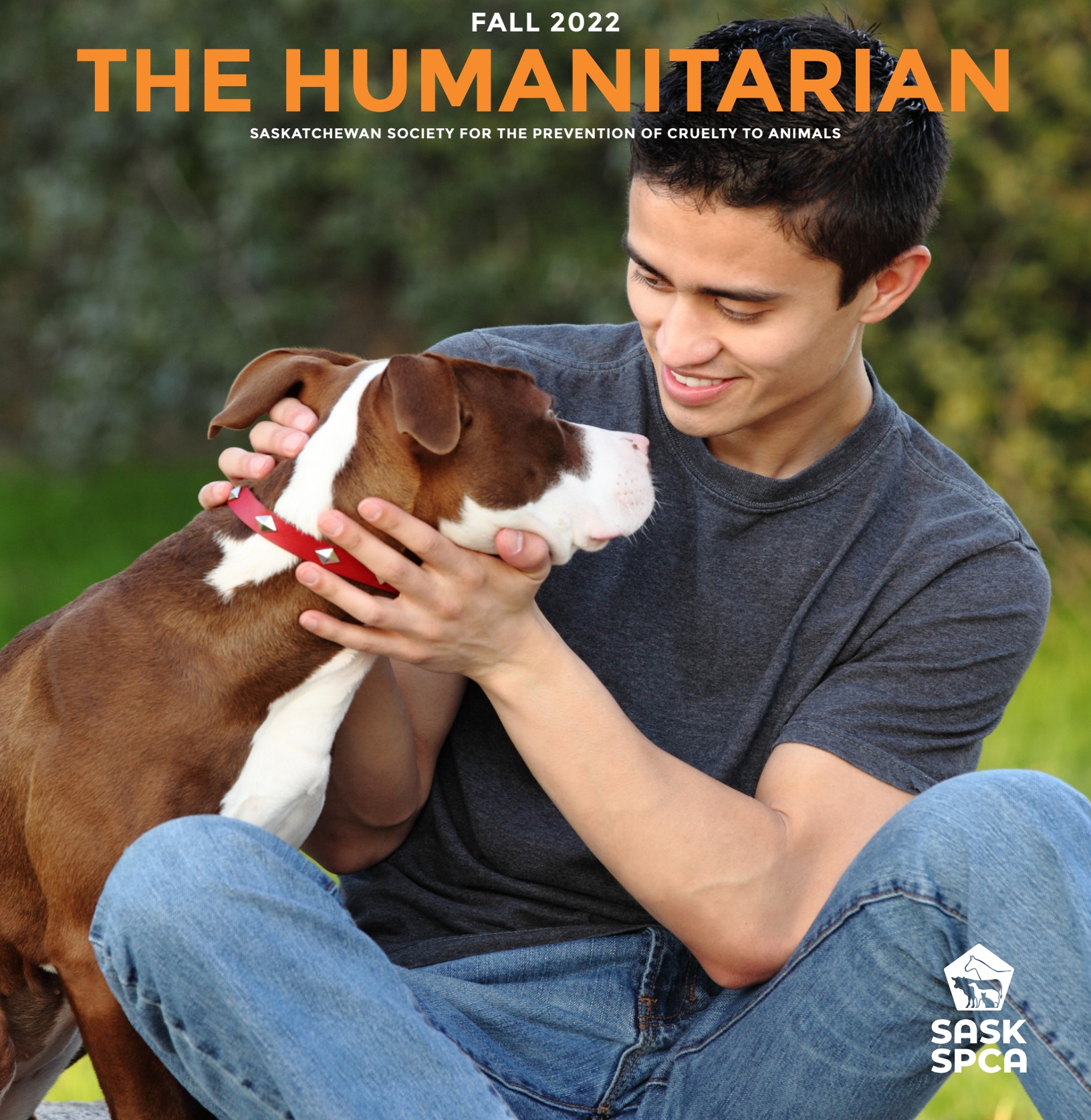


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Changes to Animal Cruelty Reporting in Saskatoon

On July 1, 2022 Animal Protection Services of Saskatchewan (APSS) assumed responsibility for enforcement of the *Animal Protection Act* within Saskatoon city limits.

If you reside within the City of Saskatoon and suspect an animal is being abused, please call 306-975-8478 and select option 4 to be connected with an APSS dispatcher.

APSS is also responsible for animal cruelty investigations in most parts of the province. Animal cruelty concerns regarding livestock and companion animals can be reported to 1-844-382-0002.

The Regina Humane Society oversees animal cruelty investigations within the City of Regina. If you have concerns regarding the welfare of an animal in Regina, please contact 306-543-6363.

Report animal cruelty in Saskatoon:

306-975-8478

Report animal cruelty in Saskatchewan (outside Regina):

1-844-382-0002

Report animal cruelty in Regina:

306-543-6363

Notice of 2022 AGM

The SaskSPCA's 2022 Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24 at 10:30 a.m. The AGM will take place at the SaskSPCA office located at 511 45th Street West in Saskatoon. The AGM is open to the public.

You can find the latest up-to-date information regarding the 2022 AGM at saskspca.ca.

Stryker K-9 Care Fund: Getting to know Kane

Kane is a Labrador Retriever who served with the Moose Jaw Police Service (MJPS) in the role of Justice Facility Dog for six years. Kane retired on August 31, 2021.

Kane began training at the young age of nine-weeks-old, spending his first year with a puppy raiser working on obedience and socialization. Kane would then spend the next 18-months in an advanced training program at the Pacific Assistance Dogs Society (PADS) in Burnaby, BC.

Throughout his career with the MJPS, Kane assisted hundreds of victims of crime and tragedy, especially child and youth victims. Kane's work provided an opportunity to educate the community on Facility Dogs and the important role they play in supporting those in a court setting and during forensic interviews. Kane was a popular representative of the MJPS, attending a wide variety of community events.

In retirement, Kane enjoys playing with fuzzy squeaky toys and snacking on his favourite pup treats.

All of us at the SaskSPCA would like to thank Kane and his handler for their years of service with the Moose Jaw Police Service.



About the Stryker K-9 Care Fund

The SaskSPCA's Stryker K-9 Care Fund was established in 2015 to assist the owners of retired law enforcement dogs with the costs of routine and emergency veterinary care. The program is named after Police Service Dog (PSD) Stryker who served with the Saskatoon Police Service's K-9 Unit. To learn more about the Stryker K-9 Care Fund, including how to apply for the program and how to make a donation, visit our website at saskspca.ca/stryker.

Barb Coderre: A legacy of compassion and respect for animals

Barb Coderre's family remembers her fondly as an energetic and hard-working person, deeply involved in the community and devoted to her family. Born in Flin Flon, Manitoba, Barb eventually moved to Wynyard in 1994, where she resided until her passing.

Barb had a lifelong passion for animals. From the very first stray cat she ever brought home as a child to her beloved dog, Maxi, her pets were always a source of pride and joy. She wanted to look after everyone's animals. She was the local dog walker who saved bones for dogs in the neighbourhood and fed the squirrels and birds.

Barb Coderre had been a regular contributor to the SaskSPCA for years, and upon her passing, we were honoured to learn that she had remembered us in her Will.

Barb's generous legacy gift will help establish the new SaskSPCA Emergency Animal Care Centre. Scheduled to open in 2023, the Centre will be a provincial resource, providing care for pets in times of crisis. The Centre offers a safe place for pets along with peace of mind for their people.

To learn more about the SaskSPCA Emergency Animal Care Centre, or to discuss how you can demonstrate your commitment to animal welfare through a legacy gift, contact us at info@saskspca.ca or call 1.800.382.7722.



Halloween Safety Tips for Pets

Pet costumes can be fun—if you consider them from your pet’s point of view



Some pets love the hustle and bustle of Halloween, while others will find this spooky holiday a bit stressful. We recognize that animals are individuals, so while you enjoy the festivities, consider it from your pet’s perspective:

“A dog’s natural instinct is to protect their home or to alert you that a stranger has arrived,” reminds Amy Nichols, Vice President of Companion Animals and Equine Protection at the Humane Society of the United States. “And cats typically prefer a quiet environment with their family. Trick-or-treaters continually knocking on the door or ringing the bell can be very stressful to both dogs and cats.”

Read on for our tips and tricks on taking the terror out of your pet’s Halloween!



1. Halloween hype causes pet stress

Before the trick-or-treating starts, put your pets in a quiet room where they will be safe from all the Halloween activity. If your pup is likely to try to run out the front door and is comfortable in a crate, consider putting them in the crate with a treat-filled toy and some soft music playing in the background. A spritz of Feliway can help keep cats calm.

Minimize noise by sitting outside to keep trick-or-treaters from knocking on the door or ringing the bell.

Even if you are just having friends over for a Halloween party, keep your pets away from the festivities in their safe room. Masks and costumes change how people look and smell to a pet, so even familiar people may become frightening. Put a sign on the door to the safe room so your guests know it’s off-limits.

When going out trick-or-treating, leave your dog at home. Dogs can be easily excited by the Halloween commotion, and a bite or a lost dog will quickly end the evening’s fun.



2. Halloween candy—a treat for you, a trick for your pets

Pre-Halloween and during trick-or-treating, keep candy safely stashed in a high cabinet secured with a lock or child-safety latch. Many foods, such as chocolate, gum, and xylitol (a sweetener used in many foods) are hazardous to pets.

Watch your kids! Children may make the harmful mistake of sharing their loot. Make sure they know the difference between a treat for them and a treat for their four-legged friends.

If you suspect your pet has eaten something that’s bad for them, call your veterinarian immediately.

Pumpkin can be good for dogs and cats, but too much can cause digestive issues. Rotting pumpkin may harbor bad bacteria; keep jack-o-lanterns safely away from becoming a holiday snack.



3. Steer your pets away from dangerous Halloween decorations

Introduce your pets to their safe room before you decorate indoors. Changes to your home can make your pets, especially cats, nervous or frightened. Or they may decide those fake spiders pose an existential threat and need to be killed.

Be aware of which decorations pose threats. Some hazards are obvious, like lit candles (fire hazards and toxic to birds if scented). Other potentially dangerous decorations include rubber eyeballs (choking risk), glow sticks and fake blood (possible poisons), fake cobwebs (can choke or entangle pets and wildlife), potpourri (toxic to birds) and strung lights. Watch out for those candy wrappers and plastic packaging too!

Create pet-friendly holiday décor. Make your cat a haunted house out of cardboard boxes or put treats and toys in a paper bag (remove any handles first as cats can get stuck) for a feline version of trick-or-treat.



4. Be cautious with pet Halloween costumes

If you do choose a costume for your pet, consider your pet's personality and what type of costume they may tolerate and for how long. Masks and hats that fit around the face, for example, may be OK for the length of time it takes to snap a quick pic, but they can pose dangers and make your pet feel uncomfortable. Best to keep pet costumes minimal.

Keep an eye on your costumed pet to make sure the costume is comfortable and allows your pet to move freely. Also be sure to remove any chewable parts or objects that could come off and choke your pet.

If your pet appears uncomfortable, take off the costume. Signs of discomfort include folded down ears, eyes rolling back or looking sideways, a tucked tail or hunching over.



5. Protect your pets from outdoor dangers

Bring your pets indoors before night falls. Cats are always safest inside with you, but on Halloween it's especially important to secure all pets inside so they don't run away out of fear of adults and children in costumes.

In case they escape, make sure that all your pets are wearing tags with current IDs and that their microchip is registered with your most up-to-date information. Opening the door repeatedly for trick-or-treaters creates plenty of opportunities for a pet to slip outside and disappear into the night. Proper ID will help you reunite with your

lost pet and take a recent picture of your pet that can be used for lost flyers just in case they get lost.

Be aware that not all the wild creatures outside will be wearing costumes. You may see nocturnal animals such as raccoons and foxes foraging for food while you're trick-or-treating or walking from your car to a party.

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Thank you, PetSmart Charities of Canada

Life can be challenging at times. Financial worries. Family violence. Housing insecurity. In situations like these, pet owners may feel they have no other option than surrendering their beloved pet to a local shelter.

The SaskSPCA continues to support people with pets so they don't have to make that difficult choice. We've launched a provincial pet food bank. We're working with domestic violence shelters to establish pet fostering programs and on-site pet care. We're creating new resources for pet owners who are temporarily unable to care for their pets.

Thank you to PetSmart Charities of Canada for their continued support of our Family Ties Crisis Care initiatives. Together, we are improving the lives of pets and their people.

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Protect Your Pigs: Prevent African Swine Fever on Your Farm

African swine fever (ASF) is a severe, highly contagious disease of pigs. Both domestic and feral pigs can be infected. Infection often leads to death, with mortality rates capable of reaching 100 per cent. If a pig survives the illness, it can continue to shed the hardy virus for up to six months.

China reported their first case in August 2018. Since then, the disease has spread through populations in Africa, Asia, Europe, and most recently the Dominican Republic and Haiti. No cases have been found in Canada, the United States or Mexico. However, even a single confirmed case of African Swine Fever in Canada would have serious implications for the Canadian hog industry, as international trade of pigs and pork products would temporarily cease, leading to an oversupply of animals with no market access.

So, how can you protect your pigs?

There are no approved vaccines available to prevent ASF, nor are there any effective treatment for infected pigs. Prevention through strong on-farm biosecurity measures is the best line of defense for Canadian hogs.

Biosecurity refers to preventing the introduction of new diseases, but also minimizing the spread or transmission if disease does occur. Biosecurity measures should be frequently reviewed and posted in a highly visible place so that everyone entering the premises—such as workers, visitors or contractors—are aware of the procedures in place. Having physical barriers in place, such as fences and locked doors, will ensure that only authorized personnel can enter the farm.

Some basic biosecurity measures include:

- Limit visitors and on-farm traffic.
- Screen all visitors. Visitors that have had recent contact with feral or domestic pigs or have recently returned from an ASF-infected country should not be allowed onto the premises for at least 14 days.
- Keep detailed records of all people, vehicles and equipment that enter your farm.
- Use dedicated barn clothing and footwear.
- Clean and disinfect equipment, vehicles and other surfaces often.
- Isolate sick pigs and keep them away from visitors.

Producers interested in improving biosecurity and animal health on their operation could be eligible for the Swine Assurance System Program which is funded through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership. Eligible producers could receive a rebate for veterinary expenses and approved eligible equipment expenses. Producers interested in this program should reach out to their local agriculture programs specialist or the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377.

It's everyone's responsibility to prevent the spread of disease. If you have any questions on biosecurity on your farm, contact the Veterinary Unit at 306-787-2150.

Feral pigs are an invasive species that can spread ASF if not controlled. This represents a very serious threat to the pork industry, so if you see a feral pig, report it to the immediately to the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation, toll-free at 1-888-935-0000.

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Humane Transportation Amendments to the Health of Animals Regulations

Shalyn McKenna, Communications Consultant,
Communications Branch, Regina

A healthy animal is a happy animal. The health and well-being of livestock at each production stage needs careful monitoring—and this includes transportation—because every day, thousands of food-producing animals are transported from one location to another across the country, and large animals like horses and cattle may also be transported for personal use (including exhibitions, sales or shows).

Federal regulations are in place to ensure transportation causes minimal stress and that they have adequate food and water, ventilation, space, and protection from the elements. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is the regulatory body responsible for national animal health and welfare concerns, including animal transportation. Information on proper transport conditions for all animals travelling within and across Canadian borders can be found in Part XII of the Health of Animals Regulations. These regulations are meant to “minimize the suffering of animals involved in the process of transportation whether due to ignorance, negligence, lack of planning, improper use of equipment or improper handling.”

The Health of Animals Regulations were amended on February 20, 2020, after extensive consultation with stakeholder groups. These changes came into full force on February 20, 2022, following a grace period for industry to make the necessary changes to meet the new requirements.

What are these requirements and why were they done?

First, the regulations prohibit:

- The overcrowding of animals;
- Transporting unfit animals because of injury or lameness, illness, improper weight, etc.; and
- Loading, transporting, or unloading animals in a way that can cause injury, suffering or death.

These amendments focus on mandatory training for all commercial carriers including how to assess animal welfare risks related to transport, maintain proper documentation and records, and provide adequate spacing, ventilation and rest for animals during transport. The amendments also added further definitions for livestock, unfit or compromised animals, and specific intervals for providing feed, safe water, and rest. Certain species who are at higher risk of injury during transport, such as poultry, require additional consideration and provisions. Failure to follow these regulations can lead to letters of non-compliance from the CFIA, fines and potential prosecution.

These amendments improve accountability for individuals handling animals before, during, and after transport. Transport personnel must be adequately trained in animal care and recognizing signs of illness, lameness and other injuries or signs of distress; this will prevent animal suffering and potential spread of illness to other animals in the transport. Providing these high standards increases public trust in the agriculture industry and maintains high-quality animal products. Furthermore, these amendments allow Canada to meet international trade and animal welfare standards.

Producers and businesses looking for the latest information on these amendments can visit the CFIA webpage on humane transport and animal welfare or contact their local CFIA office. They can also call the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture’s Veterinary Unit at 306-787-2150.

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TICKET NUMBER

Early Bird Draw | \$1,000 | June 14, 2022:

Max & Deb Berscheid	Martensville	T01683
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Spring Fever Draws | \$500 each | June 28, 2022:

Kristine O'Brien	Martensville	T25702
Garry Perpelitz	Sturgis	T11956
Ken Thompson	Kamsack	T11184
Duane Squire	Weyburn	T05825
Eileen Schafer	Unity	T08641
Jackie Gamracy	Yorkton	T13257
Marty Isinger	Biggar	T15956
Claudette Clark	Biggar	T22819
Janice Beavis	Saskatoon	T17319
Nora Haygarth	Estevan	T03342
Pat Kirkwood & Jacie Sampson	Lampman	T14682
Norma S. Hopps	Moose Jaw	T17551
Bernadine Viczko	Biggar	T13380
Darlene Arnold	Yorkton	T20395
Tania C. Spak	Saskatoon	T03221

Grand Prize Draw | \$20,000 | June 28, 2022:

Janice Beavis	Saskatoon	T17329
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Huge Supporter Draw | \$5,000 | June 28, 2022:

Bruce & Donella Cmoc	Yorkton	T07756
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50/50 Kitty Pool Draw | \$33,337.50 | June 28, 2022:

Ivy & Harold Collins	Prince Albert	F13042
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