

Frontier Animal Society (SAFAS) wins
2017 Quebec Rescue of the Year Award

We couldn't have done it without you...



This past November, SAFAS was extremely honoured to be the recipient of Guardian's Best Animal Rescue Foundation, *Quebec Rescue of the Year Award*. We take great pride in the work we do and receiving this award serves as an acknowledgment of our commitment and effort. And we couldn't have done it without your help, and the help of our dedicated volunteers.

All of our volunteers and staff share our founder Joyce Dekker's passion for animal rescue but running an animal shelter isn't always easy.

On a good day, adoption inquiries outnumber the requests for incoming animals. On a really good day, at least one of those adoption inquiries is for a senior cat or dog, or for one of them that is in need of a little extra love, attention and commitment on the part of the adopter. We love those days!

But then there are the not so good days. The days when we find ourselves scrambling to figure out —with our capacity at its limit and our vet bills piling up— how we can possibly save even one more animal in need of our care.

But how can we say no to Larah, the senior black lab who was dumped at a municipal pound; her body ravaged by mange? How can we turn our back on Digby, the stray cat found curled up on a cold, snowy sidewalk; emaciated, and infested with fleas? How do we ignore the plea to help Angala and Shirley; two tiny kittens found huddled together under a bridge? And what about little Pushkin? A 12-year-old yorkie heartlessly abandoned; her little body riddled with infection and in need of immediate medical care.

Most of the time, we just can't say no. Often we are their last resort. And it is thanks to donations from animal lovers like you that we can continue to provide the care they so desperately need and then find them their forever homes.

Our adoption count so far this year is 70 amazing dogs and 102 magnificent cats and kittens happily settled into their new homes. We also sterilized and returned 11 feral barn cats. Along with our usual suspects—abandoned cats, dogs from municipal pounds on death row, local and northern strays and owner surrenders—we welcomed Danna and Jody, two dogs flown in all the way from Jordan. We don't usually do international rescue, but when they arrived in Montreal emotionally shut down and in need of a place to go, we were glad to offer them a safe place to land. They both needed special care, but happily, they are now both thriving in their new adoptive homes.

For those animals still with us, waiting to find a family of their own, we'll make sure they get extra love and a few extra treats over the holidays.

On behalf of the many animals whose lives you've helped us save, we thank you for your generous financial support. Your donation is critical to our continued success and to our ability to help those who need us most.

We hope we can count on your generous donation again this year.

Donations can be made by check in the name of SAFAS, 2405 Griffin Road, Ogden, QC J0B 3E3 OR credit card or paypal by visiting our website at safas.ca

Wishing you and yours a safe and happy holiday season!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Charles Peacock'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles Peacock, President & The SAFAS Team