



A program of the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society

SUPPORT THE NORTH - Together, changing lives!

QUICK FACTS

The Year of the Northern Dog is a program aimed at bringing awareness, attention and action to the escalating animal welfare issue in Canada – **Northern dog overpopulation**.

A lack of basic animal wellness services has created an abundance of dogs in the North who need resources, support and ultimately families.

Many barriers exist in the North that do not exist in the South. Everyone has a role to play to create a healthy community for dogs and people. Northern Indigenous, urban and rural communities need your support!

VISION

Collaboratively provide animal wellness services and sustainable programs to facilitate a solution to the most urgent need in Canadian animal welfare – the Northern dog overpopulation issue.

MISSION

To create awareness of Canada's Northern communities who lack basic animal wellness necessities. Collaboratively, we will deliver sustainable animal wellness education, services and resources to northern communities who otherwise do not have access. By delivering these much-needed tools to Northern communities, we will help to eliminate dog overpopulation and create healthier communities for people and pets.

DID YOU KNOW

- **Canada is facing a rapidly escalating animal welfare issue – Northern dog overpopulation. Thousands of Northern dogs need your help now!**
- It takes the same amount of time to drive from Toronto to Disney World in Florida as it does to drive to the Northern border of Ontario/Manitoba.
- There are more dogs in Northern communities than there are families available to adopt them.
- There are many animal wellness barriers that exist in the North such as distance between community veterinarians, distance to transfer animals south (22 hours), and the cost of living is much higher.
- In some parts of the North, you can drive for hours without seeing a house, a gas station or even another vehicle.
- The average cost of a case of water in a remote fly in community in the North is \$70.
- The average cost of a small bag of dog food in a remote fly in community in the North is \$90.
- For years, hardworking rescues, shelters, and other animal welfare groups have been transferring thousands of dogs from the North to the South so they can receive the necessary medical treatment and find their forever homes.
- Some Northern residents have to travel up to four hours by road to reach a veterinarian. Some people have to take a plane then drive to their nearest veterinarian.
- Northern Dogs are well socialized, well loved and simply need a home.

TAKE ACTION

Learn more and spread the word!

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