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MENTAL HEALTH & ANIMAL WELFARE

If animals are in distress, there's a good chance those responsible for their care are facing significant challenges

The goal of Alberta SPCA Peace Officers for every investigation is to improve conditions for animals, whether it's providing information to the owner on animal care, or removing animals from the property to ensure they're receiving appropriate food, water and veterinary care. However, more and more we are finding we must also assist the people who are responsible for the animals.

It is an understatement to suggest that animal owners have been challenged given the pandemic and resulting conditions, the drought, and more recently the bitterly cold weather Albertans endured. Alberta SPCA Peace Officers and staff are engaging with a more frustrated, emotional, and fraught public than we have in the past. This makes dealing with animal issues so much more complicated.

The mental health of the owner is a factor in a majority of files where animals are in distress, and Alberta SPCA Peace Officers are trained to recognize these types of situations and to ensure they engage with the owner in a compassionate and respectful manner. In a perfect world we would be able to provide supports for the people involved in our investigations as they are not able to appropriately manage the type and number of animals they currently have in their custody.

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ALBERTANS EMBRACE #BETTYWHITECHALLENGE

The world lost an amazing advocate for animal welfare when Betty White passed away just before her 100th birthday. However, it has become clear Albertans will ensure her legacy lives on through the #BettyWhiteChallenge.

Our supporters donated approximately \$13,500 on Betty's birthday - January 17th. It's a wonderful tally, coming at a time of the year when donations tend to be a bit slower. And it turns out our agency was one of dozens in Alberta to benefit from the challenge to donate in Betty's name. Our survey of animal welfare charities in Alberta found that \$875,000 was donated as part of the challenge, a significant total that will benefit animals all over the province in numerous ways.

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From Our Legal Files

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Alberta SPCA Peace Officers granted inspection rights for a decade following conviction

On December 23, 2021, Dakota Beuerlein was convicted of one count under the *Animal Protection Act* (APA) of causing animals to be in distress 2(1).

In April 2021, Alberta SPCA Peace Officers received a public complaint of livestock potentially in distress on several properties west of Edmonton. When Peace Officers arrived, they found numerous cattle without appropriate feed and water, and numerous chickens without appropriate feed and shelter. Several animals required euthanasia to eliminate their distress, and numerous other animals were found to be already deceased on the property. It was determined

the animals had several different owners but that Mr. Beuerlein was the caretaker for all of them. Peace Officers ordered Mr. Beuerlein to immediately supply food and water to the animals in his care, as well as to provide proper shelter for the chickens.

As part of his conviction under the APA, Mr. Beuerlein was ordered to own no more than five livestock for a period of one year. The prohibition order also grants Alberta SPCA Peace Officers the authority to attend Mr. Beuerlein's properties, without warrant, to check on the welfare of any animals for a period of 10 years.

Betty White...

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In the days that followed the challenge, many Albertans remarked that it would be fantastic to see the event celebrated each year on Betty's birthday, and we couldn't agree more. January can be a long, dark and cold month in this province and we believe an inspirational day like this is just what we need to raise our spirits. Ultimately, Albertans will decide whether the #BettyWhiteChallenge becomes an annual event, but we are already looking forward to next January to see how Betty White's legacy lives on.

DOG HOUSE DELIVERY

Dogs are warmer this winter thanks to the generosity of Alberta SPCA supporters

When the weather turns bitter, Alberta SPCA Peace Officers are at their finest. Members of our team braved -30 temperatures last month to deliver a handful of insulated dog houses to canines in need. The structures were constructed by students in the Edmonton Catholic and Public school divisions, using materials paid for by our loyal Alberta SPCA supporters.

While many dogs are hearty breeds and are acclimatized to winter conditions, shelter must still be made available for the animals to use, should they choose to. Our organization also understands that a properly built insulated dog house is expensive, and not every pet owner has the skills to make one. That's why the Alberta SPCA partnered with schools to make these dog houses. Peace Officers have the ability to offer one of the houses to animal owners if they feel the owner needs a hand up to help care for their dog. While the donation of the house helps the humans, most importantly it ensures the animal does not suffer.

During the cold snap in early January, our team was able to donate seven of our dog houses to needy animals. Peace Officers Cayli Heathcote and Stuart Dodds also purchased straw to be used as bedding in the dog houses as straw absorbs moisture, is cost effective and is compostable.



Peace Officers Stuart Dodds and Cayli Heathcote pose with one of the dog houses delivered during early January's cold snap

Mental Health...

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In many cases, the individuals we are dealing with have significant personal challenges and require support from a mental health professional.

Regardless of the reason, the outcome is the same, animals are left suffering and in distress. Peace Officers have tools within the *Animal Protection Act* (APA) to manage these issues, however, our Peace Officers could benefit from additional tools to support better outcomes for animals. It must be recognized that while human welfare is not considered within the APA, our Peace Officers' experience in dealing with the individuals connected to the animals confirms the necessity to respond to the welfare of animal owners. Simply put - collectively we must first help people before we can help animals effectively, and in a more constructive and enduring way. The Alberta SPCA firmly believes there needs to be a connection to legislation, and capacity to empower those to address human welfare, to support improved conditions and outcomes for Alberta's animals.

As an organization, we have reached out to the Alberta Government to share our thoughts on this issue. When people suffer, we know animals suffer as well, and by helping both we can ensure fewer situations of animals in significant distress.

2021 Animal Protection Statistics

2,172 investigations

562,229 kilometres driven

8 investigations that resulted in charges

Animals Seized

- 387 cattle
- 167 cats
- 62 dogs
- 33 horses
- 68 other species

Education

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FOR TEACHERS:
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ANIMALTALES UPDATE POPULAR WITH ALBERTA TEACHERS

"This program helped my students to be more compassionate towards animals in need."

Grade 3 Teacher, Calgary

AnimalTales, our free book lending program for Alberta elementary teachers was recently updated. The update includes new books featuring new author perspectives, more animal species and new cross-curricular activities tied to the Alberta Programs of Study. The teacher's guide was also revised to include animal welfare information to help teachers facilitate discussion and enhance their own knowledge.

The updated program has been used in Alberta classrooms since November and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

The inclusion of Indigenous perspectives in each grade has been welcomed by teachers. A grade three teacher from Edmonton commented, "I liked the addition of the [Indigenous] connection with one of the books as half my class identifies as [Indigenous]. Kids love seeing characters they can relate to. A grade five teacher, also from Edmonton, enjoyed the different perspectives, stating, "[It's] great to include a book by an Indigenous author, and a book from another culture."



The new books added to the program, have also been well received. "The books were a great selection. I especially enjoyed using Kamik: An Inuit Puppy Story, as it really tied into my social studies curriculum,"

wrote a grade two teacher from Fort Vermilion. A grade five teacher from Calgary enjoyed the variety of animal species covered in the books, commenting, "The new books, featuring new animals are an excellent addition... We had such rich and in-depth conversations. This is a GRAND program!"

When asked if they would recommend this program to other teachers, a grade three teacher from Calgary stated, "Yes! The AnimalTales program provides informative stories and activities that support students in understanding perspectives of animals to build empathy. Everything is provided and well organized to teach this program."

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL KINDNESS CHALLENGE!

Each December, students from across Alberta participate in the Kindness Challenge. This all-ages activity encourages students to do small acts of kindness towards self, others, animals, and the environment for just over two weeks by following the Kindness Challenge Calendar. Each day students were prompted to do things such as making a toy or enrichment game to play with their pet, writing a letter or video chatting with a friend or family member to tell them why they appreciate them, and learning about the Five Freedoms and how to improve the quality of care for domestic animals.

A few new daily kindness prompts were added to the challenge this year! Day 6 - Learning About the Land focused on reconciliation and encouraged students to read books by Indigenous authors or learn about Indigenous Peoples who originated on the Treaty land they live on. Students used a paper fortune teller to determine their daily task for Day 3 - Kindness Challenger. Students learned about animal welfare, behaviour and safety while playing the "Get Nina Home" on Day 10 - Animal Game. If you would like to test your animal knowledge, the game is available on our website: everylivingthing.ca/GetNinaHome.

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One Family Welfare

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\$50,000 GRANT HELPS KEEP PEOPLE AND PETS TOGETHER

Edmonton Community Foundation grant allows OFW staff members to focus the whole family



One Family Welfare Administrative Support Staff Member Rachel Kelly

The Alberta SPCA has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Edmonton Community Foundation to support our work to keep families, including their pets, together. The grant will be used to hire an administrative staff member for our One Family Welfare department, ensuring our frontline workers have the resources to help people and pets in crisis situations.

Our agency has identified that a strong motivator for our clients' success is their desire to keep their families

together, pets included. Our clients are more willing to access services and overcome challenges or barriers they face so they can bring their pets home.

The One Family Welfare department offers temporary care for pets while family members seek help for themselves due to crisis situations. This includes people who are fleeing family violence, Albertans who require emergency medical care, and families who may find themselves homeless due to unforeseen circumstances. Losing a pet due to a crisis situation can be absolutely devastating. Our programs offer the ability to re-unite with pets once recovery is achieved.

The Edmonton Community Foundation Community Grant comes at an urgent time for the Alberta SPCA. The One Family Welfare department has seen a dramatic increase in need for our programs over the past year for numerous reasons, including pressures created by the pandemic. At the same time, the Alberta SPCA has lost fundraising opportunities due to public health restrictions. The number of animals accepted into our programs in 2021 was 353, a 170% increase, compared to the previous two-year

average. By hiring an administrative staff member, the Alberta SPCA is able to allow frontline staff to spend more time helping clients address their challenges while ensuring their animals are in a safe place.

One Family Welfare 2021 Statistics

Pet Safekeeping Program

Human Clients
67

Animal Clients
137

(3-year average - 163 pets)

Crisis Care Program

Human Clients
74

Animal Clients
216

(3-year average - 93 pets)

Alberta SPCA News

BUILDING COMPASSION
FOR ANIMALS SINCE 1959



Kindness Challenge...

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

On top of completing a daily activity, each class or group chose a cause to support throughout the entire challenge. Mrs. Devetten's grade five class in Calgary made holiday cards for seniors at different senior centers while the kids at the City of Beaumont School Age Site raised funds for the 'No Child Hungry' program and collected winter items for those in need. Ms. Mertens' grade one class in Olds collected items for their local food bank, which proved to be an eye opening experience. Many students were surprised and saddened to hear that some families struggle to have enough food to eat, but were equally proud to have collected two boxes of non-perishables to donate! Mr. Clarke's grade three class in Calgary not only became pen pals with seniors at a senior center, they also created kindness bookmarks for other classes in their school. It is evident by these examples that students undoubtedly made a difference in their community!

After completing the Kindness Challenge, students took time to reflect on the activity and how it made them feel and how it impacted their class, school and community. Feedback received from teachers indicates students enjoyed the challenge, particularly the days involving animals. One teachers reported "They loved telling stories about how they spend time with [and care for] their various animals."

Every class and group who participated in the Kindness Challenge earned a map on the Kindness Map and was awarded a certificate. To view the marks and to read more about each class and group who participated visit our website:

everylivingthing.ca/map

AnimalTales...

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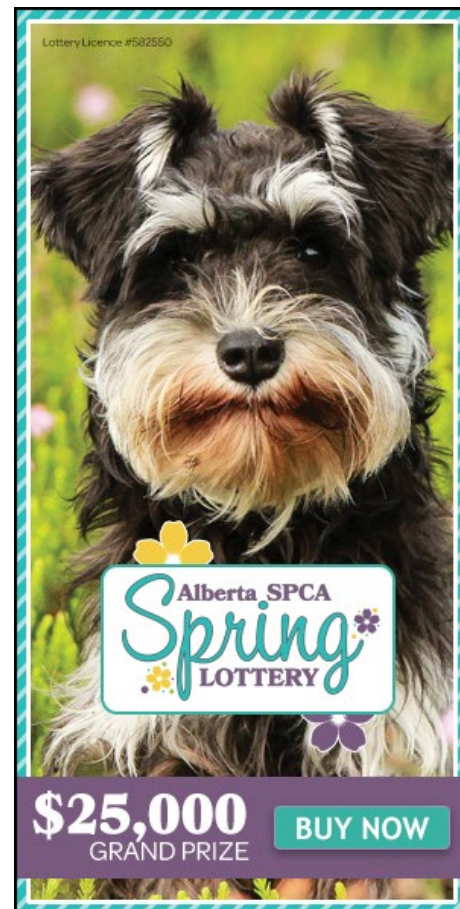
Another teacher noticed a change in student behaviour, noting, "This program helped my students to be more compassionate towards animals in need. Highly recommend!" A Kindergarten teacher from Fort Chipewyan enjoyed how the program is available to those in remote locations as resources can be hard to find, stating she would recommend the program to other teachers because, "books [are] not available in isolated communities."

AnimalTales is available for free to Alberta teachers (K-Grade 6) anywhere in the province. The program includes discussion and activities to foster empathy, respect and responsibility while learning about the needs of animals. The package is mailed directly to schools and teachers have around four weeks with the materials. If you are, or know of, a teacher who is interested in using this program visit everylivingthing.ca/AnimalTales.

50/50 RAFFLES

The Alberta SPCA added 50/50 raffles to our fundraising during the pandemic as a way to replace lost revenue due to casinos being closed. They have proven to be very popular with close to \$450,000 in prize money awarded to date.

We now include 50/50s as part of our traditional cash lotteries. Tickets for both can be purchased on our website at albertasPCA.org.



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