

# 2024

## 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 human 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. Human members of the animal kingdom human 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.



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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.

# 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.



# 2024 Impact Report

**Humane Canada is proud to present our 2024 Impact Report, highlighting our collective efforts to drive positive progress change toward a Canada where all animals are treated with compassion and respect.**

In 2024, we celebrated monumental achievements for animals, driven by unwavering dedication and collective action. Together, we are building a humane future, where all animals are treated with compassion and respect.

This report chronicles the impactful campaigns, partnerships, and advocacy efforts that have shaped our year.

Each milestone in this report reflects the progress we've made towards a country where animals are valued, respected, and protected. These achievements are not just victories for today but stepping stones toward a future where all animals can live free from cruelty and neglect.

Thank you for being a vital part of Humane Canada's mission. Together, we are shaping a kinder and more compassionate future for animals across the country.



## IMPACT SNAPSHOT

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Unprecedented Bills moved through parliament to better protect animals

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

# Monthly 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.

In 2024, our advocacy efforts drove significant legislative progress, supported by public engagement. Over 36,000 signatures on our e-petition helped advance Bill C-355 to ban live horse exports for slaughter, while 19,579 signatures pushed for pet-inclusive housing in the Renters Bill of Rights.

## JANUARY TO APRIL

The year began with impactful legislative advocacy and outreach. In January, we presented policy recommendations for [Bill C-332](#) to include animals as victims in coercive control cases. February saw us testify in support of [Bill C-355](#), advocating to ban live shipping of draft horses for slaughter, backed by over 36,000 signatures on a government e-petition. Additionally, we secured \$213,500 through Open Philanthropy to support revisions to the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) Codes of Practice for pigs, poultry, and farmed salmonids.

This period also marked the launch of new modules and case studies on the ACT to Keep Families Safe Online Learning Centre, with over 64,832 page views, 46,079 unique users, and 9,307 engagements by March, underscoring its growing impact.

In March, we successfully amended [Bill C-332](#) to include animal maltreatment as an offense under coercive control patterns and emphasized the importance of pet-inclusive support for survivors of gender-based violence on the [Street Dogs](#) podcast. Additionally, the ACT program made significant progress with key presentations at [Western University's Learning Network](#).

In April, we supported [Bill S-15](#) to end the captivity of elephants and great apes by appearing before the Senate Standing Committee. We also saw the success of [Bill C-355](#), The Prohibition of Export of Horses by Air for Slaughter Act, pass the clause-by-clause in the Committee stage at the House of Commons.

## MAY TO AUGUST

Mid-year efforts emphasized collaboration and innovation. In May, the 11th Annual Summit for Animals brought together 400+ attendees in Halifax, Nova Scotia, fostering strategic partnerships and sharing insights. We launched the new Humane Canada website, enhancing accessibility and engagement for supporters while showcasing our mission and resources. Additionally, we introduced the National Pet Food Bank Map, awarding \$40,000 in grants to organizations such as the Northern Reach Network, and celebrated the passage of [Bill C-355](#) in the House of Commons in May.

Other key initiatives included testimony before the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women, the Equine Code Survey, and continued advocacy for pet-inclusive housing under the Renters Bill of Rights. The ACT program also made an impact through presentations at the 2024 Summit for Animals and the 14th Annual Conference on Violence in Relationships, highlighting connections between GBV and animal welfare.

# Monthly Milestones

## SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER

The final quarter of 2024 marked significant advancements in advocacy and public engagement. In September, Humane Canada proposed amendments to [Bill C-63](#) to address animal sexual exploitation and we also secured acknowledgment of pet ownership discrimination in the federal Renters Bill of Rights Blueprint. In October, we provided testimony on animal abuse as coercive control to the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women, marking the first time Humane Canada was invited to witness at this committee. We also received the prestigious Silver W3 Award in the General Websites – Pets & Animals category. This achievement reflects Humane Canada's dedication to advancing animal welfare through innovative digital outreach and effective communication tools, further solidifying our leadership in the sector.

November marked the 10th anniversary of our Prosecution of Animal Abuse Conference, a milestone achievement in our efforts to combat animal cruelty. This year's event brought together 113 attendees from various sectors, offering an unparalleled platform for networking, knowledge-sharing, and collaboration. Over the past decade, the conference has become a cornerstone of our mission, driving meaningful change by ensuring crimes against animals are prosecuted with greater effectiveness and efficiency. We also celebrated the ACT Online Learning Centre, which was recognized with the Purpose-Driven Program award. Our Parliamentary Petition on pet-inclusive housing became the #2 most signed petition in the House of Commons, garnering 19,579 signatures. Additionally, we addressed [Bill C-275](#), the Act to Amend the Health of Animals Act (Biosecurity on Farms), advocating for stronger protections against animal suffering and improved biosecurity practices on Canadian farms.

The ACT program wrapped up the year with impactful initiatives, including presentations at the BC Society of Transition Houses Annual Training Forum and the [Nova Scotia SPCA PAW'dcast](#), highlighting safe transitions for GBV survivors and their pets. A key milestone was delivering the keynote address at the 2024 International Summit to End Gender-Based Violence, where we shared strategies for engaging men and boys as allies in prevention efforts.

In December, we partnered with VCA Canada for Giving Tuesday, receiving over \$60,000 in matching funds to support both our Giving Tuesday initiative and the horse export campaign. This effort, combined with our appeal letter highlighting the urgency of ending horse exports, gained momentum with celebrity endorsements from Jann Arden, Bryan Adams, Elisha Cuthbert, Chantal Kreviazuk, Queen's Brian May, and others, who urged the Senate to pass [Bill C-355](#).

At the same time, [Bill S-15](#) successfully passed through the Senate and now awaits approval from the House of Commons—a crucial step toward ending the captivity of elephants and great apes in Canada. Humane Canada was instrumental in advancing this legislation through advocacy, public awareness, and collaboration.

These efforts, combined with others, have inspired remarkable generosity from our community, driving meaningful change for animals as we end the year. In 2024, our advocacy has been relentless, advancing five critical bills that could transform animal protection in Canada. These bills are now moving through government, and if passed, they will bring lasting improvements for animals across the country.

Our progress isn't possible  
without your generous



# NATIONAL PET FOOD BANK

## IMPACT REPORT

In May, Humane Canada launched the country's first Interactive Pet Food Bank Map on our website, providing a comprehensive and user-friendly tool for locating pet food banks across Canada. A total of 305 pet food banks were identified and added to the map, spanning 10 provinces and one territory. The first-ever National Pet Food Bank Toolkit was developed and made available online, featuring 21 resources designed to assist with starting, operating, or evaluating a pet food bank. Additionally, 34 reports and research articles are accessible for reference, with plans to integrate these materials into the Humane Canada online learning and resource center in the near future. \$40,000 in grants were awarded to support pet food banks and related initiatives.

### 2023 & 2024 COMBINED STATS

**310**  
PET FOOD BANKS

identified on the National Pet Food Bank map

IN TEN PROVINCES AND ONE TERRITORY

#### FUN FACT

CALGARY

CITY WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PET FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN CANADA

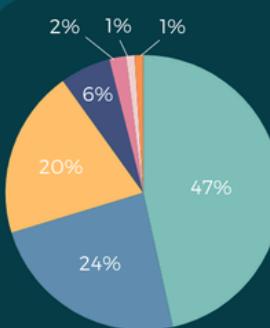
#### NATIONAL PET FOOD BANK TOOLKIT

**21** Resources available on starting, running, or evaluating a pet food bank

**34** Reports and research articles available



### SNAPSHOT OF THE CANADIAN PET FOOD BANK SECTOR



#### PET FOOD BANK TYPES

- human food bank-based
- animal shelter-based
- community-based
- unknown
- other
- vet clinic-based
- mobile

**46%**

of pet food assistance programs have little-to-no eligibility criteria

#### TOP REASONS ORGANIZATIONS DO NOT OPERATE A PET FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- 1 limited financial resources
- 2 inconsistent supply of pet food

#### TOP SOURCES OF PET FOOD FOR PET FOOD BANKS

- 1 donations from the community
- 2 pet stores
- 3 pet food industry suppliers

### NATIONAL PET FOOD BANK GRANTS

**\$80,000 AWARDED**

#### 17 RECIPIENTS

- 12 animal welfare organizations
- 3 social service organizations
- 2 food banks

**10**  
NORTHERN,  
RURAL, OR  
INDIGENOUS-LED  
PROJECTS  
FUNDED

5052 ANIMALS SERVED

**1.9 million**

MEALS DELIVERED TO THE NATIONAL PET FOOD BANK NETWORK THROUGH CORPORATE DONATIONS

# Criminal Justice System Reform Program (CJSR)



2024 marks 10 years of monumental achievements for animals, driven by unwavering dedication and collective action through NCPAC (The National Centre for the Prosecution of Animal Cruelty). This year we launched the National Prohibition Order Database for Law Enforcement, Animal Protection Services and Shelters with exclusive controlled access. Together, we are building a humane future, where all animals are treated with compassion and respect. This report chronicles the impactful campaigns, partnerships, and advocacy efforts that have shaped our year. Each milestone reflects the progress we've made towards a country where animals are valued, respected, and protected. These achievements are not just victories for today but stepping stones toward a future where all animals can live free from cruelty and neglect.

*Celebrating*  
— 10 YEARS —

## NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE PROSECUTION OF ANIMAL CRUELTY (NCPAC)

JANUARY 2015

NCPAC officially launched

MARCH 2016

NCPAC Case Law Database created

JANUARY 2018

Canadian Violence Link Coalition was formed

NOVEMBER 2015

Inaugural Prosecution of Animal Abuse Conference

NOVEMBER 2017

Inaugural National Violence Link Conference

DECEMBER 2020

Secure Resource Portal created



### NCPAC STEERING COMMITTEE

18

Crown prosecutors and allied professionals located in

9

Provinces across Canada

### EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

30

Video presentations from 2020-2023 Conferences

199

Secure Resource Portal subscribers

1037

Animal abuse case files collected and published

### IMPACTFUL PARTNERSHIPS



**Canadian Violence Link Coalition** emerged out of the annual Prosecution of Animal Abuse conferences into a collaborative partnership with more than 15 different sectors and includes the following members:



**Calgary Police Services** and **Calgary Humane Society** who work with prosecutors and forensic veterinarians to conduct training for other police services through the Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police



**Edmonton Police Service** who launched Canada's first Animal Cruelty Investigation Unit in 2021

## MAJOR MOMENTS IN CASE LAW

**1** ***R v Gerling, 2016 BCCA 72***: Established how *mens rea* is applied is applied to sections 445.1(1)(a) and 446(1)(b) of the *Criminal Code*

**2** ***R v Sanaee, 2016 ABCA 289***: Established guidance on how expert evidence and the “colour of right” defence is used in the animal cruelty sections of the *Criminal Code*

**3** ***R v DLW, 2016 SCC 22***: Led to Bill C-84 and the updated definition of bestiality, changes to law to improve protections for animals (animal fighting and bestiality) and children

**4** ***R v DR, 2018 ONCJ 900***: Decision considered in detail the case law on the terms “unnecessary” and “wilfully”

**5** ***R v Price, [2019] AJ No 1808***: Considered mental illness as mitigating factor in moral culpability

**6** ***R v Reykdal, 2020 NBCA 13***: Established provincial appellate level precedent on incarceration for animal cruelty charges

**7** ***R v Garvin, 2021 ONCJ 496***: Two-year sentence and lifetime animal prohibition order for killing his dog in addition to threatening to kill his parents and weapons possession

**8** ***R v Chen, 2021 ABCA 382***: Precedent setting case acknowledges animals as “sentient beings that experience pain and suffering” who must be “treated as living victims” and not chattels

**9** ***R v CW, [2022] MJ No. 222***: First known case in Canadian court history to accept a Community Impact Statement for animal sexual abuse victims

**10** ***R v Raugust, [2023] A.J. No. 1196***: Longest prison sentence in Canadian history for animal cruelty conviction of serial cat killer

## MEMORABLE FEEDBACK

*“I would argue NCPAC has impacted every animal cruelty file I have prosecuted since its inception. Between the hive mind and the database, I use NCPAC for every file/sentencing”*

Crown Counsel, BC Prosecution Service

*“The link between animal abuse and other offending, most notably in the Intimate Partner Violence cases, has been extremely helpful in shifting the courts mentality in accepting this evidence as a barrier to victims leaving IPV relationships”*

Crown Prosecutor, Alberta Justice

*“As a result of NCPAC we have all become “experts” and I’m sure we have all been called upon for that expertise not only in our own cases but in cases across the Country”*

Assistant Crown Attorney, Ministry of the Attorney General Ontario

## CONFERENCES

**10**  Conferences held

**388**  Prosecutors attending

**357**  Allied professionals participating

**HUMANE CANADA IS GRATEFUL TO THE CROWN PROSECUTORS AND ALLIED PROFESSIONALS WHO CONTRIBUTE SO MUCH TO THIS WORK**

# THE VIOLENCE LINK

In 2024, Humane Canada advanced the understanding and response to the "violence link"—the connection between animal maltreatment and human violence—through its ACT (Awareness, Collaboration, Tools) program and the promotion of promising practices nationwide. The ACT to Keep Families Safe Online Learning Centre expanded its reach with new modules and case studies, engaging over 46,000 unique users.

The ACT program's initiatives included key presentations at Western University's Learning Network, participation in the BC Society of Transition Houses Annual Training Forum, and the Nova Scotia SPCA PAW'dcast, all of which focused on supporting survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and their pets, and on educating professionals about the intersection of animal abuse and human safety.

Throughout the year, Humane Canada's advocacy efforts helped drive legislative recognition of the violence link, such as successfully amending Bill C-332 to include animal maltreatment as an offence within coercive control cases.

We also championed pet-inclusive support for GBV survivors, emphasizing the need for safe transitions for both people and animals. The ACT program's impact was further highlighted by delivering the keynote at the 2024 International Summit to End Gender-Based Violence, where strategies to engage men and boys as allies in prevention were shared. These combined efforts have fostered national collaboration, provided frontline professionals with essential resources, and set new standards for addressing the intertwined issues of animal and human welfare in Canada.



**Humane Canada's Promising Practices Project is a three-year initiative supported by Women and Gender Equality Canada (WAGE) that develops and advances humane education as a pathway to preventing gender-based violence (GBV).**

The program engages men and boys as allies by fostering empathy, compassion, and non-violence, drawing on the well-documented connection between animal cruelty and violence against people.

By addressing root causes of harm—including rigid gender norms and toxic masculinity—the project aims to cultivate respectful citizens and strengthen prevention efforts across the GBV sector.

**The Promising Practices Project debuted the Online Learning Centre and accompanying resources in October 2024, to advance humane education as a promising practice in gender-based violence prevention.**



# Unprecedented!

## 5 Bills moved through Parliament to better protect animals!

### 1 Bill C-332

Recognize animals as both tools of and victims of family violence and coercive control

### 2 Bill C-355

Ban the export of live horses overseas for slaughter

### 3 Bill S-15

Phase out the captivity of elephants and great apes

### 4 Bill C-63

Include animal abuse and sexual assault images as an on-line harm

### 5 Bill C-293

Include One Health/One Welfare in pandemic prevention

## ADVOCACY FOR ANIMALS

In 2024, Humane Canada achieved substantial legislative progress through dedicated advocacy and public engagement. Early in the year, we advanced key bills with the support of tens of thousands of petition signatures, including Bill C-355 to ban live horse exports for slaughter and the Renters Bill of Rights to promote pet-inclusive housing. Humane Canada also influenced amendments to Bill C-332, ensuring animal maltreatment was recognized within coercive control cases.

Throughout the year, our expert testimony and policy recommendations contributed to the success of bills designed to protect animals, such as Bill S-15 to end the captivity of elephants and great apes and ongoing advocacy for stronger biosecurity measures on Canadian farms.

The final quarter saw further momentum, with Humane Canada leading amendments to Bill C-63 addressing animal sexual exploitation and advocating against pet ownership discrimination in federal housing policy. Notable milestones included our first testimony before the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women.

By year's end, our efforts have propelled five critical bills forward in government, each promising transformative improvements for animal protection nationwide. The combination of legislative advocacy, public engagement, and influential partnerships has positioned Humane Canada at the forefront of shaping a more humane future for animals across the country.

### BREAKING NEWS

Celebrities Rally to Pass Bill C-355!



Jann Arden, Bryan Adams, Elisha Cuthbert, Brian May, Chantal Kreviazuk, Robert Bateman Urge Canadian Senate to Pass Bill to Ban Exporting Horses by Air for Slaughter

Photo Credit: Canadian Horse Defence Coalition



**BREAKING NEWS**  
Senate Passes Bill S-15 to Protect Captive Elephants & Great Apes in Canada

# FARMED ANIMAL WELFARE



TAKE THE SURVEY 



Humane Canada actively contributed to the advancement of farmed animal welfare standards through its work with the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC). We supported the revision of several Codes of Practice, focusing on public engagement and advocating for stronger protections for farmed animals.

**Codes Under Revision:** Humane Canada promoted public participation in the feedback periods for updates to the Codes of Practice for horses on farms, cattle used for meat (beef cattle), and chickens and turkeys used for meat (including hatching eggs, breeders, chickens, and turkeys).

**New Code Update Initiated:** In July 2024, the organization began gathering public input for the upcoming revision of the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Sheep, launching a survey to collect concerns and suggestions.

**Ongoing Review and Implementation:** The updated Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Dairy Cattle, released in March 2023, officially took effect on April 1, 2024, with Humane Canada participating on the Code Development Committee. Additionally, work began in September 2024 on updating the Code for Pigs, with the public comment phase anticipated for late 2026 or early 2027, following a delay in the deadline for transitioning sow housing to group systems.

**Committee Work:** A Code Committee was established to address amendments regarding space and housing for pullets and laying hens.

**Throughout the year, Humane Canada continued its leadership in the NFACC's collaborative process, ensuring that animal welfare advocacy and scientific research continue to inform the development of national standards. Humane Canada also engaged the public through campaigns and petitions, encouraging Canadians to voice their concerns and contribute to animal welfare policy discussions.**

**Live Horse Export:** Public concern has grown over the continued practice of exporting large draft horses from Calgary, Edmonton, and Winnipeg airports to Japan, where they are consumed as a delicacy. These horses are transported in confined wooden crates, leading to severe stress, increased risk of injury, illness, and even death. The knowledge that these remarkable animals, who have contributed so much to society, endure such conditions is deeply distressing.



ACT NOW

**HORSES NEED YOUR HELP:**  
YOUR VOICE CAN PUSH FORWARD  
BILL C-355 STALLED IN THE SENATE!

In 2024, Humane Canada has intensified its advocacy by partnering with national and provincial organizations, launching awareness campaigns, and supporting a new federal petition urging the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food to immediately ban the live export of horses for slaughter.

**Ongoing efforts focus on driving legislative change and ensuring better protection for horses across Canada.**

# FOR MEMBERS & THE ANIMAL WELFARE SECTOR

Humane Canada's support for its members extends across a wide spectrum of services, from advocacy and lobbying to information sharing, training, and granting. By fostering collaboration, providing resources, and advocating for change, Humane Canada plays a vital role in advancing the cause of animal welfare in Canada and supporting the dedicated individuals and organizations working tirelessly to protect animals.

## Member Connection and Collaboration

Humane Canada regularly facilitated forums for members to connect, share experiences, and collaborate on practical solutions to challenges facing their shelters. The organization also collected data and insights to inform coordinated regional and national responses to emerging issues. Humane Canada supports community-based sheltering models, recognizing that keeping animals within their communities leads to better outcomes. By promoting local support, resources, and preventative services, Humane Canada helps reduce shelter intake, strengthen the human-animal bond, and support members in delivering more sustainable, compassionate care.



**Humane Canada successfully mobilized supporters to advocate for pet-inclusive housing**, gathering over 10,000 signatures through a national petition. This strong show of public support highlights the growing demand for housing policies that recognize pets as part of the family. The campaign aimed to reduce barriers to adoption and help prevent unnecessary shelter surrenders, directly supporting Humane Canada's members and the communities they serve.

**DON'T LET 'NO PET' POLICIES CLOSE THE DOOR TO TENANTS.**

ADD YOUR NAME TO OUR NATIONAL PETITION FOR PET-INCLUSIVE HOUSING

**10,000+**  
**SIGNATURES AND COUNTING!**



## 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 excellence in sheltering 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.



**The 2024 Humane Canada Summit for Animals**, held May 5-7 in Halifax, brought together hundreds of animal welfare advocates, professionals, and organizations from across Canada to share insights, strategies, and innovations aimed at advancing animal well-being. The event featured a multidisciplinary program covering topics such as improved access to veterinary care, welfare issues affecting companion, farmed and wild animals, and integration of human-animal services, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange among attendees committed to creating lasting, compassionate improvements for animals.



# 65 MEMBERS & ASSOCIATES NATIONWIDE

As Canada's federation of SPCAs and humane societies, we represented 65 humane societies, SPCAs, animal rescues, municipal animal shelters, and other animal welfare agencies in 2022 at the national level with a strong national voice, promoting animal welfare interests and concerns to government, policy makers, industry and the public.

Our members are humane societies and SPCAs, while our associates are rescues, sanctuaries, municipal animal control agencies or animal advocacy groups that share the guiding principles of Humane Canada.



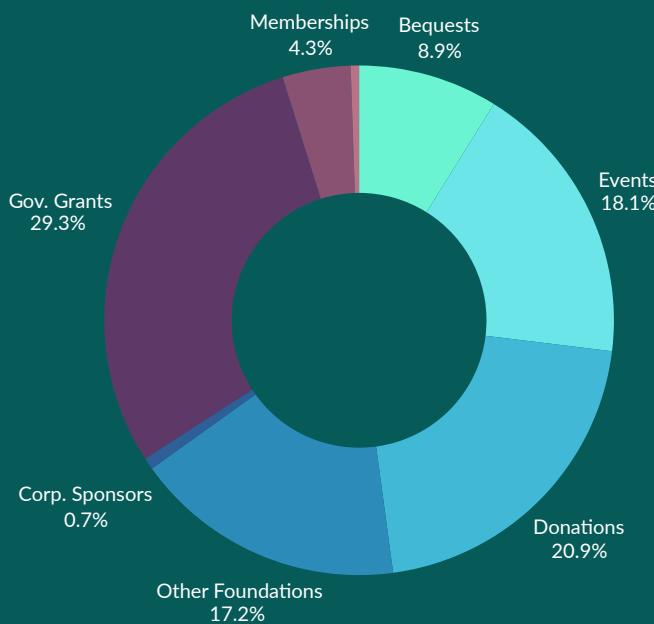
We continue to strengthen and elevate the animal welfare sector, and welcome humane societies, SPCAs, and other animal welfare agencies to become members or associates of Humane Canada.

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

# FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

## REVENUE

Bequests	\$ 193,125
Donations	\$ 455,505
Government Grants	\$ 637,522
Other Foundations	\$ 375,601
Event Revenue	\$ 393,277
Memberships	\$ 94,199
Corporate Sponsorships	\$ 16,255
Other Revenue	\$ 11,606
Investment Income	\$ 78,777
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,255,867</b>



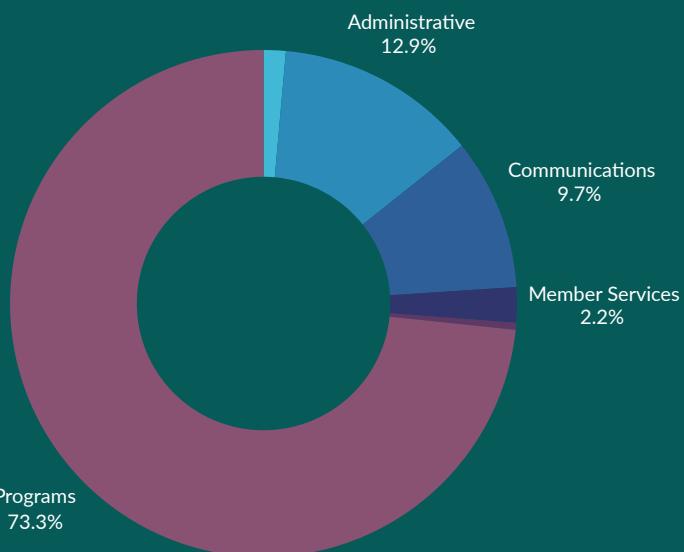
**Revenue**

## EXPENSES

Programs	\$ 1,623,864
Administrative	\$ 285,607
Fund Development	\$ 31,272
Communications	\$ 214,205
Member Services	\$ 49,979
Other	\$ 10,046

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,414,973</b>
<b>Amortization of Tangible Assets</b>	<b>\$ (2,369)</b>
<b>Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 265,006</b>

## Expenses



Current Assets	\$ 833,420
Investments	\$ 1,320,556
Total Assets	\$ 2,153,976

Current Liabilities & Deferred Revenue	\$ 826,497
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Fund Balances	\$ 2,153,976
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To view the full 2024 financial statements visit: [humanecanada.ca](http://humanecanada.ca)

## OUR MISSION

To drive positive progressive change to end animal cruelty, improve animal protection and promote the humane treatment of all animals.

As the convener and representative of the largest animal welfare community in Canada, we advance and elevate animal welfare with a strong national voice promoting the interests and concerns of animal welfare to government, policy makers, industry and the public.

## OUR VISION

A Humane Canada

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