



# THE HUMANitarian

The Saskatchewan Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Summer 2015

## NEW FUND HELPS RETIRED K-9s

It was clear skies and warm temperatures at the June 7th public event hosted by the Saskatchewan SPCA to mark the official launch of the Stryker K-9 Care Fund. The original launch date of April 26th had to be postponed due to a heavy spring snowfall.

Canine units from the Saskatoon and the Prince Albert police services and the RCMP (Saskatoon detachment) provided demonstrations throughout the afternoon. Constance Roussel, President of the Saskatchewan SPCA board of directors, served as MC for the event.

The Stryker K-9 Care Fund was established by the Saskatchewan SPCA to help contribute to the quality of life of retired police dogs. Owners can apply for funding to help cover the costs of routine and emergency veterinary care for their retired police dogs.

This fund is one of the first of its kind in Canada. The Stryker K-9 Care Fund helps owners manage the veterinary care costs for dogs that may have special medical and orthopedic care needs related to their years of police service.

A total of 10 dogs will be eligible to receive up to \$1,000 each from the fund this year. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The fund was named in honour of Stryker, a long-serving member of the Saskatoon City Police canine unit.



For more about the Stryker K-9 Care Fund, see the listing for "Our Programs" on the Saskatchewan SPCA website: [www.sspca.ca](http://www.sspca.ca).

Call 1.877.382.7722 to make a designated donation to the fund or contribute through Canada Helps at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/saskatchewan-sPCA/>

The Saskatchewan SPCA thanks Lorne Ingram of the Saskatoon Police Service and all the canine units for helping make the event such a success.

And a big hug to our event volunteers: Corrie, Constance, Don, Vivian, Janice, Dwain, Ken, Linda and Diane.

Last but not least, thank you to SaskEnergy and Randy Oakenfold, our talented BBQ chef.

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More photos from the Stryker K-9 Care Fund launch on page 8.



# AWARD NOMINATION RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

Frances Wach, Executive Director of the Saskatchewan SPCA, was recently nominated for a Saskatoon YWCA Women of Distinction Award in the category of Leadership and Professions.

Letters of support for France Wach's nomination praised her energy, enthusiasm and positive attitude. Saskatchewan SPCA board consultant Dr. Sandra Neumann described Frances Wach as one who is "committed to work very hard to achieve an overall humane society." Sandra Grismer from Immigrant Access Fund noted that "Frances leads by empowering others, pulling the best out of those around her and building effective teams."

The board and staff of the Saskatchewan SPCA salute Frances Wach for her continuing efforts to build stronger, healthier communities for the benefit of both humans and animals.



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- Huge Supporter Draw: \$5,000
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Funds raised as part of the Summer Cash Lottery are used to help provide programs and services for the benefit of animals here in Saskatchewan.

  
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## JOIN US FOR CRITTER CLASSIC 2015

NEW LOCATION! The 5th Annual Critter Classic Golf Tournament takes place on Saturday, September 12, at Green Acres Golf Club outside Regina. Come join us and show your support for animal welfare in Saskatchewan.



Registration fee:  
\$150/golfer (income tax receipt for \$50 issued)

Hope to see you there!  
To register or for more information:  
email tammy@prairiead.com  
or call 306.337.1948.

# SASKATCHEWAN SPCA 2015 ANIMAL WELFARE CONFERENCE

Saskatoon, Sept. 25-27

Travelodge Hotel, 106 Circle Drive W, Saskatoon

Join us for our 11th annual Animal Welfare Conference.

- Learn from experts on topics such as social media, TNR strategies, self-care, quality of life assessments, and more
- Stay current with new developments in the provincial animal welfare sector
- Network with others who understand the challenges of working in animal protection and sheltering

## Register today:

- 2-day (Friday & Saturday): \$125 early bird rate (after Aug. 26, \$150)
- 1-day (Friday OR Saturday): \$75 early bird rate (after Aug. 26, \$90)
- Wet labs (Sunday): \$35

[www.sspca.ca](http://www.sspca.ca) or call 1.877.382.7722

## Conference Hotel

- Travelodge Hotel, 106 Circle Drive W, Saskatoon
- Reservations: 306.242.8881
- Quote EW0762 to receive the Saskatchewan SPCA conference rate of \$144/night. Reservations must be made by Aug. 25

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## FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

### Community TNR: Getting a Handle on All Those Cats!

**Bryan Kortis, Program Manager, PetSmart Charities**

Trap-Neuter-Return practiced on a community-wide scale can dramatically reduce free-roaming cat populations as well as intake and euthanasia rates at local shelters – if it's done right! This workshop will describe the most effective tactics, including Targeted TNR (the concentration of resources in high need areas), Return to Field (releasing healthy outdoor cats impounded at shelters back to their original locations), and Grassroots Mobilization (engaging the public to perform and support TNR). Why these approaches work, the policies behind them, and case studies will also be explored.

### Catching the Fourth Wave: The Past and Future of Animal Welfare

**Patricia Cameron, Executive Director, Saskatoon SPCA**

The animal welfare sector provides essential services to communities around the world and only recently have the crucial nature of these services been recognized and appreciated as research makes clear the link between animal health, well-being, and safety and the health, well-being, and safety of our communities.

The presentation is an invitation to all people in animal welfare to be clear on the incredible value of the services they provide and will look at four “waves” of animal welfare development, and the psychological and emotional “mind sets” that are typical of each.

### Make the Call: How and When to Report Suspected Animal Cruelty

**Kaley Pugh, Executive Director, Animal Protection Services of Saskatchewan**

Operating across most of the province, Animal Protection Services

of Saskatchewan (APSS) is the new organization that investigates public complaints of animal neglect, cruelty and abuse. Executive Director Kaley Pugh will discuss the mandate of this new organization and its role in the enforcement of *The Animal Protection Act*. You will learn how Animal Protection Officers investigate and resolve reports of animal cruelty. What's more you will learn how you can help protect pets and livestock from needless suffering.

### Letting Go: Assessing Quality of Life of Cats and Dogs

**Dr. Sandra Neumann, Small Animal Veterinarian**

The moment we decide to share our life with a pet we become responsible for its well-being. Throughout its life but also at the end of its life. It is our moral duty to prevent suffering so unfortunately for most of us that means we have to make the decision to euthanize. But how do we know if it is time? How do we know it is not too late or too early? Quality of life scales offer an objective view to assess a pet's quality of life. Is it that easy, though? Are they enough? Or are there other things to consider? This presentation tries to provide answers for owners facing this difficult decision.

Following Dr. Neumann's presentation, take part in a roundtable discussion on euthanasia protocols.



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## SASKATCHEWAN SPCA 2015 ANIMAL WELFARE CONFERENCE

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 26

#### **"I Don't Have Time for That." Conversations About Self-Care Workshop**

**Erin Wasson, BSW/RSW, Veterinary Social Worker, Western College of Veterinary Medicine**

Whether you're working at an animal shelter or vet clinic, volunteering with a rescue group, or involved in animal welfare enforcement – you know the work is both rewarding and emotionally taxing. Join Erin Wasson in discussing practical ways of increasing morale in your personal and professional life. In an interactive discussion we'll devise ways to break down common barriers to resilience and explore how you can promote personal and professional wellness.

#### **Using Social Media Like a Pro Mike Klein, Social Media Training Facilitator, Meshy**

Websites, Facebook, Twitter and more. Mike Klein's presentation helps give you the ideas and the courage to take on the social media world with confidence!

#### **The Stryker K-9 Care Fund**

**Sandra Anderson, Program Director, Saskatchewan SPCA**

Police dogs play a valuable role in Canadian law enforcement, protecting both police officers and the community. The dogs are trained to handle a variety of tasks, including tracking, person search, evidence search, and criminal apprehension. Learn how the Saskatchewan SPCA is contributing to the quality of life of retired police dogs through the innovative new Stryker K-9 Care Fund.

#### **Do you know the secret? Saskatchewan Pension Plan**

**Katherine Strutt, General Manager, Saskatchewan Pension Plan**

Invest in your future the right way, right now. Whether you are just starting to save for your future or looking for ways to diversify your investment – you can make Saskatchewan Pension Plan part of your plan.

#### **The Pack Project**

Learn more about this unique new non-profit based in Regina. Entirely operated by highly dedicated and passionate volunteers, the Pack Project is involved in the areas of animal welfare outreach, youth education, therapy dog outreach, and dog rescue. Representatives from the Pack Project share the story behind the founding and growth of their organization.

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

#### **Wet labs: 10 a.m. to noon**

**Health Assessment of Dogs and Cats  
Dr. Sandra Neumann**

**(Note: Register early. Enrolment limited to 5 participants)** Learn how to examine a dog or cat and detect the most common medical conditions in small animals.

**Pet First Aid & CPR Demonstration**  
St. John Ambulance

## TIPS ON PET FRIENDLY LIVING

Finding an apartment or house to rent where your pet will be welcome can be a tricky task. You may find properties advertised as "pet friendly" but there may be extra costs involved.

If you are a renter with pets, it's a good idea to check out your rights and responsibilities before starting your search for new accommodations.

Many landlords now charge a refundable pet deposit. Collected by the landlord at the beginning of your tenancy, a pet deposit helps cover the cost of any damages to the property caused by your pet. It's worth noting that the total cost of the damage deposit and the pet deposit cannot exceed the amount of one month's rent.

Some landlords are charging a monthly non-refundable "pet rent fee" in addition to the regular rent. The fee is intended to protect the owner should there be any harm to the property. Unlike the pet deposit, a landlord is not required to return the unused portion of the pet fee to the tenant.

For more information on pet fees and deposits contact the Office of Residential Tenancies (Rentalsman) at 1.888.215.2222 or visit their website: <http://www.justice.gov.sk.ca/ORT-PetFees>



## NOTICE OF AGM

The Saskatchewan SPCA Annual General Meeting will be held:

Date: Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Travelodge Hotel,  
106 Circle Drive West, Saskatoon

Everyone is welcome. The AGM is open to the public.

Questions?  
1.877.382.7722 or [info@sspca.ca](mailto:info@sspca.ca)

# DOGGIE MAINTENANCE

Ensuring Your Dog's Health Throughout its Life

By Dr. Sandra Neumann

How old is your dog? Well, that's a trick question. Your dog may be seven years old but what is her 'true' age? As you can see in the table below the true age is a combination of your dog's weight and her age in years.

Age in years	Weight (pounds)			
	0-20	20-50	50-90	>90
1	7	7	8	9
2	13	14	16	18
3	20	21	24	26
4	26	27	31	34
5	33	34	38	41
6	40	42	45	49
7	44	47	50	56
8	48	51	55	64
9	52	56	61	71
10	56	60	66	78
11	60	65	72	86
12	64	69	77	93
13	68	74	82	101
14	72	78	88	108
15	76	83	93	115
16	80	87	99	123
17	84	92	104	131
18	88	96	109	139
19	92	101	115	
20	96	105	120	
21	100	109	126	
22	104	113	130	
23	108	117		
24	112	120		
25	116	124		

Developed by Dr. Fred L. Metzger, DVM, DABVP

COLOR KEY	
Juvenile	
Adult	
Senior	
Geriatric	

If your dog weighs under 22 pounds, she is 44 years old (adult); if she weighs over 90 pounds, her true age is 56 (senior). Quite the difference.

While Dr. Metzger's table gives a good general overview of the life stages, the American Animal Hospital Association proposed to define life stages not just by age but by characteristics.

## Proposed Definition of Life Stages (AAHA)

Stage	Definition
Puppy	Newborn until able to reproduce
Junior	Able to reproduce, still growing
Adult	Finished growing, socially mature
Mature	From middle up to approximately the last 25% of expected lifespan (a window of time around half life expectancy for breed)
Senior	From maturity to life expectancy (approximately the last 25% of expected lifespan)
Geriatric	At life expectancy and beyond

Dogs of different sizes age differently with the larger breeds undergoing life stage changes faster than the smaller ones. So we have to take our dog's life stage into consideration and adjust our care accordingly. It is a good idea to establish a relationship with a veterinarian and discuss their wellness protocols. This way you know what is recommended throughout your dog's life and you can plan ahead for your companion's health and well-being.

Following are a few recommendations and while the list is certainly not all inclusive it will give you an idea of what to expect.

### Puppy/Junior

- Examination to evaluate congenital disorders
- Vaccination series starting at eight weeks of age with two boosters three to four weeks apart
- Parasite Prevention for the most common parasites in your area
- Spay or neuter surgery
- Pre-anesthetic bloodwork to check for congenital problems and to provide a baseline
- Microchip Implant for permanent identification
- Rabies vaccination at 6 months of age (can be done as early as 3 months)

### Adult/Mature

- Yearly Examinations
- Assessing dental health
- Vaccinations or titre testing depending on your dog's lifestyle
- Parasite Prevention

### Senior Life Stage

- Examinations every six months
- Parasite Prevention
- Diagnostics at least annually
  - Bloodwork
  - Urinalysis
  - X-rays
  - Hormone testing
  - ECG

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## DOGGIE MAINTENANCE



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### Geriatric

- Examinations every six months (every three months if your dog has a health issue)
- Parasite Prevention
- Diagnostics every six months
  - Bloodwork
  - Urinalysis
  - X-rays
  - Hormone testing
  - ECG

Veterinary medicine has evolved immensely and is now able to offer a wide range of preventative care for your dog. Regular diagnostics are especially important in senior and geriatric animals. Conditions like kidney and liver disease can slowly develop without your dog showing any clinical signs. Detected early, modern veterinary medicine can help you in managing these conditions and ensuring your companion will be able to share your life for as long as possible.

Veterinarians are no longer just there to intervene when your dog is critically ill. They are partners in providing a lifetime of health for your dog. So in the best interest of your dog get informed and plan ahead.

## LINKS WITH THE COMMUNITY

### **STOPS to Violence Spring Member Gathering**

Building partnerships. Creating positive change. Developing a deeper understanding of the impact of violence on individuals and families. These are just some of the topics explored at the 2015 Spring Gathering session hosted by STOPS to Violence.

Members of the Saskatchewan SPCA staff attended this two-day event held in April. One of the highlights of the event was a presentation by Beautiful Trouble, an alliance of artists, trainers and creative campaigners working to build more powerful grassroots social movements.

Conference attendees were also privileged to see a presentation by "Kids on the Block," a new program being piloted by the Regina Sexual Assault Centre and STOPS to Violence. Short skits with puppet characters are used to teach children about healthy relationships and personal safety.

### **What's the Link?**

Attending the STOPS to Violence conference might seem like an unusual choice for an animal welfare organization like the Saskatchewan SPCA. However, a significant body of research supports the complex relationship between animal abuse and interpersonal violence. This relationship is commonly referred to as "the Link." As noted educator Phil Arkow explained in his presentation at the 2011 Saskatchewan SPCA Animal Welfare Conference, "When animals are abused, people are at risk; when people are abused, animals are at risk."

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The Saskatchewan SPCA recognizes that partnerships with human service agencies, animal welfare organizations and other stakeholders are essential if we are to help address the Link and build safer, healthier communities for both animals and humans.

# CFHS CONFERENCE REPORT

“Advancing Animal Welfare” was the theme of this year’s National Animal Welfare Conference hosted by the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies (CFHS).



Conference speakers shared their insights on companion animals, farm animal welfare, sheltering, advancing animal welfare, leadership, and standards and protocols.

The presentation by Dr. David Fraser from the University of British

Columbia was particularly inspiring. Dr. Fraser is known internationally for his efforts to improve the lives of animals. His observations on the complex inter-relationship between humans, animals, and the environment hits home with all of us working in the field of animal welfare.

## ANIMAL CRUELTY COMPLAINTS

To report suspected animal cruelty, please contact Animal Protection Services of Saskatchewan (APSS):

- Call anonymously weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: **306-382-0002** or **1-844-382-0002 (toll free)**  
- For after hours emergencies, please contact your local RCMP.
- Visit [www.animalprotectionservices.ca](http://www.animalprotectionservices.ca)
- Email [info@animalprotectionservices.ca](mailto:info@animalprotectionservices.ca)



If your concern is relating to animals in Saskatoon, Regina, Moose Jaw or Prince Albert, please call the following independent agencies:

Saskatoon SPCA  
306-374-7387

Regina Humane Society  
306-543-6363

Moose Jaw Humane Society  
306-692-1517

Prince Albert SPCA  
306-763-6110

## IN REMEMBRANCE

Kathy & Harold Baumgartner  
memory of Allan Staub

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Neil Martin

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Marga Martin

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of Gracie Bodenstab

Jacquie Andrew, Kelly & Thomas  
Prybylski in memory of Peter  
Telfer

Antonet Tonya Kaye in memory  
of Elsie & Terry Kowalenko

## National Code of Practice for Rabbits Being Developed

In February, the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) announced that Canada’s first national Code of Practice for Rabbits will be developed.

Codes of Practice provide a set of guidelines for producers that outline the basics of care for an animal and establish recommended practices. The Syndicat des producteurs de lapins du Quebec in collaboration with other rabbit stakeholder groups will lead the process for developing the new code.

See full details at [www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/rabbits](http://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/rabbits)

# HELPING PAWS CAMPAIGN RAISING FUNDS FOR NEW SHELTER IN MELFORT

The North East SPCA continues to make progress in their plans to build a new shelter to serve Hudson Bay, Melfort, Nipawin, Tisdale and surrounding areas.

The new \$500,000 shelter will be located at 665 Hamilton Ave. in the west industrial area of Melfort.

For more information, see their website:  
<http://www.northeastspca.org>



## STYKER K-9 CARE FUND LAUNCH



## DID YOU KNOW ...

The Saskatchewan SPCA logo was redesigned in 2010. The logo features images of both pets and livestock framed within a symbolic shelter. The five sides of the shelter represent the Five Freedoms.



The Five Freedoms, compiled by the Farm Animal Welfare Council in 1979, reflect the ideal state of animal welfare. Implicit in the Five Freedoms is the belief that animals must be protected from unnecessary harm throughout their lives.

The Five Freedoms have been accepted and promoted by a broad variety of animal welfare organizations, including the Saskatchewan SPCA.

### **Five Freedoms**

- 1. Freedom from Hunger and Thirst** - by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigour.
- 2. Freedom from Discomfort** - by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.
- 3. Freedom from Pain, Injury or Disease** - by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.
- 4. Freedom to Express Normal Behaviour** - by providing sufficient space, proper facilities, and company of the animal's own kind.
- 5. Freedom from Fear and Distress** - by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.

The Five Freedoms reprinted from: <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20121007104210/http://www.fawc.org.uk/freedoms.htm>