

# The SPCA NewsPaws

Dedicated to Animal Welfare in Newfoundland and Labrador

## DUMPLINGS STORY, A SECOND CHANCE

*by our Shelter Manager & Special Constable Susan Deir*

Animals are always being abandoned by their owners when they are no longer wanted or when it becomes inconvenient to keep them. The lucky ones are left at shelters but not all are that fortunate. For some reason people think these animals will survive if they drop them off on the highway, in the woods or at the community dump. Anyone who has ever been to a garbage dump knows all too well the number of cats that live there searching for food and shelter.

Recently at our shelter there was an eight week old tabby and white kitten who was rescued from the Robin Hood Bay dump in St. John's. We affectionately named him "Dumpling". We don't know how he ended up on the dump in the first place but we are assuming someone dropped him off there, either alone or with kit-

tens, though no more were to be seen the day Dumpling was rescued. He wasn't born on the dump as he was not feral and purred so loud when you stroked him. The day Dumpling came to the shelter could well have been the day he died.

You see, this little guy was sitting on the top of a bag of garbage in an old car wreck that was being loaded into "The Crusher". In a matter of minutes this old car wreck would have been completely flattened, along with the kitten. Luckily just before this happened one of the workers at the dump saw this tiny kitten peeping out of the window, probably wondering what was happening. The car was lowered back to the

ground where the kitten was removed and brought to the SPCA.

Dumpling was very dirty and scared and had an eye injury, but when you held him and encouraged him to drink some warm milk he just looked at you with those eyes and your heart melted. That night it was more than just shelter staff who were thinking about this little darling kitten.

The gentle man who rescued him couldn't get him out of his mind either. By lunch time the next day the man was on our doorstep once again, this time to say he and his fiancé had spoken about the kitten and decided they still had room in their home and hearts for one more pet. Dumpling probably doesn't realize how lucky he was the day he was rescued but I'm sure these wonderful people will spend the next

15 years showing him. We are happy to say Dumpling went home two days later.

Note: Dumpling is one of the lucky ones. He now has a second chance at a long and happy carefree life spent catnapping and ruling' the house (as most house cats do). Not all are this lucky.

If you can no longer keep your pet for whatever reason, please contact your local SPCA for advice.

Remember, abandonment is not only cruel... It is against the law!



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[www.spcastjohns.org](http://www.spcastjohns.org)

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## A Big Thank You

by Debbie Powers, SPCA Volunteer Shelter Director

Yet another very busy year for our St. John's SPCA Animal Shelter with the exodus of people departing for Alberta and other destinations comes an increase of animals through our shelter doors; seeking new homes.

Some we are able to relocate, others are not so lucky. However, we shall continue to seek the very best for them to the best of our abilities. Dogs are a little easier to adopt. Cats are often more difficult to find good homes, as the numbers brought to our shelter are ever increasing. We have also had our share this year of unwanted rabbits, and these too, are difficult to find new homes for. However, we shall continue to provide for these dear creatures.

For providing all of these things, I wish to extend to every single person who supports our efforts in so many ways, a huge thank you. Without your support be it in a monetary way, goods and services or donating flea market items, newspapers, food, office and cleaning supplies, giving of your precious time to care for the animals at the shelter, selling tickets, working and attending our fund raising events, sorting grocery tapes, maintaining our website, printing our NewsPaws, providing food and treats, advertising in our local papers, television and radio, WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL. To those who have taken these innocent animals entered their lives as part of your families and given them a second chance, THANK YOU!

To our staff, I wish to offer my own personal thank you for your work, caring and dedication. You have a most difficult job, I know.

And finally, I would like to wish all of you a Safe and Wonderful Holiday season filled with the love of family and friends! We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

## 2008 "Paws for Thought" Calendar is now available



The calendar is available at the SPCA Shelter, RCAF Road or by order on Visa or MasterCard by calling 726-0301 or by using the enclosed order form in this newsletter. You can also order directly from our website. Just go to the Online Store section.

The Calendar is also available at the following locations: Critters N' Things, Sunrise Animal Hospital, Topsail Road Vet, Brown's Store (Portugal Cove Road), Torbay Road Vet, St. John's Veterinary Hospital, Avalon Animal Hospital, The Hair Factory (Churchill Square & The Fairmont), Belbin's Grocery, Woodpath Cat & Dog Hospital, Baccalieu Trail Animal Hospital

## Check out our New Website

We are very excited to launch our new website:

[www.spcastjohns.org](http://www.spcastjohns.org)

Email: [spcastjohns@gmail.com](mailto:spcastjohns@gmail.com)

Our new website has many new features including a Kids Section, Lost & Found, Pet Memorials and our online shop which has many great gift ideas for Christmas.

*Be sure to check it out.*

Many thanks to Debbie Moore of Moore Designs Website Services (a local website company) for hosting and maintaining our new website.



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## Letters to the Editor...



My little dog and friend Tyler - Mixed Breed - Part Poodle, Part Terrier

Tyler was born in September of 1991. He was the cutest little puppy. From the moment he arrived he brought such joy to our family. My Mom, Dad, Sister, Nan & Myself all cared for Tyler. Tyler was like another member of our family only he walked on four legs instead of two. He got a lot of love and attention.

From the time he was a puppy he was walked almost every day either with Myself, Mom or Dad. He was never leash trained but always walked beside us on the trails.

My Nan used to love to bath him and would always wash his face with a cloth just like you would a little child. I can remember at one time my grandmother said "I hope I pass on before that little fellow, referring to Tyler, because I don't think I could handle losing him".

Tyler loved a ride in the car and still does. He would always get up and lye at the back of my fathers head when he drove. When he was in the car with me or my sister, he always wanted to sit on our legs behind the steering wheel. He was always the boss and still is.

When my sister moved away from home I took care of Tyler and he became my dog.

From the time he was a puppy he was brought to the vet for his needles and regular check ups. Over the past year Tyler has had a lot of health problems. I work during the day but my sister or Mom are always there during the day to let him outdoors. Sparky is also with Tyler during the day. Sparky, my other dog who will be 16 in January is a mixed breed also (part Husky, part chocolate lab). Sparky is perfectly healthy. They are great company for each other and have been together a long time.

Tyler was diagnosed in September of 2006 with congested heart failure and in June of 2007 with kidney failure but

because of medication and consistent care from me, my sister and Mom and the great care that he has gotten from Dr Cheryl Laite and Dr. Hendrik DeZeeuw at Sunrise Animal Hospital, Tyler is living a healthy pain free life. He still walks with me 15 minutes a day, 2 days a week. My Mom always says, he should have been a cat. He has nine lives. He is such a strong and determined little dog.

I understand that every life must come to an end but by knowing in your heart and soul that you cared for and loved an animal as much as possible gives you a clear mind and happy heart.

I hope Tyler is with us for a long time to come. My love for him and other animals that my family has had and lost will live on in my heart forever. If you have an animal you should always love and take good care of it. They are living creatures too.

Tyler's Mom, Tracy Ronayne

Tracy Ronayne

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

by Joseph Griffiths

**HO! HO! HO! You'd better be good and you'd better watch out ...**

For the past nine years, Santa has been visiting with our four legged friends at St. David's Church Hall to have photos taken with the whole family. Santa has great patience and has enjoyed many puppy kisses, cat scratches and has been even left some surprises by dogs over the years. Our Santa has heard many Christmas wishes from cats, dogs, birds, reptiles, rabbits, and even goats. It's a fun time for everyone, young and old alike.



Many thanks to Sharon Cummings for making our Annual Tradition of Pet Pics a huge success year after year. Sharon is a devoted pet owner and her family includes her partner Barb and SPCA specials, Jill, a silly English Setter and two cats, Julius & Caesar. Sharon also volunteers her time at our Booth at the St. John's Regatta.

Sharon, we are so thankful to have you as one of our valued volunteers.

# NewsPaws

## **The Night Before Christmas...** *Author Unknown*

Tis the night before Christmas and all through the town,  
every shelter is full - we are lost but not found.  
Our numbers are hung on our kennels so bare,  
we hope every minute that someone will care,  
They'll come to adopt us and give us the call,  
"Come here, Max and Sparkie - come fetch your new ball!!  
But now we sit here and think of the days  
we were treated so fondly - we had cute, baby ways,  
Once we were little, then we grew and we grew -  
now we're no longer young and we're no longer new.  
So out the back door we were thrown like the trash,  
they reacted so quickly - why were they so rash?  
We "jump on the children:, "don't come when they call",  
we "bark when they leave us", climb over the wall.  
We should have been neutered, we should have been  
spayed,  
now we suffer the consequence of the errors THEY made.  
If only they'd trained us, if only we knew...  
we'd have done what they asked us and worshiped them,  
too.  
We were left in the backyard, or worse - let to roam -  
now we're tired and lonely and out of a home.  
They dropped us off here and they kissed us good-bye...

"Maybe someone else will give you a try."  
So now here we are, all confused and alone...  
in a shelter with others who long for a home.  
The kind workers come through with a meal and a pat,  
with so many to care for,  
they can't stay to chat,  
They move to the next kennel,  
giving each of us cheer...  
we know that they wonder how long we'll be here.  
We lay down to sleep  
and sweet dreams fill our heads..  
of a home filled with love and our own cozy beds.  
Then we wake to see sad eyes, brimming with tears --  
our friends filled with emptiness, worry, and fear.  
If you can't adopt us and there's no room at the Inn --  
could you help with the bills and fill our food bin?  
We count on your kindness each day of the year --  
can you give more than hope to everyone here?  
Please make a donation to pay for the heat...  
and help get us something special to eat.  
The shelter that cares for us wants us to live,  
and more of us will, if more people will give.

*Please do not give pets as Christmas pets this Holiday season*

## **Pawsitive People...**

### **The Shelter finally has a Van!**

Thanks to the efforts of an anonymous volunteer, we are the proud owners of a very gently used 2006 Chevy cargo van. The shelter has needed one for quite some time and with the very generous help of Dan Penney from the Penney Automotive Group we were able to make it happen. Many families helped sponsor the van and we would like to extend a sincere thanks to them: Renee & Paul Antle, Bernice & Tony Batten, Sarah Barron, Chris Collingwood, Rick & Stephanie Dawe, Mark & Sandra Dobbin, Rick Harnum, Ayla & Mark Perry, Todd Noseworthy, Ian Pippy, Ches & Sharon Pippy, Florence Pippy, Sharon Pippy, Pamela Pippy, Jillian Pridham, Jim & Leslie Rourke, Linda & Derrick Rowe, Ray Smallwood, Betty & Bob Young and especially Dan Penney for enabling us to reach our goal.



## ***More Pawsitive People...***



Special Thanks to Adam Baxter for providing the Entertainment at our Annual Silent Auction and **Dessert Party held at the Fluvarium**



Donation of \$1000 by Canada Post Distribution Section employees at the St.John's Mail Processing Plant Pictured are: (left to right) Brett Reynolds, Chris Courtney (supt), Mark Howlett, Sharon Mackey, Wayne Haynes, Alex Thompson, Jane Higgins & Melissa Raymond from the SPCA

***Kudos to St. Paul's Junior High & Mount Pearl Intermediate for their generous donations to the Shelter***



1st Guide Group Torbay shown in this photo presenting food, treats and much needed supplies for the animals. A huge thank you girls!

## SPCA St. John's 2006 Annual Report (published May 2007)

### Our Report to the Community

The goals of the St. John's SPCA are to relieve the suffering of animals, to promote responsible pet ownership, and to encourage spaying and neutering. The work and mission of the St. John's SPCA is carried out daily by the staff at our shelter and by hundreds of volunteers. We could not continue with our work without the thousands of supporters in the community who provide critical funding. In recognition of this support we are releasing this annual Report to the Community to describe the work of the SPCA, our challenges and successes and where the fundraising dollars are spent.

*On behalf of the SPCA Board of Directors and the shelter staff and volunteers, we thank you for your contributions!*

### Cruelty Investigation and Complaint Calls

The SPCA has 4 Special Constables who perform their duties under the authority of the Animal Protection Act. They respond to complaint calls all over the Avalon Peninsula. When an animal has been severely abused or neglected, the constables may remove the animal from the premises and hold the person accountable. They may also recommend that the police pursue certain cases of abuse and neglect and seek prosecution in the courts. Currently the vast majority of complaint calls are handled by 2 of our Special Constables. Two other Special Constables are available, but on a limited basis at the present time.

Our Special Constables volunteer their time, money, and personal vehicles to respond to animals in need as far away as Whitbourne, Trepassey, Placentia and Harbour Grace. Municipalities outside St. John's have not provided any financial support to the SPCA for the provision of these services. In some cases the SPCA has billed these communities, but to date none of these bills have been paid.

The complaints we receive are usually made by concerned members of the public. Members of the RNC and RCMP also file complaints when they come across an abused or neglected animals in the course of their duties. Various provincial and federal government departments may call on the SPCA for help as well.

- 665 complaints of animal cruelty and neglect in 2006
- 247 of those calls from outside of St. John's

### Animal Sheltering and Adoption

Although we do our best to find homes for the animals that come into the shelter, it is not always possible. Some animals may not be adoptable due to illness or behavior issues; sometimes the shelter is just too crowded to keep all the animals that come through the door.

In addition to dogs and cats, the shelter also cares for rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets, reptiles, and other exotic animals each year. Providing a temporary home for such a diverse group of animals challenges our staff and volunteers.

This year we formed a partnership with Petcetera. This pet supply store has agreed not to sell cats and kittens, but rather to take cats and kittens from our shelter to help find homes for them through their store on Kelsey Drive. The adoptions from Petcetera are administered by the SPCA and follow our guidelines.

In 2006, a total of 1882 animals arrived at the St. John's shelter.

#### Total Cats and Kittens: 1362

Adopted from shelter: 498

Adopted through Petcetera: 28

Returned to owner: 32

Euthanized: 804

#### Total Dogs and Puppies: 520

Adopted: 306

Returned to owner: 104

Euthanized: 110

#### Total Rabbits: 9

Euthanized: 9

#### Total Guinea Pigs 4

Adopted: 1

Euthanized: 3

#### Others:

1 Pot Bellied Pig: Adopted

1 Budgie Bird: Adopted

#### Fast Fact:

The most common complaints include, "No food, water and/or shelter," abandonment and a lack of necessary medical care.

#### Fast Fact:

In 2006, a total of 1882 animals arrived at the St. John's shelter. That's approximately one animal for every 125 people on the Avalon Peninsula!

### Humane Education

Education and public awareness of animal welfare issues is one of our most important roles. We do this in several ways, through the media, our fundraising events, shelter tours, public seminars, and our Dog Bite Prevention program delivered in partnership with dog trainer, Glenn Redmond.

12 groups toured the Shelter this year, including Girl Guides, Scouts, and school groups.

Dog Bite Prevention program delivered to over 1000 elementary school children.

The St. John's SPCA launched a "Start a Chain Reaction" Campaign in September of 2006 with a presentation at the Holiday Inn in the evening of Monday, September 18th.

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This initiative is aimed at making the public aware of the unacceptable and cruel living conditions that many dogs endure and how this relates to dog aggression. It calls on local governments to enact anti-tethering laws and humane treatment laws, as well as regulation of the practice of dog breeding.

The seminar in September was very well attended by about two hundred interested area citizens, including the mayor of St. John's and other councilors from St. John's, Mount Pearl and surrounding municipalities. Various animal control officers from different regions of the Avalon Peninsula were also there.

Since then SPCA representatives have met with the Avalon Municipal Joint Council and with the Cities of St. John's and Mount Pearl. All councils were very interested in making changes to their current animal control by-laws. In fact, a recent meeting that St. John's had with Mr. Bill Bruce of the City of Calgary, regarding their "Responsible Pet Ownership" system, happened as a direct result of a recommendation made by the St. John's SPCA to Mayor Andy Wells in one of these meetings.

A petition, allowing people to express their support of this campaign, was also circulated throughout the province through the various SPCA branches and on the internet.

To date this petition contains over 4000 signatures, including 1100 from the on-line petition.

## Employees and Volunteer Program

The St. John's SPCA operations rely on support from our dedicated employees and volunteers; "casual", part-time & full time. From cleaning the kennels and feeding the animals to updating the shelter web site, from working on major fundraising events and manning information booths to baking goodies for the fairs and bake sales - volunteers are the backbone of the St. John's SPCA.

- 10 Paid employees in 2006 (includes part-time students and full-time)
- 50 Volunteers work 7 evening shifts a week plus weekend day shifts at the shelter (
- 5500\*Volunteer hours spent annually operating the shelter:
- 80-100 Volunteer bakers for fall fairs and bakes sales
- 13 Volunteer members of the Board of Directors
- 210 Volunteer Ticket Sellers
- 116 Volunteers for events
- 7 Grocery receipt counters
- 8 Cooks for the Spring Sale and Fall Fair lunch

\*This number doesn't reflect the volunteer hours spent responding to complaint calls or volunteers who work on fundraising activities.

## Fundraising

Each year the SPCA must hold a number of fundraising events in order to keep the shelter running. From heat and lights, to paying the staff members and caring for the thousands of animals that come through the facility, fundraising is an essential part of the business of the shelter.

### Some fundraising activities include:

- Monthly prize draws
- Information Booths that also collect donations
- Bake Sales and Flea Markets
- Concert and Trip ticket sales
- Annual Walk for the Animals
- Silent Auction and Dessert Party
- Pet Pictures with Santa
- Sale of T-Shirts, Bracelets etc...
- Blessing of the Animals
- Pet Photo Contest
- Sale of Calendars

### Fast Fact:

These statistics are only for the St. John's SPCA, they do not include the animals housed at the City's Humane Services Centre or other agencies.

## How can you help?

The St. John's SPCA is funded primarily by private donations, individuals, and corporations; even school groups make contributions to help us provide services to animals in need. Individual giving opportunities include participating in our special events, making donations and responding to our newsletters and community mailings.

Corporations and other organizations may offer support through event sponsorships, advertising, donations, matching gift programs, grant making, and annual giving. To the many organizations that help keep the SPCA operating we offer our deepest thanks, but there are several that deserve special mention:

We would like to send out a special thank you to **The Telegram** for their continued support. They print our 'Pet Pics' in every Thursday edition of the paper helping us return animals to their owners and find new homes for animals who need them.

**On-Hold Communications** has also been wonderful in providing our telephone messaging service. We extend heartfelt thanks to them. We would not be able to manage without this service.

To **NTV**, thank you for getting us out there in the community with your weather hits. The animals always benefit from the media coverage of the shelter and fundraising events.

**Steele Communications**, with their radio stations including **VOCM** and **Hits FM**, have been strong corporate sponsors. They have advertised many of our fundraisers and also helped us out in other capacities. Thanks for the valuable public exposure. We appreciate your support so very much.

## SPCA St. John's 2006 Annual Report (cont'd)

Another well deserved thank you goes to **Baccalieu Trail Animal Hospital** in Bay Roberts and Carbonear for their tremendous support and donations.

Individuals and organizations can also help the SPCA by donating money, time or services. There are also planned giving opportunities, which include establishing a trust, naming the St. John's SPCA as a beneficiary, establishing an endowment or bequest, or setting up a charitable gift annuity.

Please call 726-0301 or visit <http://www.spcastjohns.org> for more information on how you can help.

## Financials

It is important to note that although there are many animal welfare agencies in the city of St. John's, the St. John's Branch of the SPCA is the only one that provides its services to the entire Avalon Peninsula. Our volunteers are called upon to drive as far away as Placentia and Trepassey to rescue abused, neglected, stray, and injured animals and these communities do not contribute to our budget for these services.

### Government Support:

Municipal Government: \$12,000\*

Provincial Government: \$50,000\*\*

Federal Government: \$0

*\* The City of St. John's is the only municipality that supports the St. John's SPCA with a grant which must be applied for each year.*

*\*\*The Provincial Government funding was provided in 2006 for the first time as a result of a letter written to the Minister of Natural Resources outlining the number of services the SPCA provides at the request of provincial departments that have not been paid for by those departments.*

## Upcoming Fundraising Events:

### Pet Pics with Santa

Bring the Whole Family to Pet Pics with Santa  
Saturday, November 25 & December 1  
at St. David's Hall on Elizabeth Avenue  
To book appointments, please call 757-7313

### "Oh What a Night"

SPCA "Oh What a Night" Christmas Stocking Draw

Tickets are just \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Draw Date: December 21

1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes  
(Total Package Valued at \$2500)

Get your tickets by calling 726-0301 or at the following locations:

Critters N' Things, Sunrise Animal Hospital, Topsail Road Vet, Cho Chi Coo, Brown's Store, Torbay Road Vet, St. John's Veterinary Hospital, Avalon Animal Hospital, The Hair Factory (Churchill Square & the Fairmont), Uptown Hair Design, Georgetown Bakery, Humane Services, O'Brien's Music, The Tickle Trunk, Belbin's Grocery, Woodpath Cat & Dog Hospital, Baccalieu Trail Animal Hospital, Georgetown Bakery and from our website

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Our monthly donation plan is easy, convenient and most importantly gives us revenue we can depend on.

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Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check box if you would like to know how you can leave a bequest in your will for the St. John's SPCA

## **BARKK Food for dogs and Cats now available province wide!**

After four years of planning, BARKK Food is a reality for the Quick Family. It started with a small farm, a few layer chicks and a breeding mare, which is our first at AKHILLEUS Stables. Our small farm grew to include bull calves and our laying hens which provide the meat and eggs for BARKK Food.

Quick Family Farm which is ours as well, purchases bull calves and larger cows from a very respected dairy farm, and grows as well as have them processed for BARKK Food. The cows are coming off the milk line and are alive and very healthy; they contain absolutely no antibiotics and no drugs. The milk industry is highly regulated; we know our cows provide the healthiest meat possible.

Our chicken necks and backs are purchased directly from Country Ribbon, which is the highest quality chicken in this province. It is grown and processed here. There are absolutely no by-products sold at Country Ribbon, which lets us confirm we have a superior poultry product.

We raise our laying hens ourselves; they are free of antibiotics and drugs. Our Brown Egg Laying Red Scratchers free range during the summer months. We feed a superior mash, they also get a lot of vegetables and hay. We give our hens flax seed to ensure omega 3 eggs go into BARKK Food. We use the full egg to ensure a good calcium balance.

Having local meat also means they are not exposed to pollution the way they would have been on the mainland. They breathe our island's fresh ocean and mountain air and wash in nice clean rain.

All vegetables and fruit used in BARKK Food are organic. We have a great supplier who gives our company a great deal.

Supplements are purchased at Healthy Choices, 655 Topsail Road in St. John's. The owner works with us to ensure we have the best products available. Healthy Choices offers a very large selection of products for humans and pets. The owner and staff are very knowledgeable and we have a lot of trust in them. We are happy they have chosen to carry BARKK Food products.

BARKK Food is now available across the province. A location can be found on our website [www.barkkfood.com](http://www.barkkfood.com). If it is not available in a certain area, we are just a phone call or email away. We will get our product anywhere it is needed.

Now that BARKK Food is doing well, we have had a lot of requests for all natural treats. We have started BARKK treats for dogs and cats, and will have them in all of our locations in the near future. Our website is updated daily and will have all the information.

This is not a new concept; Steve's family has been making this diet for about twenty years. The idea of feeding raw scares a lot of people, until they research it themselves. Our website has a large links section where research is available.

For specific breed owners, we have researched many different breeds of dogs and cats from all over the world. If someone calls for an order, we will ask for the breed and research what they should and should not have in their diets. A lot of information is supplied by the dog and cat owners. We collect and use information from knowledgeable dog and cat breeders. Up to date we have built a nice database of different breeds and breeders; the main sources we use is research by Dr. Ian Billinghurst, Dr. Richard Pitcairn and Dr. Marty Goldstein. These are three of the most respected veterinarians in the world. All three have turned to a natural and holistic approach of healing and feeding pets. We use their books, newsgroups, websites, and articles to increase our knowledge of helping animals through natural feeding.

Because some people do not like the idea of feeding raw, we grind our bone with the finest grinder. This allows pet owners to cook, bake, fry or even barbecue their pet's food if they like. We hear stories from customers on how creative they are when preparing their pet's food.

This diet has been available for purchase for a while through others but the cost is usually out of reach for most people and preparing your own can be messy, especially when grinding bone. We decided our company would make it available without sacrificing quality. We are providing the best quality and keeping our prices low. We have said a thousand times; We are not in this to get rich, we just want all pets to have the chance to eat the best possible food and have long, happy, healthy lives.

We wish to thank the SPCA for their amazing work in our community and giving us this opportunity to inform their readers about our product.

Steve and Shannon Quick

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### **GIFT MEMBERSHIP**

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**THE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS**

**Please join us. Animals cannot help themselves.**

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The S.P.C.A. is a voluntary organization actively working for the  
Humane treatment of all animals

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- \$20.00 Family
- \$10.00 Single
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- \$5.00 Associate Member  
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**DONATION**

- Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Check if renewing.
- Gift Membership
- Please check here if you are interested in volunteering for the S.P.C.A. Get involved as little or as much as you like.

**Annual Membership is due November 1st. of each year.**

**Please send payment to: S.P.C.A., PO Box 1533, St. John's, NL A1C 5N8**

**SIGN  
UP A  
FRIEND**

Special Message to longtime members! Next time you decide to renew your SPCA membership, why not find just **ONE MORE** new member: maybe your parents, your siblings, a friend or co-worker. The animal problems that we deal with daily are not lessening and the more members we have, the more we will be able to do for the strayed, abandoned and abused animals in this Province.



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