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A Saskatchewan SPCA licence plate is the perfect way to show that you have respect for animals. Give a plate as a gift or treat yourself.

Learn more about the Saskatchewan SPCA specialty licence plate program by visiting www.sspca.ca/licence-plates.

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UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR ANIMAL RESCUES

Presently there is no licencing or training required in order to establish or operate an animal rescue. The Saskatchewan Animal Rescue Certification (SARC) Program seeks to raise the standard of care in animal rescues by providing education, training, and mentorship opportunities for animal rescues and shelters.

This voluntary program is being developed jointly by the Saskatchewan SPCA along with stakeholders in the animal welfare sector. Members of the Working Group include veterinarians and veterinary technologists, as well as representatives from rescues, shelters, enforcement, and the government.

Organizations wishing to be certified as part of this program will have to

demonstrate they meet the standards outlined in *The Saskatchewan Animal Rescue Standards*. These standards are based on guidelines originally developed by the Association of Shelter Veterinarians and the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals).

Educational resources will be available to assist the rescue in the process of becoming a certified rescue.

The program targets all types of rescues, including both “bricks and mortar” and foster-based rescues. A rescue group is defined as one that rehomes and/or provides ongoing care for unwanted, abused, stray, or abandoned animals; and operates or provides services in Saskatchewan; and adheres to the principles of not-for-profit.

A series of regional meetings have been held to discuss the proposed program and a survey has been distributed to stakeholders in the animal welfare

sector. This feedback will help guide the continued development of this education-based program.

The Saskatchewan Animal Rescue Certification program will help improve the welfare of homeless animals by supporting improved education of, and collaboration between, animal rescue organizations. The program also helps raise awareness of the important work being done by animal rescues and shelters in Saskatchewan.

Thank you to the Animal Welfare Foundation of Canada for their support for the SARC program.



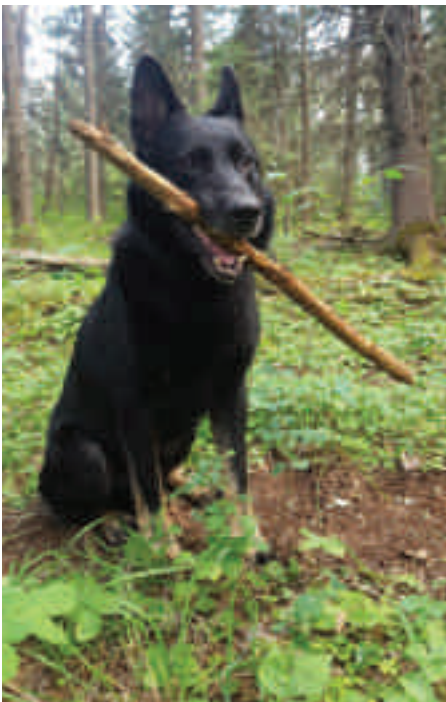
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HAPPY RETIREMENT!

We're pleased to announce the Saskatchewan SPCA Stryker K-9 Care Fund now provides up to \$1,500 a year to each retired police dog accepted into the program. This unique fund helps owners with the cost of emergency and routine veterinary care.

To donate, see <http://sspca.ca/donate/>



Ozzie served with the Saskatoon Police Service K-9 unit from 2013-2017.

SAVE THE DATE

The Saskatchewan SPCA's 2019 Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 15 in Saskatoon. This event is open to the public.

More information will be available in future editions of *The Humanitarian* and online at www.sspca.ca.

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LIVESTOCK & EXTREME WEATHER

By Jenny Marriott

During a Saskatchewan summer livestock are exposed to hot weather and to extreme weather events such as: thunderstorms, hailstorms, tornados and the possibility of disasters such as: flooding and/or wildfires. This article provides general recommendation for managing livestock during hot and/or extreme weather.

LIVESTOCK AND HOT WEATHER

Livestock are generally considered to be at risk of developing heat stress when the temperature reaches 25°C, although humidity and wind influence this risk. Heat stressed animals increase their water intakes considerably; therefore, **provision of sufficient water** is crucial. Livestock housed outside (e.g. beef cattle) should be provided with a **source of shade** while livestock housed indoors (e.g. swine, dairy cattle) require **adequate ventilation**.

As heat stress results in decreased feed intakes it has a negative effect on livestock productivity and therefore has important economic implications for your operation in addition to being an animal welfare concern.

LIVESTOCK AND EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS/DISASTERS

Planning ahead puts you in the best possible position to care for your livestock should extreme weather hit your operation. You should **know the weather risks** to give yourself maximum time to react. You should also have the following in place:

A list of emergency contacts e.g. employees, veterinarian, neighbours, livestock transportation providers, out-of-town contacts, etc.

A sturdy shelter for your animals i.e. one that can withstand strong winds, heavy rain and hail. This shelter should be large enough to accommodate the whole herd. Placing the shelter on lower ground protects against lightning strikes while placement on higher ground protects against flooding.

Items that could be picked up by high winds and become flying debris have been **removed or secured**.

Should an extreme weather event or a weather disaster strike you will have to decide how best to keep yourself, your family and your

animals safe. Listed below are three possible courses of action, each of which requires preparations above and beyond the measures described previously.

You may opt to “ride it out” i.e. shelter yourself, your family and your livestock in place. In this case you will need to do the following:

Decide **whether to confine your livestock or leave them outside**. A suitable outside location should be free of overhead power lines and lone trees and must have safe, properly grounded fencing.

Ensure that you have **sufficient feed, water, medications, etc.** to sustain your livestock for a minimum of 72 hours.

Emergency management officers may determine that evacuation is necessary. If time allows you may be able to evacuate yourself, your family and your livestock. In preparation for evacuating your livestock you should have the following in place:

A livestock evacuation kit. This should include items such as: feed, medications and supplements, halters and paperwork such as veterinary records and proof of ownership documents, etc.

Arrangements to **transport animals** safely away from the property.

A safe place to re-locate animals to. This may be another farm, a fairground, a racetrack, etc. You will need to ensure that **adequate feed and water** is available at the identified location.

Visible and permanent **animal identification** so that your animals can be returned to you once the emergency has passed.

If emergency management officials determine that evacuation is necessary but there isn't time to evacuate your livestock you should do the following:

Open gates between pastures and/or pens to give your animals as much room as possible to escape the disaster.

Put out extra feed and water in anticipation of the evacuation lasting at least a few days.

Ultimately, the most appropriate measures to protect your livestock during extreme weather events will depend on the size of your herd, the type of livestock you have and how extreme the weather gets.





A NEW RESOURCE FOR THE VIOLENCE LINK

The Saskatchewan SPCA is proud to announce a new online resource focusing on the link between animal abuse and domestic violence.

ViolenceLink.ca features a variety of information for victims of violence, animal welfare professionals, human service professionals, and others. Visitors to the website will find details on safety planning for people and pets, research documents, recent news stories, upcoming events, and a whole lot more.

We encourage you to visit ViolenceLink.ca and bookmark it as a go-to resource. Check back often as we'll be updating with important information and resources.

DONATE TO THE SASKATCHEWAN SPCA THROUGH SARCAN DROP & GO

Supporters of the Saskatchewan SPCA have a new option for making a donation to the provincial voice on animal welfare.

According to SARCAN, "Drop & Go is a new service that is available at all SARCAN depots in Saskatchewan. It allows customers to skip lineups by leaving their order at the depot and getting their refunds transferred electronically. Your order will still be counted by our same great staff!"

To use the Drop & Go service, follow these easy steps:

1. At home, separate your recycling – put plastics, cartons and aluminum cans into bags, put glass beverage containers into boxes. Don't forget to include milk containers!
2. Visit a SARCAN Depot and look for Drop & Go.
3. Follow instructions on the screen. Type 1928 when prompted to enter the group phrase. It is simple!
4. The amount of your order will be processed and paid directly to the Saskatchewan SPCA.

Remember, the Saskatchewan SPCA's group phrase is 1928 and can be used at all 72 SARCAN recycling depots in Saskatchewan



SASKATCHEWAN SPCA WELCOMES SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM STUDENT

On January 8th, Autumn Tuttroen joined the Saskatchewan SPCA team as a practicum student and will be working with us until mid-April. Autumn, a Saulteaux woman with familial roots in Skownan First Nation, is in her fourth year of the Bachelor of Social Work program with the University of Regina. She is also a student at the University of Saskatchewan where she volunteers and works.

When Autumn is not spending time on campus, you can often find her behind a laptop screen working on projects for AUDEAMUS, a non-profit organization that provides certified, specially trained service dogs to individuals living with PTSD. Once Autumn has attained her Bachelor of Social Work, she hopes to merge her passions of working with Indigenous peoples and animals into a thesis research project for a Master's in Social Work degree.



AUTUMN TUTTROEN
practicum student

Having been exposed to innovative ideas and theories from Dr. Colleen Dell and Dr. Darlene Chalmers, taking a course about animals and social work, volunteering for AUDEAMUS, and Autumn's love of animals is what led her to us here at the Saskatchewan SPCA.

Throughout all of her academic and professional endeavours, Autumn's husband Ryan and her companion animal dachshunds Miller and Tilly have been by her side providing consistent support and comfort. In her spare time, Autumn enjoys spending time at home with her dogs, playing board games with her husband and friends, and attending barre fitness and dance classes.

The Saskatchewan SPCA is happy to welcome Autumn and is excited to work with her!

WARMING HEARTS AND PAWS: HELPING PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE

This past February was the coldest in 80 years with temperatures well below average all month long. In response to the extreme cold, the Saskatchewan SPCA initiated the Emergency Winter Care Collection Blitz.

The idea came from an office conversation about the local cold weather strategy in Saskatoon. While there are a handful of organizations that provide warm-up locations for people, there are no warm-up spots for people with pets. In addition to warm-up locations, there are various clothing drives within our communities to support those in need. There are no clothing or food drives to support the pets of people struggling with homelessness.

Josh Hourie, the Saskatchewan SPCA's community relations coordinator, reached

out to local human service agencies in Saskatoon and Regina. "The agency representatives that I spoke with all expressed a need for a program like this," explains Hourie. "I think we can all agree, in an ideal situation, pets and their people would be safe indoors in all types of extreme weather. Unfortunately, this is not always an option. We wanted to help as much as we could, so we rallied our troops, began working the phones, and I think it's safe to say we're all very happy with the reception the program has received."

Thanks to the assistance of local businesses that served as collection locations and the generosity of those in our community, the Saskatchewan SPCA was able to collect pet food, pet jackets and boots, leashes, collars, blankets, and other pet care accessories. All donations

were distributed by our community partners, the Saskatoon Food Bank and Learning Centre Clothing Depot and the Saskatoon Friendship Inn, along with Souls Harbour Rescue Mission in Regina.

"We commend those agencies in our communities that provide warm places for people to warm up. While we know this collection blitz is a temporary solution to a much larger problem, we are looking forward to working with human service agencies to address this need on a grander scale," said Hourie.

The Saskatchewan SPCA is planning to expand the Winter Care Collection Blitz in the fall of 2019. If you would like to get involved as a volunteer or collection point, please contact Josh Hourie at 306-382-7726 or email josh@sspsca.ca.



"I can't wait to get him all dressed and food in his belly!"

- Saskatoon Food Bank Clothing Depot client referring to their pet's new clothes and food

ANIMAL HOARDING WORKSHOP

FOR HUMAN AND ANIMAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Queensbury Convention Centre,
Evraz Place, Regina

The Saskatchewan SPCA, in conjunction with Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association (SVMA), Animal Protection Services of Saskatchewan (APSS), the Saskatchewan Health Authority, Community Safety & Well-Being, and the Ministry of Agriculture, is presenting an important one-day workshop on animal hoarding.

The workshop will explore the science behind animal hoarding with Dr. Christiana Bratiotis and Dr. Colleen Marion. It will also explore interagency approaches to address animal hoarding in Saskatchewan through a case study which will focus on the roles and responsibilities of various animal welfare and human services organizations in dealing with animal hoarding.

The Delta Regina Hotel is supporting this important event by offering registrants a special room rate of \$149.00 for the nights of June 11 and June 12. Overnight parking has also been discounted to \$4.00. Please call 1-800-209-3555 and use reference code 312 to receive these special event discounts.

For more information: www.sspca.ca | 1.877.382.7722 | info@sspca.ca

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Dogs & cats:

In Saskatoon: Saskatoon SPCA: 306.374.7387

In Regina: Regina Humane Society: 306.543.6363

In Prince Albert: Prince Albert SPCA: 306.763.6110

Dogs & cats in all other locations:

Animal Protection Services of Saskatchewan: 1.844.382.0002

Livestock:

Animal Protection Services of Saskatchewan: 1.844.382.0002



TICKET INFORMATION:

- \$150 Early Bird Registration (until April 30, 2019)
 - \$175 Regular Registration (after April 30, 2019)
 - Registration Deadline: May 31, 2019
- Continuing Education credits available for:
- SVMA
 - SAVT



SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS: WHAT INFO WOULD YOU LIKE ON OUR NEW WEBSITE?

The Saskatchewan SPCA is in the process of redesigning our website. We want to know what type of information you would like to see on a revamped sspca.ca. Do you want to see more information on animal welfare legislation? How about more articles on pet care? Do you want to see more livestock related information?

Take a moment to email us at info@sspca.ca with your thoughts and comments. We want the new Saskatchewan SPCA website to be your go-to destination for all things animal welfare. Let us know how we can make that happen.

Our new website will launch later this year. Remember to visit sspca.ca often to see when the new site.

2018 CHRISTMAS CASH LOTTERY WINNERS



A heartfelt “thank you” is extended to everyone who supported the Saskatchewan SPCA through the 2019 Christmas Cash Lottery. Congratulations to all cash prize winners!

Be sure to watch for information on the 2019 Saskatchewan SPCA Summer Cash Lottery in the next edition of *The Humanitarian*.

November 23, 2018				
Early Bird.....	Dorothy Sentes.....	Lestock.....	\$3,000.....	T05954
December 1, 2018.....	Gilles Branger.....	St. Louis.....	\$200.....	T20827
December 2, 2018.....	Raymond Bucko.....	Elfros.....	\$200.....	T12059
December 3, 2018.....	D. Lennox.....	Fort Qu'Appelle.....	\$200.....	T03322
December 4, 2018.....	Janna Holtz.....	Regina.....	\$200.....	T12694
December 5, 2018.....	Cindy Ingram.....	St. Walburg.....	\$200.....	T12872
December 6, 2018.....	Lynn Clarke & Bob Clare.....	St. Walburg.....	\$200.....	T00642
December 7, 2018				
Festive Friday.....	Faye Campbell.....	Foam Lake.....	\$500.....	T11675
December 8, 2018.....	Anne Lefort.....	Meadow Lake.....	\$200.....	T02842
December 9, 2018.....	William Macula.....	Weyburn.....	\$200.....	T20900
December 10, 2018.....	Stacey & Dave McIntosh.....	Plenty.....	\$200.....	T18577
December 11, 2018.....	Gwenn McKay.....	Windthorst.....	\$200.....	T02608
December 12, 2018.....	Marjorie Wilson.....	Springside.....	\$200.....	T06054
December 13, 2018.....	Elma Schlekewy.....	St. Walburg.....	\$200.....	T14319
December 14, 2018				
Festive Friday.....	Adrien Larrivee.....	Preeceville.....	\$500.....	T20133
December 15, 2018.....	Aurelia Schaan.....	Langenburg.....	\$200.....	T17251
December 16, 2018.....	Roy Richard.....	St. Louis.....	\$200.....	T18547
December 17, 2018.....	Pauline & Dillon Kessy.....	Shaunavon.....	\$200.....	T21216
December 18, 2018.....	Floyd Hemphill.....	Stoughton.....	\$200.....	T05125
December 19, 2018.....	Ray Frehlick.....	Estevan.....	\$200.....	T04611
December 20, 2018.....	Deb Zulyniak.....	Yorkton.....	\$200.....	T17033
December 21, 2018				
Festive Friday.....	Anna Peters.....	Regina.....	\$500.....	T02915
December 22, 2018.....	William Emberton.....	Punnichy.....	\$200.....	T14081
December 23, 2018.....	Keith Thompson.....	Lloydminster.....	\$200.....	T14281
December 24, 2018.....	Betty Zrudlo.....	Stornoway.....	\$200.....	T07728
December 25, 2018.....	Shawn Burns.....	Osler.....	\$200.....	T17875
December 26, 2018.....	Bob & Janis Dougherty.....	Abernethy.....	\$200.....	T22831
December 27, 2018.....	Tom Roberts.....	Coleville.....	\$200.....	T12592
December 28, 2018				
Festive Friday.....	J. Lesiuk.....	Regina.....	\$500.....	T09341
December 29, 2018.....	Margaret Commer.....	Battleford.....	\$200.....	T15359
December 30, 2018.....	Viola Illingworth.....	North Battleford.....	\$200.....	T04984
December 31, 2018				
Grand Prize.....	Blaine Mappin.....	Prince Albert.....	\$25,000.....	T16457
December 31, 2018				
Huge Supporter.....	Steve Prokopishin.....	Tuffnell.....	\$5,000.....	ID 2055
December 31, 2018 50/50 Kitty Pool				

