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To SQDA members and donors

THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF QSDA

During spring, I spoke to you about the 40th anniversary of the QSDA (1976-2016). I am coming back to you on this subject which, for the QSDA, is a moment of importance.

The mission of the QSDA in its beginnings is the following:

- 1) To improve the welfare and condition of animals of all species and classes;
- 2) To create and animate methods of education and information concerning the animal world;
- 3) To ensure the conservation of Québec's animal heritage;
- 4) To promote animal rights through appropriate legislation.

Over the past 40 years, the QSDA has done many activities to fulfill this mission as effectively as possible. During the first 20 years, several demonstrations and other activities to defend animal rights and to combat cruelty towards animals took place in the province of Quebec, but especially in Montreal, where QSDA was created.

However, for more than 10 years, we have focused our activities on the annual Moving Campaign to counter the abandonment of pets. In addition, we have regularly prepared bulletins on various subjects, but always on the protection of animals and the environment in which the animals live. We have always worked in order to increase public awareness so that animals, humans and the environment live together for a common well-being.

To accomplish all these tasks, it took your contribution and also those of the volunteers. Without these two elements together, little would have been done. We thank you very much and ask you to continue to make efforts to ensure that our society, Quebec, is valued by everyone in terms of animal rights.

We do not often send you gifts because we want all the contributions received to serve the mission of the QSDA. However, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the QSDA, we made an exception to this rule and ordered pens which I send you two copies in memory.

In this context, there will also be a dinner of the 40th Anniversary on December 10th at noon in the Tours Gouin building located at 6835 Gouin Boulevard East in Montreal North. We invite all members to indicate their presence on the QSDA donation form with the mention - Dinner of the 40th. You can also as member make your dinner reservation at the QSDA telephone number (514) 524-1970 or by e-mail at sqda1976@gmail.com. If we can and if there is a quorum, we will also have a meeting of the members at about 11:30AM in a room of the same building. To this end, you will find enclosed the notice of meeting and the agenda of the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

For the 2017 Moving Campaign, you can always order your T-shirts - you're moving! Have you forgotten me? - with a drawing done by Mr Frédéric Back. You can also give them as a gift during the holidays in preparation for 2017.

Thank you for your participation during all those years that have experienced ups and downs. We hope to meet you at the 40th QSDA dinner.

We would like to wish you Happy Holidays and a year full of health and joys with your pets.

Please accept, dear members, my cordial greetings.

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President