PROSPECTUS

OF

The Society for Protection of Animals

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THE SOCIETY

FOR

Protection of Animals

(Incorporated 1912).

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The Society has been incorporated to carry on and extend the work of the S.P.C.A. established twenty-five years ago. It has taken over the fund with which that Society started and which, increased by the excess of accretions over disbursements, will be sufficient only for immediate needs. In order to establish the work on a permanent basis, a host of active subscribing members will be necessary. For these the Society looks to the public with confidence because, while it protects animals, it is after all discharging a duty which lies on the public. Moreover, it has been demonstrated that the magnificent work of our sister societies elsewhere effects an economic saving by preventing waste to hundreds of thousands of pounds each year.

Subscriptions and applications for membership may be sent to the Secretary or the Treasurer; but committees from the little army already gathered under the banner of the Society will continue to enlist fresh members.

The Society's objects are epitomized in its name. The lines on which it proposes to operate are set out in its memorandum and articles of association. The services of its officers other than its salaried agent are gratuitous. Its funds are to be used only to promote its objects. The liability of each member is limited to a sum equal to the annual subscription, which is one dollar, but members are requested to contribute generously to a purely beneficent work such as this, because

(a) The Society has already become liable for the annual salary of an active agent whose work will be chiefly in St. John's, and who will devote all his time and ripe experience (and is devoting them admirably) to the Society's service;

(b) The wide scope of the Society's endeavors throughout the Colony indicates widespread work and corresponding expenditure;

(c) The different ways in which work ought to be done are almost innumerable, and many must be neg-

lected unless ample funds are available;

(d) The Society already has committees in more than a hundred places outside St. John's and proposes to enlist workers in many other settlements;

(e) Daily expenditures are inevitable if work is to be efficiently done;

(f) Donations, subscriptions, and an occasional legacy are the only sources from which the funds can be kept up to the point of sufficiency;

(g) The Society's every act tends to save from illtreatment neglect and misery some helpless creature which feels pain as we do and which, if not protected, must continue to suffer in uncomplaining silence.

(h) Because it is necessary to counteract and restrain the too common tendency to cruelty to animals.

The Society asks the public to strengthen its hands by countenance, good-will, and active personal support; and particularly by reporting cases of cruelty or neglect which come under their notice, either to

Mr. Ernest Bastow, the Society's agent; Mr. Dunfield, its Secretary (telephone 266); Mr. Outerbridge, its Treasurer (telephone 454); either of the Directors; or the Police (telephone 215). Each case will be dealt with as its circumstances require, and reports sent in will be treated as confidential, if desired.

The Society's programme includes an active canvass for public support and countenance; wide publication of the law relating to cruelty to animals; energetic co-operation of the several branches of the Society throughout the Colony; enlisting the sympathy of those who teach; promotion of education tending to a right conception of what is due to animals; seeking enactment of such amendment of the statute law as will help the Society's work; circulating instruction as to the better methods of stabling, feeding, and caring for animals; calling for improvement or repair in streets, passages, &c. where much hauling is done; proper regulation of horses'

loads on the steeper grades, and generally preventing overloading or neglect to give horses sufficient food and rest; constant watch over draught, cab, and other horses and the conditions in which they are used; supervision of transport of animals by wat-water, by train, or otherwise; prevention of improper exposure of animals in winter weather; close supervision of slaughter-houses; instruction as to the most approved methods of killing animals; taking prompt steps, in proper cases, to destroy injured animals; confiscation and sale of animals which the owner will not or cannot sufficiently feed or properly care for; periodic visits to lumber camps and other places unfrequented by the public where animals are employed; abolishing use of small dogs for draught purposes; restricting to persons of sufficient age the right to drive or be in charge of horses in towns; preventing use on streets of chemicals, &c. which cause suffering to horses' feet; proceedings to punish those guilty of the crime of aband-

oning or exposing to die old or worn-out animals; prosecuting in all cases of cruelty.

The Society's agent, Mr. Bastow, took took up his duties less than five weeks ago; good results are already apparent. In the course of his daily work he has investigated 58 cases; he has warned in over 100 cases; he has sent 15 horses off the streets for treatment and rest; he has seen to the merciful destruction of four horses permanently unfit for work; he has prosecuted eleven cases (in some of which a ruling was sought on admitted facts) and has secured conviction in six; he has systematically visited all parts of St. John's; he has been present on arrival of vessels carrying cattle and sheep and has superintendended the discharge, he has procured much-needed improvement in streets grades and passages frequented by draught horses, and in many minor details has done efficient and useful service.

The 9th of November, 1912.