

# the BARKER



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## ANNUAL REPORT 2010



This year was an extremely successful year for the Therapy Dog Program. As of December 31 2010, we have 201 volunteers visiting over 130 Health Care Facilities throughout Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Our Teams have completed over 2,191 visits and amassed a total of more than 7,672.8 hours.

The Program welcomed 100 new volunteers over 17 evaluations; growing the Program significantly in the smaller and more remote regions. This increase in volunteers is in part, due to the addition of a new evaluator and holding regular evaluations in Metro every six weeks. We have also partnered with 20 new Health Care Facilities this year.

Our volunteers have worked diligently to promote and make people aware of the Therapy Dog Program and its benefits. We have received a significant amount of media coverage, including television, internet and print. Our volunteers have also attended conferences and expos to speak about the program and recruit new handlers and facilities.

We would like to extend our heartfelt 'thank you' to all of the veterinary clinics who offer discounts to Therapy Dog volunteers. We would also like to thank the facility Recreation Coordinators and Directors, as well as our Therapy Dog Evaluators, Volunteer Regional Coordinators, Volunteer Statisticians, and all of our Volunteer Handler/Dog Teams. Because of these dedicated people, the Therapy Dog Program continues to be a success!

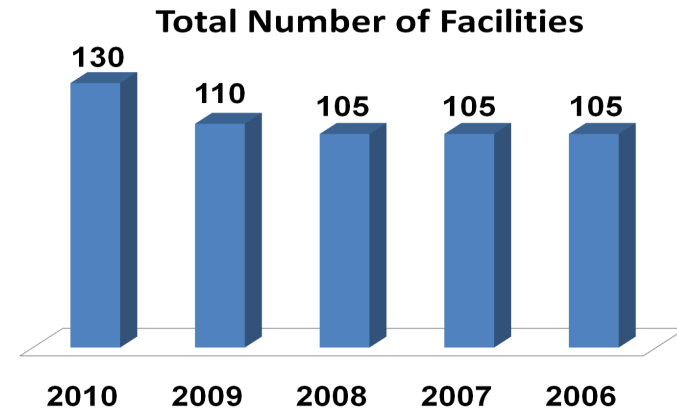
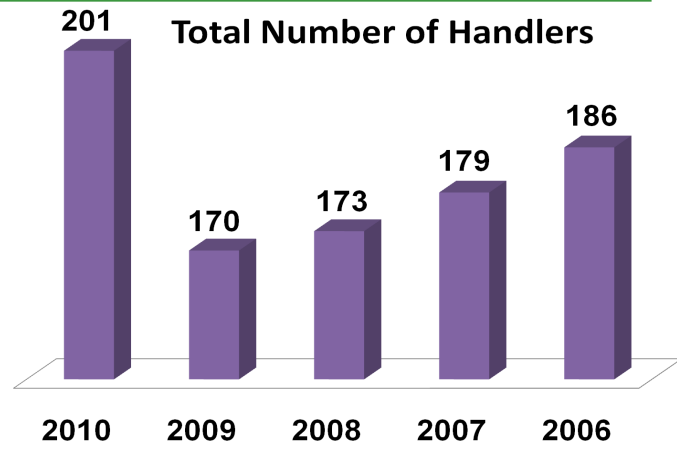


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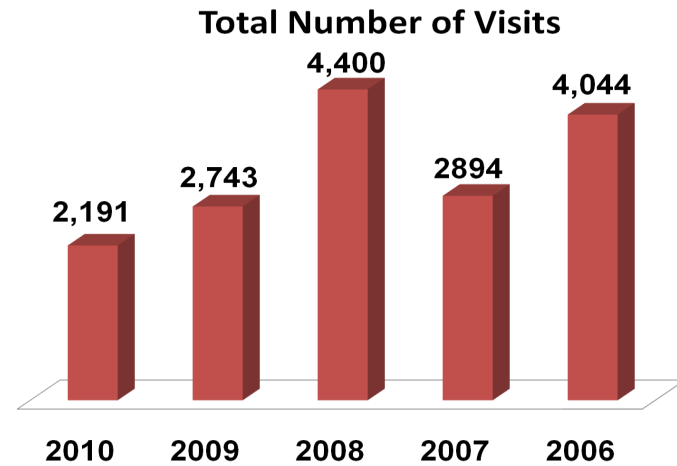
Therapy Dog Program Coordinator

# Therapy Dog Statistics 2010

<b>Total # Handlers</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>Total # Dogs</b>	<b>191</b>
Antigonish	15	Antigonish	14
Annapolis Valley	26	Annapolis Valley	27
Bedford/Sackville	13	Bedford/Sackville	13
Cape Breton	4	Cape Breton	3
Cumberland County	10	Cumberland County	9
Dartmouth	33	Dartmouth	31
Halifax	31	Halifax	31
New Glasgow	6	New Glasgow	6
South Shore	32	South Shore	26
Truro	12	Truro	12
Yarmouth	5	Yarmouth	4
Summerside, PE	6	Summerside, PE	7
Charlottetown, PE	8	Charlottetown, PE	8



<b>Total # Visits</b>	<b>2191</b>	<b>Total # of Hours</b>	<b>7672.8</b>
Antigonish	99	Antigonish	301.5
Annapolis Valley	355	Annapolis Valley	890.5
Bedford/Sackville	133	Bedford/Sackville	352
Cape Breton	68	Cape Breton	146.5
Cumberland County	55	Cumberland County	141
Dartmouth	475	Dartmouth	1152.3
Halifax	467	Halifax	1180.8
New Glasgow	87	New Glasgow	174
South Shore	858	South Shore	2058.3
Truro	237	Truro	498.5
Yarmouth	82	Yarmouth	196
Summerside, PE	130	Summerside, PE	272
Charlottetown, PE	136	Charlottetown, PE	309.5



<b>Total # of Evaluations</b>	<b>17</b>
Antigonish	3
Annapolis Valley	2
Cumberland County	1
Metro	9
New Glasgow	1
South Shore	1

