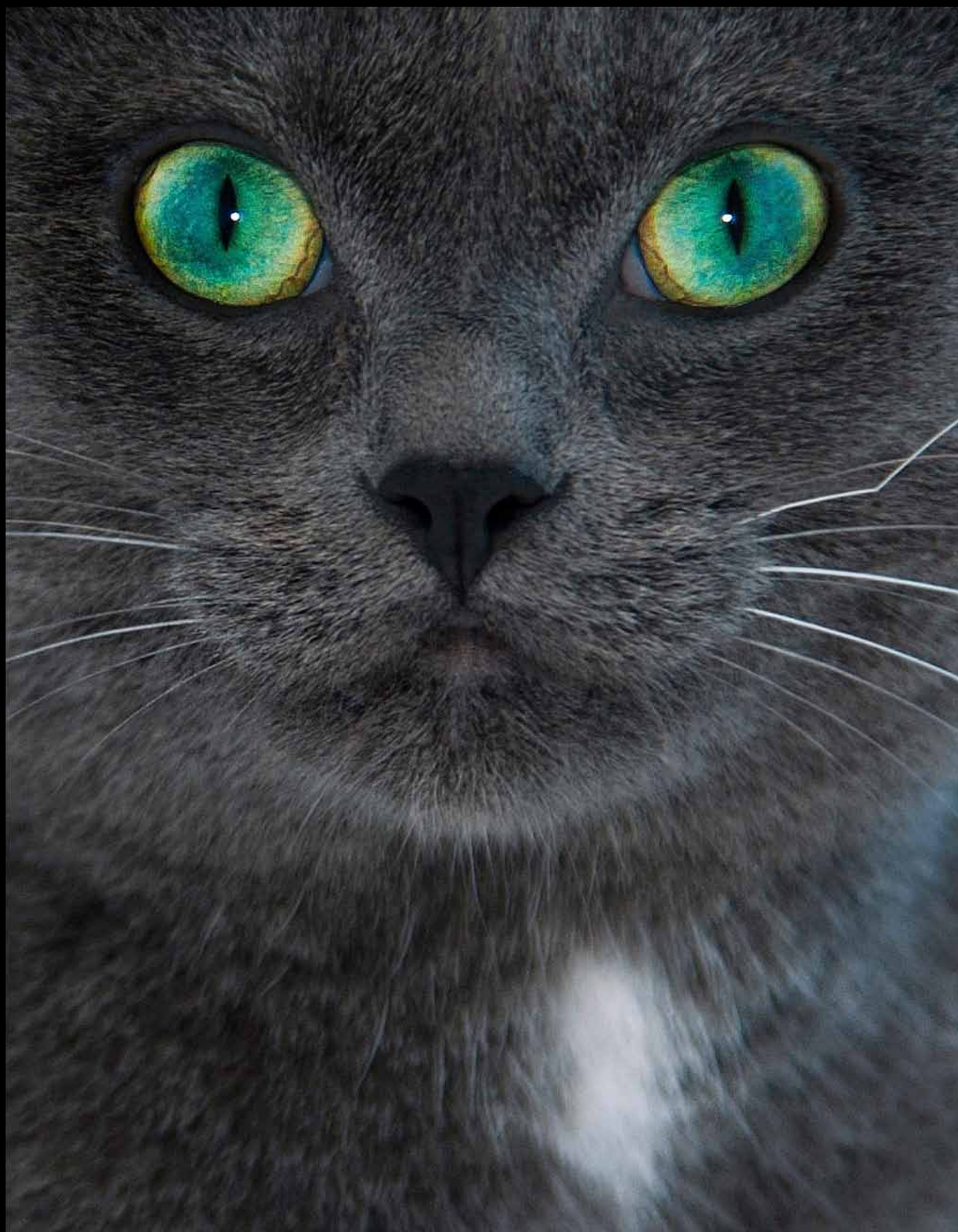


Planet Earth Series

Petscapes: Tails of the Lost + Found

Photographs by
Sandra Scarpelli



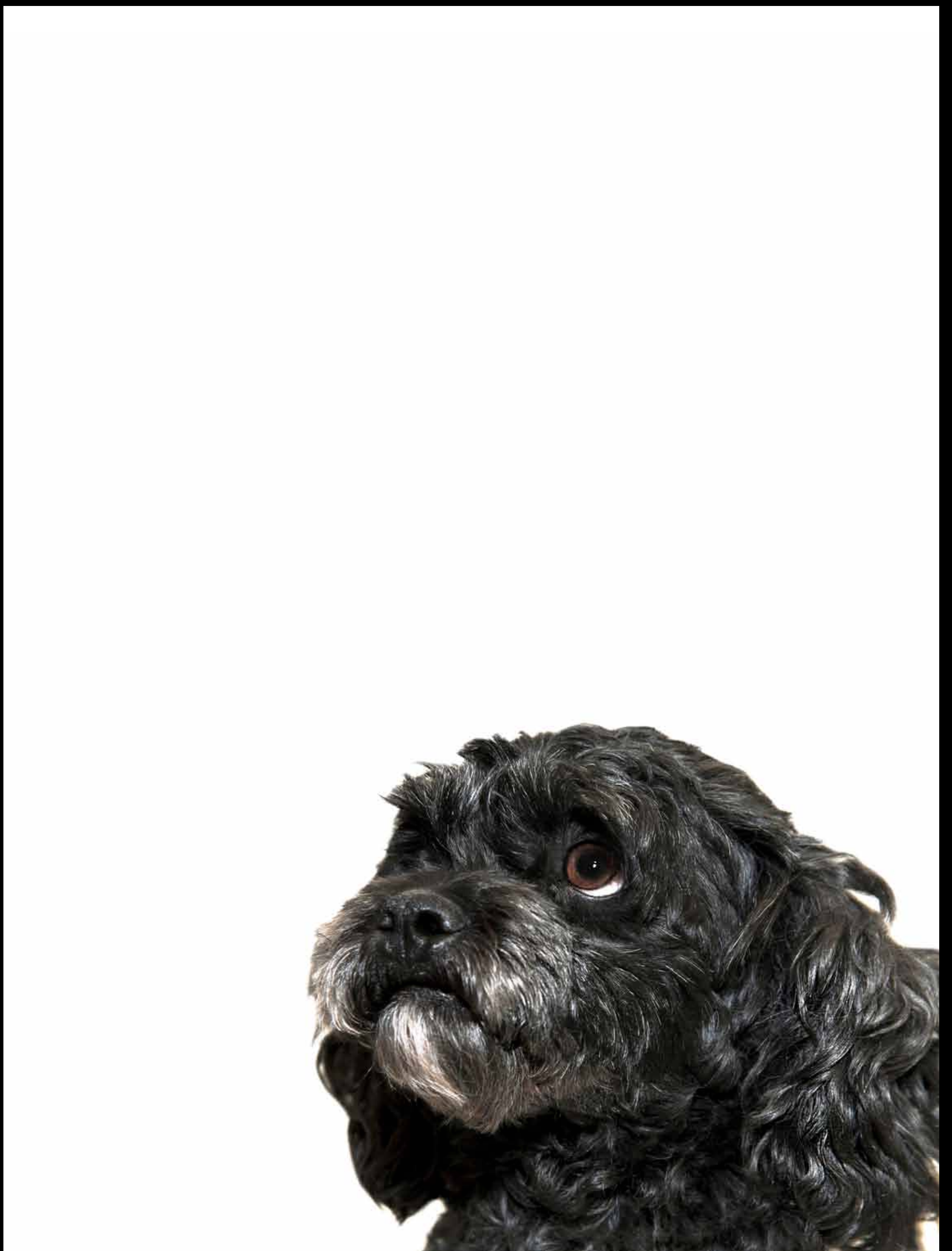
Meet a few of the many dogs and cats that find safe haven at the Vaughan Animal Shelter. They all have special stories to share. Most pets arrive lost and alone; but they all receive refuge, compassion and professional care at Vaughan Animal Services.

In these engaging portraits, photographer Sandra Scarpelli conveys her intuitive ability to capture the inner essence of her animal subjects. As viewers, we immediately connect with images that invite a one-on-one dialogue with each dog and cat. Spontaneous animal expressions reveal charming personalities so appealing that they can trigger human smiles.

The dogs and cats featured in this exhibition were all photographed onsite in a make-shift studio set up at the Vaughan Animal Shelter where Sandra volunteers her professional time. These resulting photo profiles were instrumental in captivating the hearts of many new adoptive pet owners with forever homes.

Petscapes is the third visual art installment in the PLANET EARTH SERIES, the City of Vaughan's tribute to champion awareness of global conservation, environmental sustainability and animal stewardship. Sandra Scarpelli's insightful portraits of the dogs and cats aided by Vaughan Animal Services remind us that our precious pets are not disposable commodities. Her sensitive compositions help us recognize the deep emotional bond that we share with our animal friends; and that as conscientious caregivers, we all share a role in responsible pet ownership.

Vaughan Animal Services is dedicated to creating a safe community for pets and their owners. Services include dog and cat licensing, animal control by-law education, pick up of stray dogs and sick or injured dogs and cats, reuniting owners with lost pets and pet adoption. Please visit www.vaughan.ca/animalservices to learn about how you can support Animal Services through volunteer programs, fostering pets and donating essential shelter items.



Sandra Scarpelli is an accredited member of the Professional Photographers of Canada (PPOC). The recipient of a number of impressive awards, she holds a degree in Political Science and an honours diploma in photography. Her professional photographic repertoire includes portraits, streetscapes, still-life and interior design; and her deep affection for animal subjects is reflected throughout her extensive body of work. Sandra resides in Vaughan with her family (including her beloved Yorkipoo, Jagger).



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