cruelty; educate about humane treatment of animals; provide shelter and care to abandoned and abused animals; and encourage adoption to suitable homes. Through education and programs, we hope to promote responsible pet ownership and encourage spaying/neutering, so animals can live the best life possible.

**Our over-all goal is to engage and encourage our society to help build communities where all animals who depend on humans for their wellbeing can experience freedom from hunger and thirst, pain and injury, distress and discomfort.**

## **~ Requirements for Success ~**

**The needs of our Mission are enormous and beyond our ability to fulfill within our current financial capacity and framework.**

**We require all governments to recognize that our organization and its programs can help with improving the communities social, health and safety concerns.**

**Resources and partnerships are essential to improve the health of each community, and core funding and support is critical to accomplish this.**

## QUESTIONS FOR MLA CANDIDATES

1. **The NWT is in second last place regarding Animal Protection Laws.** Animal abuse and neglect continues throughout the Territory with few charges and even less convictions. How will you promote and work toward better animal rights in the Territory?
2. **Northern Communities are continually asking the NWT SPCA for help regarding animal care, supplying pet food and removal of unwanted or nuisance dogs.** It is important to the health and safety of their neighbourhoods. The NWT SPCA helps members and community governments by sending pet food as well as removing dogs from their community. The alternative is starvation and shootings as a means of control. Will you support the NWT SPCA and advocate for Annual Core Funding from the GNWT so the organization can continue its many programs and necessary services to assist NWT Communities?
3. Most Northern Communities have limited access to vet care. It is a major reason for the over population and the suffering of thousands of dogs in the North. **Communities continue to ask the NWT SPCA to visit their community with the mobile spay and neuter clinics.** Will you support funding for the NWT SPCA to increase the number of animal health and wellness clinics in the NWT communities? What steps will you take to ensure this Government support?

The NWT SPCA would very much appreciate all candidates to read and answer these questions and reply in writing to [nwtspcayk@gmail.com](mailto:nwtspcayk@gmail.com) by September 20th.

Thank you