



pei Humane Society



2023 - 24 ANNUAL REPORT

OUR VISION

The PEI Humane Society will provide leadership across Prince Edward Island, in ensuring the proper treatment of companion animals

MISSION STATEMENT

To advance animal welfare protection province wide, aligned to the Animal Welfare Act, and champion best practices in prevention, sheltering, and placement of companion animals

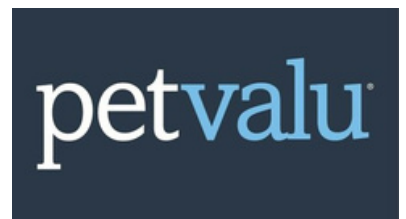
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- Humane treatment and care for all companion animals*
- Protection from and prevention of abuse and neglect for all companion animals*
- Promoting informed and responsible ownership of companion animals*
- Protecting public health and safety relating to companion animals*
- Promoting the continued health and safety of employees and visitors to the PEI Humane Society*



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS

An annual report is a comprehensive report on a company's activities throughout the preceding year.



A NOTE FROM THE SHELTER

In 2024, we celebrated the 50th anniversary since the PEI Humane Society's incorporation.

As we celebrate the achievements of the past fiscal year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. Your incredible support has been vital in helping us fulfill our mission, and we cannot thank you enough!

We are thrilled to announce that we are nearing the completion of our capital project—the construction of a brand new animal shelter! This exciting development, made possible by your generosity, will greatly enhance our capacity and allow us to provide even better services to our community. With these new facilities, we're eager to offer a higher standard of care and expand our outreach to help more animals find their forever homes.

This year has also brought its challenges. We've seen a notable increase in animal intakes and a longer length of stay for many of our furry friends.

While adoptions have slowed, we are committed to finding loving homes for each and every animal in our care. This is why you'll note an increase in our length of stay as you read-through this report. We continue to remain committed to giving every adoptable animal a chance at finding a forever home - even if it takes longer for us to do it!

Looking ahead to the next fiscal year, we are filled with optimism and excitement for what we can accomplish together! With your continued support, we believe we can turn challenges into opportunities, ensuring a brighter future for the animals and families we serve.

Thank you once again for being such an integral part of our journey. Your kindness and compassion inspire us every day, and we are so grateful to have you by our side!







ELAINE BRIEN

A heartfelt commitment to animal welfare

Elaine Brien's passion for animals runs deep. As a monthly donor to the PEI Humane Society and a legacy giver through her will, she exemplifies how love for animals can inspire significant acts of kindness. Her journey from Ontario to Prince Edward Island has been fueled by a lifelong dedication to the welfare of animals, particularly those in need.

A Journey of Love and Compassion

Growing up, Elaine always had a soft spot for animals, but it was her marriage that truly sparked her commitment. With her husband, she adopted two dogs, and despite some initial reluctance, they began fostering. Their first foster dog, Hope, a black lab who had been abandoned after breeding, quickly captured Elaine's heart. The bond they formed was profound, and she often describes Hope as her "soul-dog." After losing Hope after seven wonderful years, Elaine felt she could never foster again—her heart was too tied to the memory of that special dog.

The Move to PEI

In August 2023, Elaine made the leap from Ontario to PEI, driven by a desire to build a future that reflects her values, including leaving a charitable gift to support animals.

"It was my dream to build a will and leave a gift for the animals that have given me so much in life," she says. For Elaine, animals embody unconditional love and companionship, comparable to what many feel for their children.

With no children of her own, Elaine sees her animals—past and present—as her legacy. "I know how much work it is for rescues and shelters. It's 24/7. A lot of work. A lot of dedication," she reflects, emphasizing her admiration for the tireless efforts of animal charities.

A New Family Member: BunBuns

While in Ontario, Elaine welcomed a new companion into her life—BunBuns, a male rabbit belonging to a friend's daughter. After moving in with her friend during the pandemic, she found herself drawn to BunBuns, eventually taking over his care.

"It was God's timing," she recalls, noting that this unexpected turn helped her feel connected during a challenging period. Now, with two bunnies—BunBuns and Mookie—Elaine's home is filled with the joy and companionship that animals provide.

Supporting Local Initiatives

Elaine's commitment to animal welfare extends beyond personal connections; she is dedicated to supporting local initiatives like the PEI Humane Society. While she has always contributed to international animal charities, she feels a strong obligation to make a difference in her new community. She plans to leave an unrestricted gift in her will for the shelter, recognizing the financial challenges facing animal rescues today. "Unrestricting my gift is important to me because I know how everything costs money these days and prices are increasing," she explains.

The Importance of Planning

Elaine is also a strong advocate for the importance of planning for the future. Inspired by her parents, who ensured their estate was well organized, she stresses the need for others to do the same. "Get it done. Get your will done," she urges, highlighting how it alleviates burdens during difficult times.

A Message to Fellow Animal Lovers

Elaine's journey is a testament to the love and dedication that animal lovers share. She encourages everyone to support local shelters and emphasizes the need for responsible pet ownership.

"Definitely spay and neuter, please!" she advises, reinforcing her commitment to reducing the number of homeless animals.

In her new home on PEI, Elaine Brien continues to embody the spirit of compassion and dedication to animal welfare. Through her donations and planned legacy gift, she ensures that her love for animals will have a lasting impact, providing support for those who cannot speak for themselves.



INTAKES & ADOPTIONS

1636

TOTAL INTAKES

Our intake numbers will always differ from our adoption numbers.

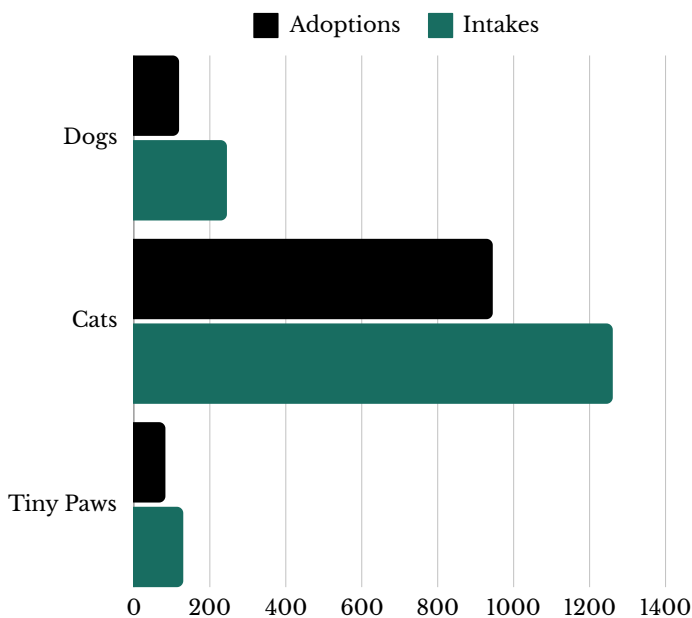
We saw a slight increase in intakes over last year.

The PEI Humane Society takes in many more animals each year than those that enter our adoption program. Stray animals, those needing emergency housing, or those brought to us through Animal Protection are all included in our day-to-day work and spend time in our care.

1147

TOTAL ADOPTIONS

We saw over 100 additional animals adopted this year!



Thanks to an increase in animal intakes outside of our adoption program (Animal Protection, stray animals, etc), space at the shelter was limited for longer periods of time.

This is why, for example, we saw 245 dog intakes and only 119 adoptions. These numbers are mostly inclusive of stray animals and those involved in animal protection cases.

LENGTH OF STAY

Our Foster-to-Adopt program is helping shelter operations move more smoothly

An increase in the length of time animals stay in the shelter can be caused by several factors.

Animals often remain in our care while they await needed surgeries. Fortunately, we have come up with a plan to avoid animals waiting at the shelter for longer than necessary: Foster to Adopt.

This program allows adopters to take their animal home as a foster until their surgery is complete. This means that an animal can get out of the shelter and start living at home with their new family sooner, only returning to the shelter when its time for their surgery.

This has allowed us to free up space at the shelter day-to-day while also getting more animals home faster.

31.9

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY FOR AN ANIMAL AT PEIHS

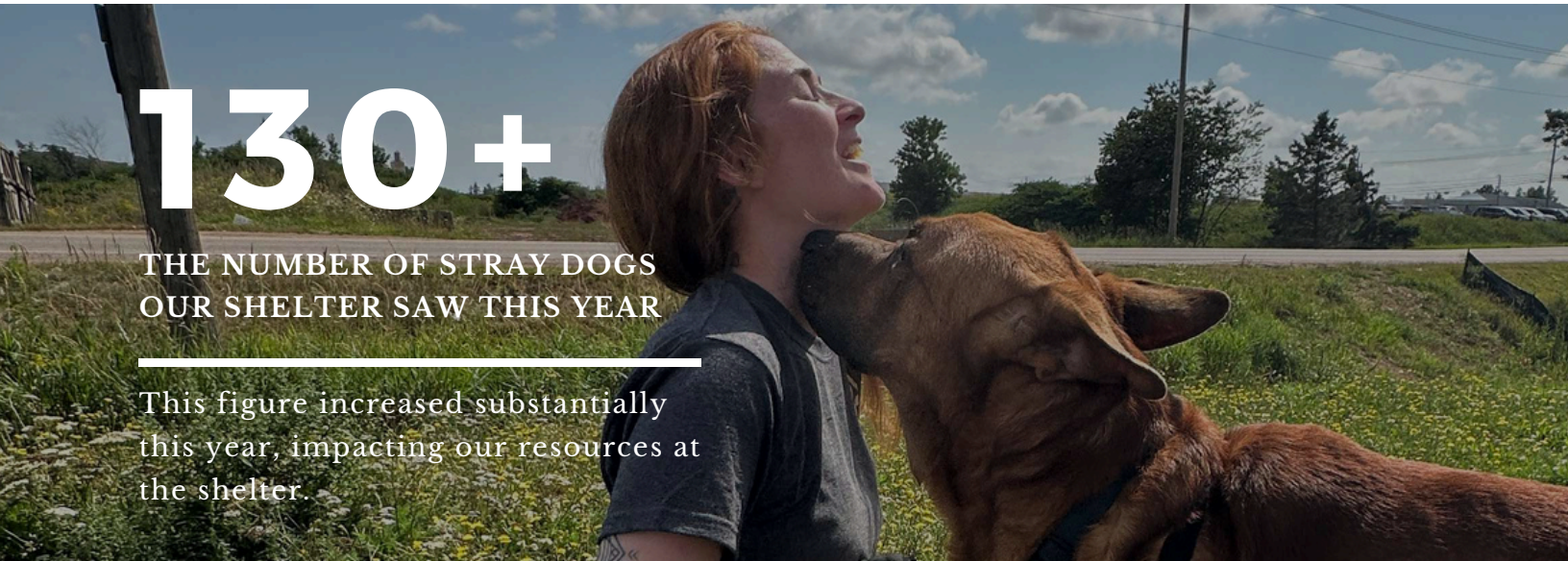
This figure increased since last year. In the 2022-23 fiscal year, animals stayed an average of 28 days in care.

Animal that are listed as Foster to Adopt remain owned by the shelter until after their surgeries are complete. This has an impact on our “length of stay” statistics for this reason.

130+

THE NUMBER OF STRAY DOGS OUR SHELTER SAW THIS YEAR

This figure increased substantially this year, impacting our resources at the shelter.



ANIMAL PROTECTION

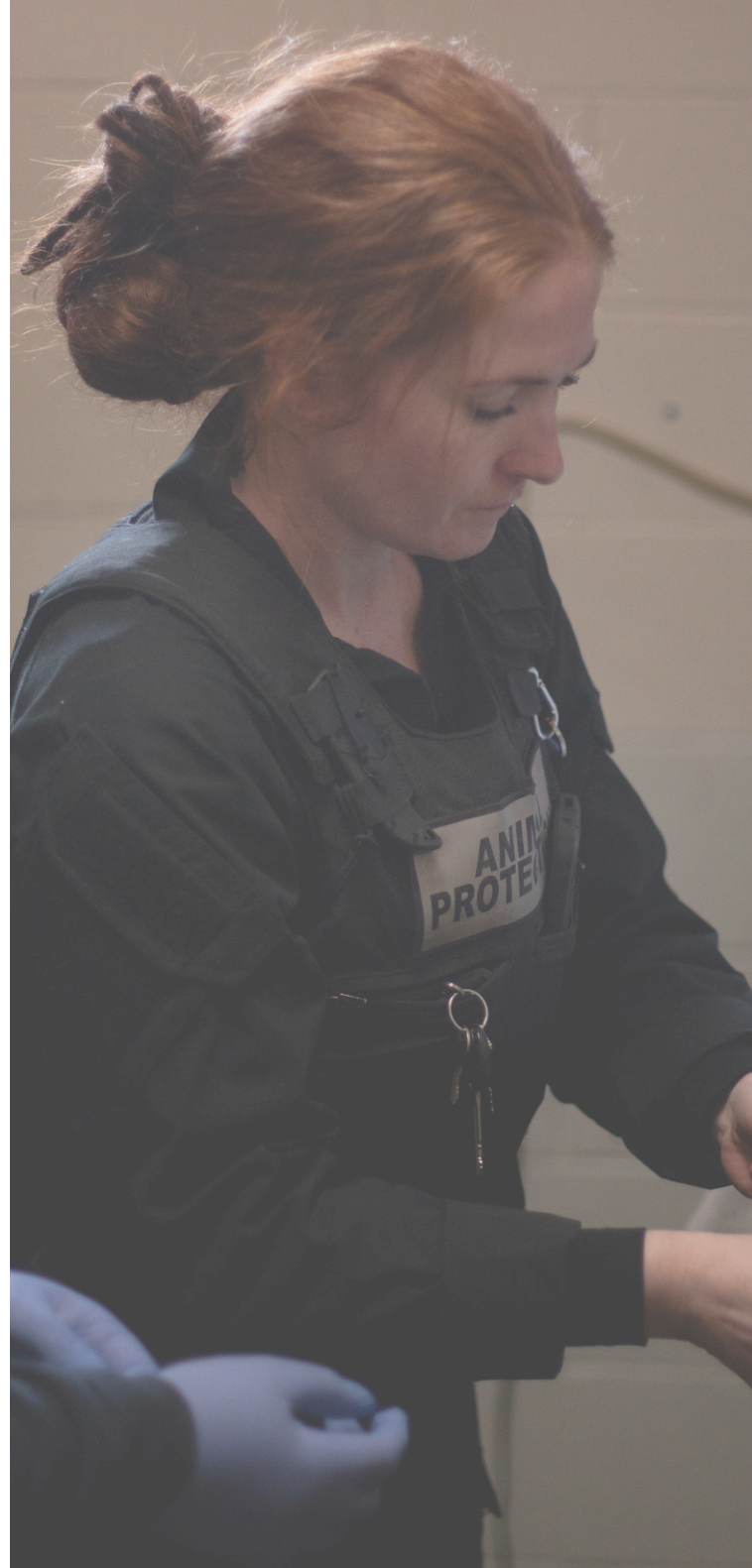
At the PEI Humane Society we strive to go above and beyond the requirements for animal welfare standards put forward by the Canadian Advisory Council on National Shelter Standards in the Canadian Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters. These guidelines help us continue to have the highest standards of care.

526

HUMANE CASES

These are cases that involve officers assessing the welfare of a companion animal.

This figure is almost identical to the previous fiscal year. Due to ongoing cases that sometimes span multiple fiscal years, this figure can seem stagnant when taken alone. It should be understood in context with other statistics.





151

DOG ACT CASES

These cases vary greatly but involve issues directly relevant to the PEI Dog Act.

96

BYLAW CASES

These cases involve municipalities in which animal protection are contracted for bylaw enforcement purposes.

773

CLOSED CASES

These are all cases that have been completed. Some cases span over several fiscal years. Therefore not all opened cases will be closed in the same year.

MEDICAL/SURGICAL

The shelter spent \$91,365.62 on surgical procedures in the 2023-24 fiscal year.

\$50,000+

SPENT ON SPAY & NEUTER SURGERIES ALONE

Though the PEI Humane Society provides all kinds of surgeries every year, the single largest category of surgeries is always spay and neuter procedures. Over 50% of the animals that come into our care every year are not spayed or neutered.

One of the leading reasons for animals being surrendered to the shelter is the cost of care, including the cost of surgeries.

The PEI Humane Society spends nearly \$100,000 on surgical procedures every year. This figure has only increased in recent years as the number and complex needs of animals we take in are increasing.

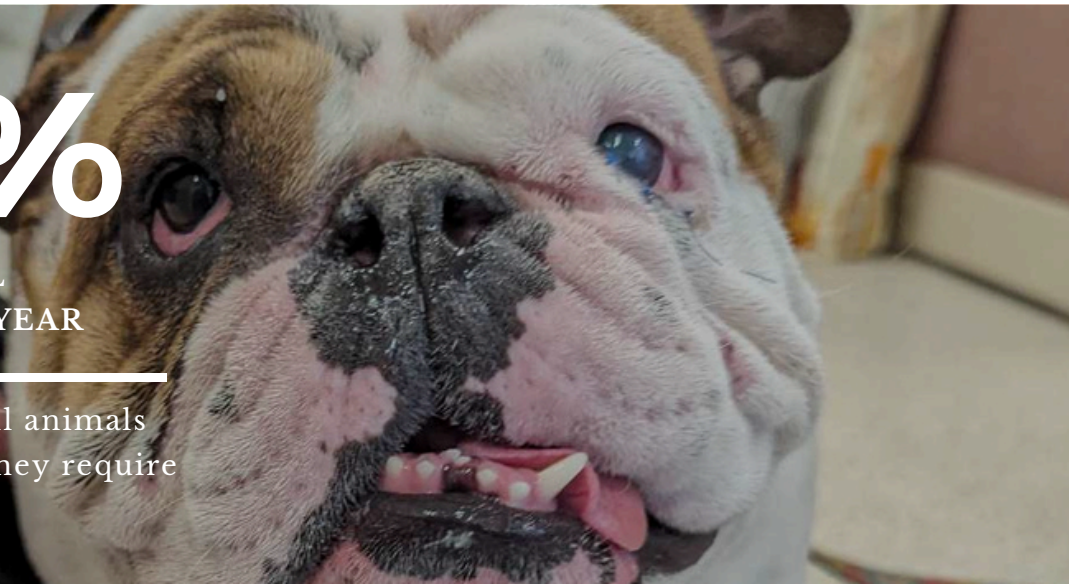
More and more, we are seeing animals surrendered due to the costs associated with pet ownership. Though this does include surgeries, it also includes day-to-day costs impacted by increasing inflation across Atlantic Canada.

When taken into account alongside the reduced number of adoption applications we saw this year, its clear that the cost of pet ownership is becoming prohibitive for some Islanders.

11.6%

INCREASE IN SURGICAL SPENDING OVER LAST YEAR

We strive to ensure that all animals receive the medical care they require before being adopted.



FOSTER PROGRAM

Our foster program cares for hundreds of animals every year. These animals often have greater care needs than animals living at the shelter.

639

ANIMALS SPENT TIME IN OUR
FOSTER PROGRAM

The majority of the animals in our foster program are either too young to be adopted or too sick. Our foster volunteers help us care for these animals until they're ready to go home.

58.3 DAYS

THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME
ANIMALS SPENT IN FOSTER CARE

Animals in foster care often spend more time in care than those staying at this shelter. This is because they often have greater care needs than other pets in our care.



GIFTS MADE IN-MEMORY

Over the half-century since the PEI Humane Society has been operating, planned and estate gifts have been an important part of ensuring our doors have stayed open.

Gifts made in-memory of a beloved animal or someone for whom animals were especially beloved make it possible for our shelter care team to purchase the supplies needed to offer individual care to all of our animals, regardless of their needs. This can be as simple as providing hypoallergenic food, or as specific as paying for a major surgery for an animal before they leave our shelter for their forever home.

\$70,000+

IN BEQUESTS WAS DEDICATED
TO DIRECT PROGRAM SUPPORT

Bequests supported over \$70,000 of our program delivery this year. This includes our foster program, surgical procedures and our emergency housing program, Safe Haven.

\$65,131

IN-MEMORY DONATIONS
RECEIVED

This includes gifts sent to us by those looking to honour the memory of a loved one (both pets and people).

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

IF YOU'RE CONSIDERING A
LEGACY GIFT FOR PEIHS, WE CAN
HELP!

If you would like to learn more about leaving a legacy for companion animals on Prince Edward Island, we encourage you to reach out to learn more about the important work being done by the Island's only animal shelter.

Our life-saving work is only made possible because of the generosity of donors just like you.

If you have questions, reach out to the head of our development department:

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902-892-1190 ext. 32

IN-MEMORY & BEQUESTS

We received donations in loving memory of the following people and animals this year:

"Jane" Catherine Duchene	Beth Smith Cooper	Dad & Shadow
"Janet" Marina Stewart	Betty Collier	Dale Gaudette
"Peppa" Hummel vom Kiebitzende	Betty Marie Nicholson	Dale Mossman
Adele Mary Peters	Betty Osborne	Dale Patrick Gaudette
Alana Joyce Jarvis	Betty White	Dalr Mossman
Alice Johnston	Billie Richard	Danny Gallant
Alice London	Binx	Daphne Andrews
Alistair & Sheila Stewart	Biscuit	Daphne Joan Andrews
Allan MacDonald	Bloom	David and Eric Stewart
Alton E. Ramsay	Brody Stewart	David Keith Coles
Amy Hughes	Bruce Baldwin	David Roderick Garden
Andrew "Andy" Harold Landry	Buddy	David Weeks
Anna Murphy	Callie	Dawson Peterson
Anna Rodd-MacKenzie	Camilla	Debbie Clements
Annie Hardy	Cardigan	Deborah Anne "Debbie" Flood
Ari	Carter	Deborah Moore
Arlene Asling	Cathy Colwell	Denyse Redmond
Arlene MacPhail	Charles Mandel	Derek MacConnell
Armand Joseph Arsenault	Charles Shannon Clow	Diane Ramsay Gallant
Art Jenkins	Charlie Champion	Dianne Bowley
AzamatMcConnell	Cheryl Lorraine Day	Dixie
Bailey	Chris Cheverie	Don Campbell
Barry James Bigger	Christiaan Wydooghe	DonaldUrquhart
Bear	Claire Hendricken	Donald "Donnie" Gregory Taweel
Beaufie	Claire MacLeod	Donald Bernard Campbell
Beaufort	Claire Theresa Hendricken	Donald Eugene Dawson
Becca Dixon	Clarence Foster	Donald Nicholson
Bernadette Heron	Clemmie	Donald Urquhart
Bernard Hart	Cody Leigh Darrach	Donna Doucette
Bernie MacArthur	Courtney Joan Pickard	Donna Elizabeth MacDougall
Bessie Crosby	Courtney Ruth Riley	Donna Jean "Maggie" Bonnell

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We received donations in loving memory of the following people and animals this year:

Donna MacDougall	Finn McDowell	Henry Ralph Trainor
Donna Oatway	Francis "Leonard" Tierney	Henry Snugglebutt
Donnie Dawson	Frank Poirier	Howie Bradley
Donnie Taweel	Fredrick Denzel Smith	Hugh MacEachern
Dorothy Hedges	Gary	Hugh McCarville
Dorothy Sherren	Gary Russel Clow	Hunter
Douglas Curtis Gallant	Gene Mullen	Ian Fraser
Dr. Carlo Lavoie	George "Mel" Alexander MacPhee	Issac Kemp
Duff	George MacMillan	J. Roger Cole
Edith Doucette	George MacPhee	Jack
Edwin Peterson	George Poole	Jackie Lynds
Elaine Marie Thomson (Wood)	George Walter Whitlock	Jacqueline Lucille Greer
Elaine Verna Palmer	Geraldine Buchanan	Jaggar and Jaydee
Elizabeth Ann Arsenault	Geraldine MacAulay	Jaida
Elizabeth Maaikie Ebbett	Glen A. Rennie	James Carruthers
Elizabeth Osborne	Glen Herring	James Graham
Ella	Gloria (Dodie) Anderson	James MacDonald
Ellie Abbott	Gloria Anderson	James Reginald MacDonald
Elmer J. Arsenault	Gloria Carrigan	Janet Marina (MacKenzie) Stewart
Emily Smallmann	Gord Duguid	Janette Cudmore
Emmett Murphy	Gordon Davies	Janice Bernadine Morgan
Emmett Peter Conrad Murphy	Gordon Davis	Janice Elaine Crosbie
Eric Nicholson	Grant Brooks	Janice Morgan
Eriena O'Reilly	Gregory Brian Morris	Jeane Monita
Eriena O'REILLY	Griswold	Jeanette Elizabeth Michaud
Erin Mullen	Gypsy Matheson	Jennifer Grant
Esta MacLean-Vigneau	Harold and Toby	Jim
Eugene "Gene" Joseph Gallant	Harvey Ralph Trainor	Jim MacDonald
Evelyn (Ebbie) Toombs	Helen Burns	Joan McGillis
Fidget	Helen Catherine Burns	Joan Stilwell
	Helen Winifred Jackson	Joe T. Gallant
		John Alexius "Lecky" McQuaid

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We received donations in loving memory of the following people and animals this year:

John Daniels	Leslie Lee Lambie	Myron Costain
John Foley	Lily	Nancy Canham
John George Hughes	Linda Rose	Nancy Darlene Shaw
John Thomas Derek Kingate	Lisa Marie Mitchell	Nancy Shaw
John Wayne Davies	Lloyd Edwin MacKay	Noah Casely
Johnny	Lloyd Waddell	Nora
Jorja & Keelee	Lois Morris	Nora Peters
Joseph "Clare" Mulligan	Lorri Chandler	Norman Little
Joyce A Hunter	Louis Comeau	Nyall Kelly
Joyce MacSweyn	Louise Mullane	Olga Newman
Judy A. Cole	Lowell Stead	Onnik (Nik) Marinosyan
Judy Cotton	Lucy Nicholson	Ossie Belaire
June C. Dawson	Margaret "Anne" Mowry	P. Allan MacDonald
Karen Hopkinson	Marie Macdonald	Pam Spears
Kathryn Mae "Kaye" Forsythe	Mark MacAusland	Parris Jelley
Kaye Rudback	Martin "Buddy" Myers	Patricia Anne Martin
Keith Altas	Mary "Lee" Bezanson	Patricia Martin
Ken Bell	Mary Agnes McKenna	Patrick B "Pat" Feehan
Kendall Drake	Mary Echlov Rosenthal	Paul Edward Steele
Kenneth Walsh	Mary Fisher Muise	Paul Steele
Kenny Hynes	Mary Jane Arsenault	Paula Martin
Kenny Walsh	Matthew Shabatowski	Paxton
Kent Eldon Stordy	Melanie Jackson	Penny Oulton
Kerri Wynn MacLeod	Michael Marasco	Phyllis Joan Gosnell
Kevin Troy McKinnon	Michelle "Shel" Trainor	Preston MacDonald
Koda	Miles Handrahan	Raymond Francis Rush
Larry Gaudet	Miller	Rebecca (Becky) MacNabb
Laura J. Smith	Millie Morris	Reggie
Layla	Millie Roseanne Myers	Rey Castle
Ielsie Lambie	Mitsy	Richard Praught
Leonard MacEwan	Moose	Rick Ulmer
Leonard Tierney	Murray	Ricky Smith
		Robert Blair Horne

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Robert Gaudet
Roberta Campbell
Roger J Cole
Ronald Gordon MacLeod
Ronald Johnston
Rory McLellan
Rufus
Rydia
Sam Turkington
Sandra Elizabeth Rethy
Sandra Holland
Sarah Adams
Sarah Ann Adams
Scarlet
Shannon Charles Clow
Sharon Virginia Turnbull Zannier
Sheila Bernard
Sheila Murphy
Shelley
Simon & Theodore
Sloane Jennifer Thompson (Walker)
Smokey
Sonny Sanderson
Stephen Lacey
Sterling Roberts
Stormy
Susan Kanost
Tarris Jelley
Teemy
Teresa Bernard
Terra
Thelma Rose
Tigger

Tyler Jorgensen
Valerie Ann Green
Velda Grace Gass
Virginia Pytlik
Walter "Wally" Raymond Chandler
Wayne Davies
Wayne Glen Newson
Wendell Ellis
Wendy Coleen Sherren
Wendy Sherren
Wesley Heath
Whitney Murray
William "Bill" Acorn
William Lawrence "Bill" McCormick
Willow
Wilma June Crawford
Winston Preston "Grant" Brooks
Zorro



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