

A black and white dog with orange eyes is sitting on a beach. The dog is looking directly at the camera. The background shows a sandy beach and some trees in the distance.

*Canadian Sociological Association
Animals In Society Research Cluster*

**MAYBE
MEMORIAL
AWARD**

Call for Submissions for 2024

Submission Deadline: April 30, 2024

Submit completed papers to rstevenson@tru.ca

MAYBE MEMORIAL AWARD

Established in 2020, the Maybe Memorial Award seeks to encourage and reward graduate student research that focusses on non-human animal welfare in a broad sense. One award will be granted annually. Award recipients will receive a certificate of recognition, \$300 (CAD), and acknowledgement at the Canadian Sociological Association annual conference.

Eligibility and Award Criteria:

- Any paper with a focus on non-human animal welfare is welcomed. Preference will be given to research that has policy-focused research objectives.
- The paper must be accepted for presentation at the CSA Annual Conference. Award winners must attend the CSA Annual Conference and present their paper in order to receive their award.
- Submissions must be completed papers, and paper length should not exceed 40 pages, including bibliography and appendices.
- Papers may be co-authored with a faculty member, however the graduate student must be the primary author and majority contributor to the work. Authors may submit more than one paper for consideration. *Note that authorship may be confirmed by award committee.*
- The Award recipient should acknowledge support in conference session presentation.
- Upon acceptance, reward recipients should provide a 500 word summary of their research aims and objectives for the award donors.

This award has been established in honour of a beloved family member, Maybe, whose life was taken in 2017 in an act of animal cruelty. Maybe's spirit was one of joy, acceptance, and community. Her boundless love and enthusiasm was contagious and she sparked this in all those who were lucky enough to know her. This fund is one small step to furthering society's respect, understanding, activism, and improvement of the wellbeing of non-human animals in our society.

