

# 2023

## ANNUAL REPORT



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# ABOUT HUMANE CANADA

Humane Canada is the federation of SPCA's and humane societies. As Canada's voice for animal welfare, we drive positive progressive change to end animal cruelty, improve animal protection and promote the humane treatment of all animals.

The guiding principles below drive our work and efforts on behalf of animals.

Humane Canada:

Believes each animal possesses intrinsic value, remarkable complexity and inherent dignity and, as such, is deserving of respect and moral concern.

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Advocates universal humane treatment, care and protection of all animals.

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Insists that all animals used by humans be provided with high levels of care to ensure their health, comfort and behavioural needs.

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Advocates habitat protection and enhancement for the well-being of animals in the wild.

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Furthermore, Humane Canada has enunciated its philosophy on humaneness:

Humaneness means the treatment of an animal in a manner that ensures its welfare and well-being in circumstances where a humane is or should exercise care, custody, control or use of an animal. A person responsible for an animal must provide living conditions, necessities of life and care suitable to the circumstances and in accordance with the normal psychological and physical needs of the animal.

Humane treatment of an animal precludes cruelty and involves every possible effort to avoid or reduce pain, suffering or injury.

Humaneness involves sensitivity toward all life in compliance with ethical, moral and legal principles. Humane members of the animal kingdom have the responsibility to be humane in the ways they act or fail to act with respect to other animals. Humans who have care, custody, control or use of animals must be diligent in exercising this responsibility.





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Thank you to our board members for their volunteer commitment to the advancement of animal welfare through governance leadership at Humane Canada.





# 2023 Impact Report

## A MESSAGE FROM HUMANE CANADA

Humane Canada is proud to present our 2023 Impact Report — a testament to our shared commitment to creating a world where all animals are treated with compassion and respect.

In 2023, our collective efforts have yielded numerous accomplishments and wins for animals, steering us closer to our mission of driving positive, progressive change to end animal cruelty, improve animal protection and promote the humane treatment of all animals.

This report chronicles the transformative initiatives, successful campaigns, and impactful partnerships that have defined our year.

Each accomplishment is a beacon of hope, illuminating the path toward a future where animals live free from suffering and are granted the dignity they deserve.

Thank you for being an integral part of Humane Canada's journey. Together, we are creating a more humane country for animals.



## IMPACT SNAPSHOT

70+

Members and  
Associates supported  
across the country

400+

attendees welcomed to  
the tenth annual  
Summit for Animals

\$40,000

in National Pet Food Bank  
grants distributed to  
Canadian organizations



# Major Milestones

## ALL YEAR ROUND

Year over year, we're dedicated to providing our **70+** Member and Associate humane societies, SPCAs, shelters, and rescues working the frontlines with expertise, professional development, and opportunities for nationwide collaboration.

Our advocacy efforts with the government continued throughout 2023, including causes such as banning the live export of horses for slaughter, banning octopus farming and opposing Ag-Gag laws. Our letter-writing campaigns amassed the signatures and support of more than **7,000** Canadians.

## JANUARY TO APRIL

March saw the heartbreaking passing of Kiska, the last captive orca in Canada. In response, Humane Canada issued a letter-writing campaign calling for transparency into her life and death, including a full necropsy report. Over **1700** Canadians rallied behind the letter in support.

In April, we submitted a policy brief on Animal Violence, Human Violence and the Legislative Response to the Mass Casualty Commission Final Report. We recommended legislative approaches to respond to recommendations, including tracking mass casualty incidents and funding for Gender-Based Violence prevention and interventions.

Our early-year digital initiatives raised awareness and funds for ending the live export of horses for slaughter to Japan, Hearts for Hooves, as well as companion animal welfare.

## MAY TO AUGUST

In May, we hosted our **tenth annual Summit for Animals** in beautiful Victoria, British Columbia, bringing together over **400** professionals, advocates, volunteers, students, and policymakers to enhance animal care and welfare.

June was a landmark month for animals used in science, with **Bill S-5** passing on June 13th, followed by **Bill C-47** on June 22nd. With the passing these bills, cosmetic animal testing and trade is now banned in Canada, and toxic chemical testing on animals will be phased out. The passing of both pieces of legislation come after over a decade of successful advocacy and government relations by Humane Canada.

Our digital summer campaigns raised awareness and vital funds for companion animal suffering, with a particular focus on the rising issue of pet surrenders and abandonment, overcapacity in shelters and puppy mills.

These issues also translated to an increased media presence for Humane Canada, with frequent coverage to raise awareness on the "perfect storm" brewing for our members across Canada as they face these challenges head on.





# Major Milestones Cont.

## SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER

With Parliament back in session, we continued our government relations work advocating for the inclusion of animals in **coercive control laws**, witnessing at the House of Commons against **Ag-Gag legislation** and working with the government to ban the captivity of elephants and great apes, represented by **Bill S-15**.

September also saw the **longest sentence ever for an animal abuse case** in Canada, handed down to Aleeta Raugust in a Calgary courtroom.

In response to this groundbreaking news, we unveiled **Humane Canada's Articles & Opinions**. This feature delves into the stories behind the headlines to provide both supporters and the public with a deeper understanding of the current happenings in animal welfare.

From November 8 to 10, we virtually hosted our **fourth annual Canadian Violence Link Conference** and **ninth annual Prosecution Conference**, engaging over **160 attendees** to advance awareness and address the Violence Link.

Humane Canada was proud to release the second measurement report under our Measuring Progress Toward a Humane Canada project on November 21, *Including Animals as Individuals Within our Communities*. This describes our research on the indicators under the **Consideration Keystone**, measuring whether animals are adequately considered within various Canadian institutions and practices.

Our ACT Project launched the new **ACT to Keep Families Safe Online Learning Centre**, reinforcing our commitment to supporting Survivors of Gender-Based Violence and their service animals, and our National Pet Food Bank distributed **\$40,000** in grants to help organizations develop pet food assistance programs across Canada.

Our year-end digital campaigns raised awareness and vital funds for our work to combat Gender-Based Violence and the Violence Link, as well as companion animal suffering, inhumane farmed animal transport and more. We teamed up with our generous corporate partner at VCA Canada for another Giving Tuesday to double the impact of donations up to **\$10,000** and our holiday campaign's matching donor, Heather Bala Edwards, kindly doubled all holiday gifts up to **\$20,000**.

Our progress isn't  
possible without  
your generous *support.*





# OUR VALUES

## ANIMAL WELFARE

We believe that each animal possesses intrinsic value, remarkable complexity and inherent dignity, and as such is deserving of respect, moral concern, humane treatment and protection.

## ONE HEALTH / ONE WELFARE

We recognize that the health and welfare of animals is inextricably linked to human health and well-being and environmental integrity. We embrace a One Health / One Welfare approach that considers the essential interconnectedness among these domains and relies on co-operation and partnership across disciplines.

## COLLABORATION

We are a federation of organizations that recognizes we have more influence to impact key national animal welfare issues as a collective than as individuals. We work collaboratively and co-operatively with members, associates and diverse stakeholders based on the premise that we have greater impact creating positive change by being a part of the process.

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

We believe our movement is stronger when individuals of different racialized, ethnic, linguistic, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds; abilities; worldviews; geographical origins; genders; and sexual orientations bring together their knowledge, lived experiences, interests and approaches for the benefit of animals in Canada.

## POSITIVE, PROGRESSIVE CHANGE

We are FOR animals. We engage in constructive dialogue and processes with diverse stakeholders that result in improvements for animal welfare in line with societal expectations and advancing knowledge.

## EVIDENCE-BASED, STRATEGIC THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

We are an evidenced-based organization that supports and promotes innovative and anticipatory thinking to address animal welfare issues and secure lasting change. We build integrated, strategic, professional teams that utilize systems thinking to create an effective organization and lasting change.



# CONVENOR OF SPCA'S & HUMANE SOCIETIES

Humane Canada offers extensive support to its members, ranging from advocacy and lobbying to information sharing, training, and granting. Through fostering collaboration, providing essential resources, and driving meaningful change, Humane Canada plays a crucial role in advancing animal welfare across Canada and empowering the dedicated individuals and organizations committed to protecting animals.

## Strategic Alignment

Humane Canada successfully developed its 2023-2028 strategic plan, guided by valuable consultations with members. Met with enthusiasm, this plan solidifies unity across the organization, ensuring alignment with the evolving needs of our dedicated members and strengthening our collective mission to advance animal welfare in Canada.

## Member Connection and Collaboration

Shelters across Canada are facing unprecedented challenges, with facilities at capacity and financial pressures mounting due to the current economic climate. Humane Canada continues to provide a vital platform for members to connect, share experiences, and explore practical solutions through facilitated forums. Additionally, the Humane Canada's Summit for Animals serves as a cornerstone event, offering invaluable education and insights into addressing these challenges while highlighting developments in animal welfare across the country. Together, we are building resilience and fostering collaboration to support animals and the people who care for them.



## Accreditation

Humane Canada worked to encourage members to become accredited through our National Accreditation Program for humane societies and SPCAs. By granting the seal of accreditation we foster public trust in the animal welfare sector and publicly demonstrate how organizations incorporate the Five Freedoms, a core concept in animal welfare into their design and operations. The program has been developed in consultation with volunteer representatives and accreditation professionals from across Canada and the sector.

**Ottawa Humane Society is the first Humane Canada accredited organization.**

## Research, Resources and Advocacy

With the support of the community through petitions and letters to MPs, Humane Canada played a key role in passing Bill S-5 to end toxic chemical testing on animals and Bill C-47 to ban cosmetic animal testing—a major win for animal rights. The Senate also introduced the Horse Protection Act to ban live horse exports for slaughter.

## Summit for Animals

The 2023 Humane Canada's Summit for Animals, held in Victoria, British Columbia, from May 2-4, marked a significant milestone with 386 attendees attending the two-day conference and 192 participants attending the Busy Beaver Training and Deep Dive Day, surpassing 2022's smaller delegation. This 10th-anniversary gathering offered professional development, networking and fun. Attendees, ranging from experts to enthusiasts, engaged in top-tier education on themes like animal welfare, human behaviour, leadership, marketing, enforcement, and One Health/One Welfare.

In addition to enriching sessions, the Summit featured innovative opportunities to connect, such as the Night Owls Social, Paws and Pours, puppy yoga, and the Happy Walrus Recharge Room. Attendees also enjoyed outdoor spaces, interactive signage, and an exhibitor's hall. These dynamic experiences emphasized learning, collaboration, and engagement, making the conference both impactful and enjoyable.





# ADVOCACY & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Humane Canada champions the advancement and enhancement of animal welfare legislation and policies across federal, provincial, and municipal levels. We strive to strengthen and uphold animal protection laws, regulations, and standards to safeguard the well-being of all animals.

## Petitions and Government Engagement

In 2023, Humane Canada continued its efforts to advocate for animal welfare through petitions and government engagement, driving meaningful legislative change with the support of Canadians. Petitions remain a critical tool for amplifying public concerns and showing governments what matters most to constituents. Highlights of our work include:

- Bill S-5: Passed by the Senate with Humane Canada's recommended amendments to phase out toxic chemical testing on animals, sparing thousands of animals from unnecessary suffering annually.
- Bill C-47: Passed by the Senate, banning cosmetic animal testing and trade in Canada—a monumental step forward for animal rights.
- The Horse Protection Act: Introduced in the Senate to ban the export of live horses for slaughter overseas, supported by 36,000 petition signatures from Canadians.
- Support for Pet Food Banks: Launched grant programs to assist rural, northern, and Indigenous communities in creating or expanding pet food assistance initiatives, made possible by PetSmart Charities of Canada and individual donors.

In 2023, Humane Canada achieved significant milestones in animal welfare through strategic government advocacy and public engagement. A key victory was the enactment of Bill S-5, the Strengthening Environmental Protection for a Healthier Canada Act, which phased out toxic chemical testing on animals. This legislation was championed by Senator Marc Gold, the Government Representative in the Senate, who emphasized its collaborative development and its role in modernizing the Canadian Environmental Protection Act.

Another landmark achievement was the passage of Bill C-47, the Budget Implementation Act, 2023, No. 1, which included provisions banning cosmetic animal testing and trade in Canada. This bill was sponsored by Senator Tony Loffreda and received Royal Assent on June 22, 2023, marking a significant advancement in animal rights.

Additionally, the Prohibition of Export of Horses by Air for Slaughter Act, a Private Members' Bill introduced by MP Tim Louis, proposed banning the export of live horses for slaughter overseas. This initiative garnered substantial public support, with over 36,000 Canadians signing petitions to back the legislation, reflecting a strong collective commitment to animal welfare.

These accomplishments underscored the power of coordinated advocacy and the importance of legislative action in enhancing animal protection across Canada.





# FARMED ANIMAL WELFARE

Humane Canada, originally established in 1957 as the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies and SPCAs, was founded to address the absence of animal welfare regulations for animals slaughtered for food in Canada. At the time, there were no guidelines to ensure humane slaughter practices. Our advocacy efforts led to the introduction of the federal *\*Humane Slaughter of Food Animals Act\** in 1959. Today, we remain committed to improving the welfare of farmed animals by actively contributing to the development and refinement of Codes of Practice. We provide in-depth feedback on draft codes on behalf of our members and engage in discussions to amend and strengthen these standards. As founding members of the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC), we continue to play a pivotal role in its governance and advocacy initiatives. Additionally, we work to shift public perspectives through impactful campaigns, fostering meaningful dialogue and empowering Canadians to advocate for change by signing petitions and raising their voices to the government.



**The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.**

*Mahatma Gandhi*



**Canada's Codes of Practice** provide crucial guidelines for the care and handling of farm animals, reflecting a national consensus on animal care standards and recommended practices. These Codes are developed by the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC), which brings together farmers, food industry representatives, enforcement agencies, government bodies, and two animal welfare organizations. Humane Canada plays an active role in NFACC, working to ensure the Codes promote significant and progressive improvements in the treatment of farmed animals. We are dedicated to supporting the development of industry-led assessment programs to monitor and uphold the implementation of these Codes on Canadian farms.

## Emergency Planning and Preparation

In 2023, Humane Canada continued advocating for improved emergency preparedness for farmed animals, drawing lessons from disasters like BC's 2021 floods, which tragically claimed nearly 700,000 animal lives. Through its work with the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC), Humane Canada pushed for the inclusion of detailed disaster response protocols in Canada's Codes of Practice. This effort aims to minimize suffering and losses for animals and farmers, ensuring better outcomes during future emergencies.

## Live Horse Export

The live export of horses from Canada, primarily to Japan for slaughter and use in delicacies like raw horse meat, has long been criticized for subjecting animals to inhumane conditions. Horses endure lengthy, stressful journeys in confined spaces without food or water, often facing injuries or severe distress during transport. In 2023, significant progress was made toward ending this practice. The Horse Protection Act was introduced in the Senate, proposing a ban on the live export of horses for slaughter overseas. Humane Canada played a collaborative role in mobilizing public support, with over 36,000 Canadians signing a petition to urge the government to take action. Additionally, MP Tim Louis introduced the Prohibition of Export of Horses by Air for Slaughter Act, a Private Members' Bill in the House of Commons. These efforts reflect growing public and legislative momentum to end the live export of horses, marking meaningful steps toward a more humane future for these animals.



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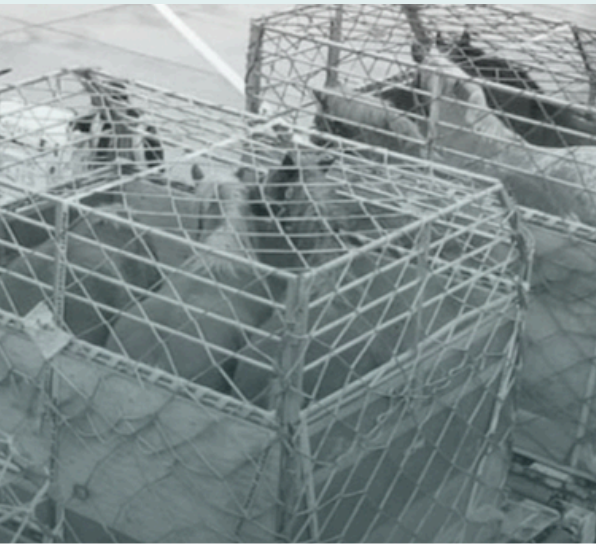
**HORSES NEED YOUR HELP:**

**Bill C-355 stalls in Senate and your voice can push it forward today!**



# FARMED ANIMAL WELFARE Continued

Humane Canada remains a key advocate for farmed animal welfare in Canada, **actively campaigning for policy and regulatory advancements** to improve the treatment of farm animals. We engage with the public and government through targeted advocacy efforts and collaborate with stakeholders, including:



- **Bills addressing Live Horse Export by air for slaughter**
- **Promoting transparency on farms / opposing ag-gag legislation (while advocating a more sustainable, humane farming system in Canada)**
- **Separate legislative efforts to ban cosmetic testing and to phase out toxic chemical testing on animals**
- **Engaged in diverse consultations with government on a wide range of animal welfare issues, demonstrating our commitment to meaningful advocacy across multiple areas.**

## National Farm Animal Care Council

The National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) has initiated a new round of updates to the codes of practice for farmed animal care. As an essential first step, NFACC conducted surveys inviting stakeholders to share their perspectives on farm animal welfare. This process began in April with the Beef Cattle and Equine codes. Humane Canada actively supported these efforts by promoting the surveys through our social media channels and mailing list. Updates for other codes, including pig, sheep, and poultry, are anticipated to begin soon.

In 2024, Humane Canada will focus its efforts on the Equine and Pig Codes. To ensure impactful advocacy, we have engaged animal welfare experts specializing in these species to collaborate with our team. This targeted approach underscores our commitment to advancing the care and management of Canada's 21 million pigs and over half a million horses.

## Transparency and Accountability

Over 800 million animals are slaughtered for food in Canada each year, yet their treatment on farms is largely unregulated. Beyond basic cruelty laws—used only in extreme cases—there are no comprehensive standards to ensure humane care. Many Canadians are unaware of this oversight. To address it, we work with farmers to improve practices and advocate for stronger legislation through public campaigns and petitions.

Canada urgently needs comprehensive laws, effective enforcement, and independent on-farm assessments to protect farmed animals. Ag gag laws exacerbate the problem by reducing transparency and accountability, increasing risks to animal welfare and eroding public trust.

A humane, sustainable approach to agriculture is essential. By adopting legislation that prioritizes animal welfare, environmental sustainability, and public health, we can move toward a future that reflects the One Health, One Welfare framework and benefits all.

*Speak Up for Horses!*

**SUPPORT A BAN ON THE  
CANADIAN LIVE HORSE EXPORT**

*Take Action!*



**We are deeply concerned about the welfare of farmed animals in Canada. Key issues such as improved protections during disasters and emergencies, the lack of transparency on farms, the introduction of harmful whistleblower legislation like Ag-Gag, and ensuring humane transport for farmed animals remain our primary focus. Advocating for stronger protections for all farmed animals in Canada is a top priority, and we remain steadfast in our efforts to drive meaningful change.**



# LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Canada's legal framework encompasses the Criminal Code of Canada, federal regulations, provincial and territorial animal protection laws, and municipal bylaws. Humane Canada actively collaborates with key players in the criminal justice system to raise awareness, foster collaboration, and advocate for legislative and policy reforms that drive lasting, systemic change. This work aims to create an accessible, efficient, and fair justice system that supports victims, strengthens families, and reduces the vulnerability of both animals and humans through a holistic approach.

## Indicators of a Humane Canada - Legal Keystone (1 of 7)

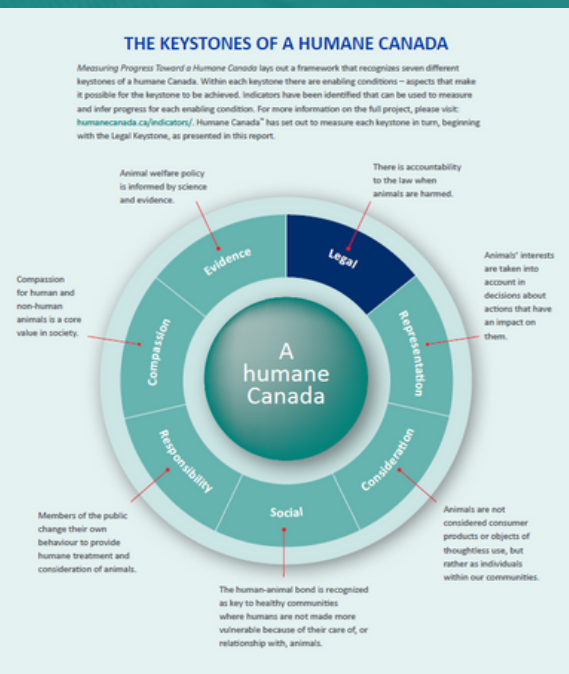
Humane Canada is proud to release the second report in our Measuring Progress Toward a Humane Canada project, Including Animals as Individuals Within Our Communities. This report focuses on the Consideration Keystone, evaluating whether animals are adequately valued within Canadian institutions and practices. Findings across 11 indicators highlight significant gaps in animal welfare.

In a humane society, animals are respected as individuals with dignity—not as commodities or objects of thoughtless use. This understanding is vital to building a compassionate and ethical community.

The report provides valuable insights for organizations involved in enforcement, education, prevention, or advocacy, covering topics such as:

- Ethical companion animal breeding legislation
- Student choice policies for animal dissection in education
- Promoting non-animal alternatives in scientific research
- Ethical regulations for hunting, fishing, and trapping
- Provincial availability of wildlife rehabilitation centres and sanctuaries
- Animal-based entertainment facilities and events
- Legislation gaps in exotic pet ownership

This resource offers actionable recommendations to advance animal welfare and promote systemic change.



## Criminal Justice System Reform Program

Canada's Criminal Justice System is essential for safeguarding the safety, well-being, and productivity of Canadians. A trustworthy justice system enhances community safety, improves quality of life, and supports Canada's prosperity. Humane Canada's Criminal Justice System Reform Program, driven by interdisciplinary collaboration through CVLC and NCPAC, plays a key role in advancing these goals.

### Canadian Violence Link Coalition (CVLC)

The CVLC unites stakeholders committed to addressing the human-animal Violence Link, aiming to create systemic and lasting change. By engaging lawmakers, raising awareness about the Violence Link, and promoting a cross-sectoral approach, the committee has been instrumental in driving progress. Over the past year, it has actively connected and supported frontline professionals engaged in this critical work.

### National Centre for the Prosecution of Animal Cruelty (NCPAC)

NCPAC is a network of prosecutors and allied professionals from across Canada dedicated to supporting the effective and efficient prosecution of animal welfare offenses. With representative Crown Prosecutors from most Canadian provinces, NCPAC played a vital role in 2023 by assisting these professionals in achieving appropriate, consistent, and proportional outcomes for animal welfare cases.



**Over 160 allied professionals attended our annual Prosecution of Animal Abuse Online Conference, which focuses on best practices for prosecuting animal cruelty cases**

**Bill C-332: An Act to amend the Criminal Code (controlling or coercive conduct), introduced on May 18, 2023, aims to criminalize coercive control but excludes the use of animals as a tool of coercion.**

Humane Canada has urged government stakeholders to amend the bill, emphasizing the need to protect companion animals, who are often family members and emotional supports. Their bond with victims is frequently exploited by abusers, making their inclusion vital to addressing coercive control effectively.





# A HUMANE CANADA

*All animals have a life worth living. They are recognized as sentient beings by a society that embraces its responsibilities with regard to their interests.*

## LAWFUL INTERACTIONS WITH ANIMALS

### HUMANE USE

For animals under direct human responsibility (e.g. companion animals, animals used for human purposes, such as farm animals, animals in science, working dogs)

- Standards of care are in use that meet their welfare
- Options are provided to allow them to choose positive affective states
- Ethical considerations are used to guide decision-making about use

### HUMANE CONSIDERATION

For wild animals (for whom we don't have direct responsibility for care)

- We recognize our ethical responsibility to respect their needs and interests
- Their resources are not removed, their habitat is not degraded
- We don't harm them for exploitative purposes (e.g. luxury, fashion, sport, entertainment)

## LEGAL SYSTEM

- To address unlawful situations

## HOW WE WILL GET THERE

Universal humane education that teaches empathy, respect and compassion for others, and relies on ethics, mindfulness and emotional intelligence



# ONE HEALTH ONE WELFARE

Humane Canada believes in the One Health - One Welfare concept that emphasizes the interconnectedness of the well-being of animals, humans, and the environment. It recognizes that the welfare of these three components is closely linked and that actions affecting one can have cascading effects on the others. This concept promotes a holistic approach to addressing issues related to animal welfare, human well-being, and environmental sustainability.

The One Welfare framework encourages collaboration among various disciplines and sectors, including animal welfare, public health, environmental conservation, and social sciences, to address complex challenges such as zoonotic disease outbreaks, climate change, and the ethical treatment of animals. It also emphasizes the need for policies and practices that consider the well-being of all stakeholders, including animals, in decision-making processes.

## The Violence Link

Many women experiencing gender-based violence have reported their abuser using their companion animals as a method of abuse and coercive control. This relationship between violence against people and violence against animals is known as the Violence Link and it impacts a great number of Canadians.

Our Canadian Violence Link Coalition is connecting people in the justice system to share information including real survivor stories to make meaningful change happen and with generous support from Women and Gender Equality Canada (WAGE), Our ACT (Awareness, Collaboration, Tools) Project addresses systemic barriers to help-seeking, safety planning and support services for women with animals (companion, farm, and service) experiencing Gender-Based Violence. Our National Centre for the Prosecution of Animal Cruelty also offers resources and tools for more effective animal abuse prosecutions.

Completed community conversations with Indigenous, rural, and official language minority communities, as well as survivors, to address diverse needs.

Launched the ACT to Keep Families Safe Newsletter, Community of Practice, model, and Online Learning Centre with valuable educational resources.

Highlighted ACT's impact through presentations at key conferences and appearances on podcasts, emphasizing cross-sector collaboration to support women and animals experiencing Gender-Based Violence (GBV).



**NATIONAL PET FOOD BANK'S GRANT CYCLE IS OPEN!**

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**NORTHERN, RURAL AND INDIGENOUS-LED ORGANIZATIONS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY!**

**\$40,000**  
IN GRANTS AVAILABLE

**HUMANE CANADA**

*Eight deserving organizations each received one of \$40,000 total grants awarded to support pet food banking efforts in their local community.*

## National Pet Food Bank Program

The goal of the program is simple, keep families together. We have been working hard to help develop robust community supports at a time where supports are more sought after than ever before. As the financial crisis continues and the effects of climate change cause the displacement of people and animals, many are turning to food banks to help keep themselves and their beloved animals fed. Food banks—both human and pet—can be crucial in keeping interspecies families together during these uncertain times.

**From emergency response and support to access to care and community-based sheltering, Humane Canada has a strong voice at the tables of many impactful committees working to make positive change for animals, people and the environment including:**

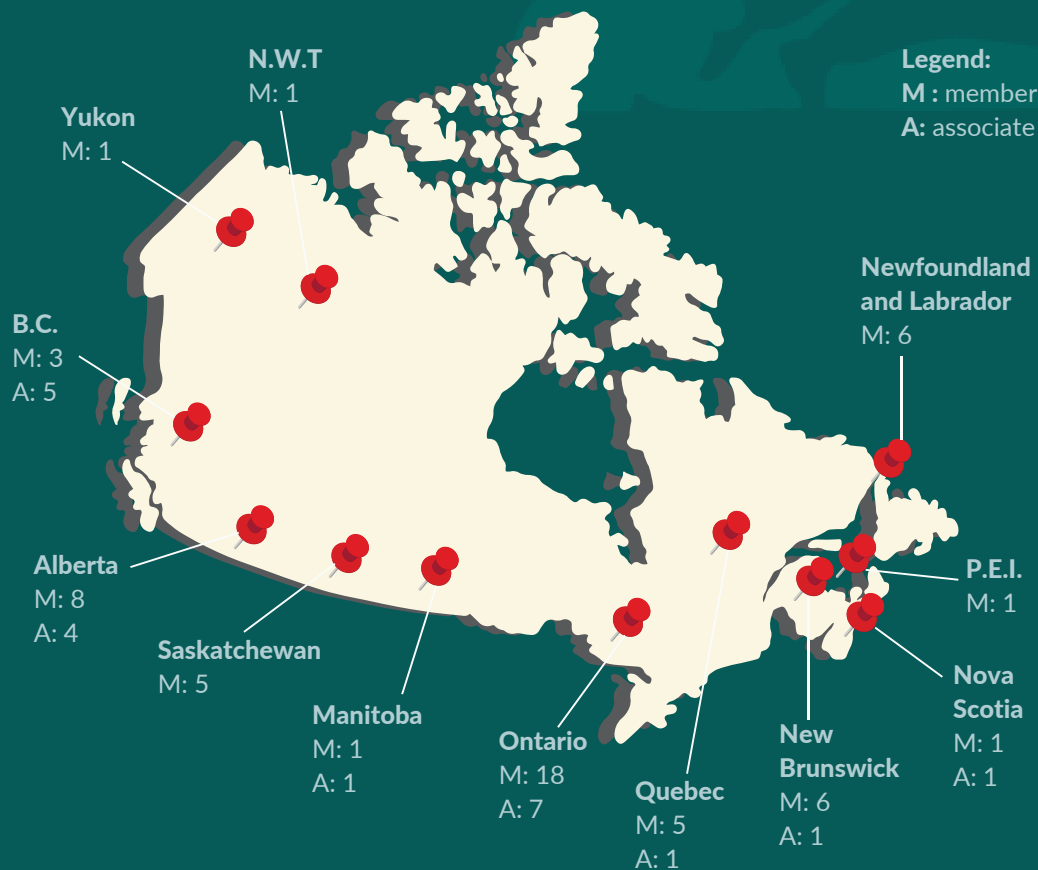
- The Canadian Veterinary Medicine Association (CVMA) - Animal Welfare Committee
- The National Companion Animal Coalition (NCAC)
- National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) - Founding Member
- ENMCC dissolved, so while it is not a committee we are partnering with Red Cross Canada with respect to Emergency Preparedness
- Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC)
- The PAWS Advisory table was dissolved by the province in late 2022
- Human-Animal Support Services (HASS)



# MEMBERS & ASSOCIATES NATIONWIDE

As Canada's national federation of SPCAs and humane societies, we proudly represented 65 humane societies, SPCAs, animal rescues, municipal shelters, and other animal welfare organizations in 2022. With a unified national voice, we advocated for animal welfare interests and concerns to governments, policymakers, industry, and the public.

Our members consist of humane societies and SPCAs, while our associates include rescues, sanctuaries, municipal animal control agencies, and advocacy groups that align with Humane Canada's guiding principles.



We continue to strengthen and elevate the animal welfare sector, and welcome humane societies, SPCAs, and other animal welfare agencies to become members or associates of Humane Canada.

Learn more about membership at [humanecanada.ca](https://humanecanada.ca)



# FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

## REVENUE

Bequests	\$ 212,521
Donations	\$ 383,363
Government Grants	\$ 485,369
Other Foundations	\$ 457,454
Conferences	\$ 415,452
Memberships	\$ 88,955
Corporate Sponsorships	\$ 22,792
Other Revenue	\$ 3,483
Investment Income	\$ 22,755

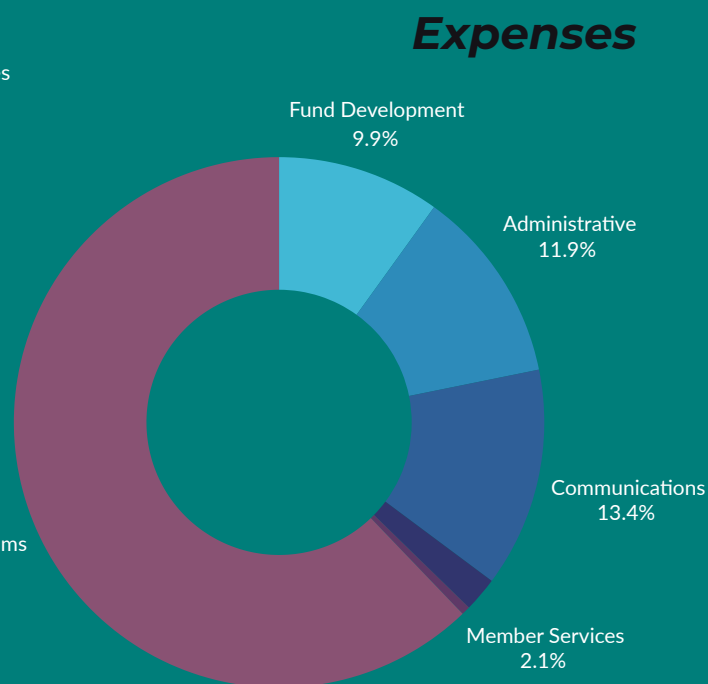
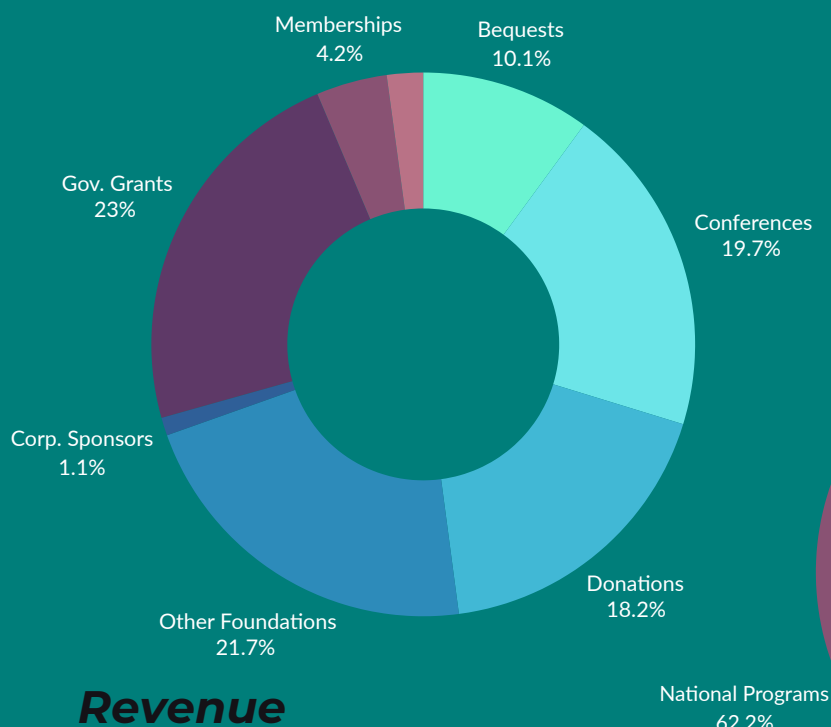
**Total Operating Revenue \$ 2,092,144**

## EXPENSES

National Programs	\$ 1,522,720
Administrative	\$ 277,290
Fund Development	\$ 232,110
Communications	\$ 312,510
Member Services	\$ 49,319
Other	\$ 14,627

**Total Expenses \$ 2,408,567**

**Excess (Deficiency) \$ (318,616)**



Current Assets	\$ 785,441
Investments	\$ 1,556,029
Total Assets	\$ 2,345,777

Current Liabilities & Deferred Revenue	\$ 856,823
Total Liabilities	\$ 856,823

Fund Balances	\$ 1,488,954
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To view the full 2023 financial statements visit: [humanecanada.ca](https://humanecanada.ca)



# OUR CHAMPIONS

As a registered charity, we depend on support from the public, our member organizations, foundation grants & corporate sponsorship to fund our critical work. We thank our 2022/23 funders, members, donors, sponsors, corporate partners, Women for Humane Canada members, & Humane Hearts monthly donors.

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