

## frontline HEROES

### Sotheby's International Realty Quebec's Anne Ben-Ami (Madar) gives back during pandemic

By Jennifer Cox  
The Suburban

Like so many local companies out there, Sotheby's International Realty Quebec wanted to give back to the community in some way during the COVID19 pandemic. That's why Sotheby's real estate broker Anne Ben-Ami and her family found a heartfelt way to make a difference. "We made hundreds of muffins for Share the Warmth as well as donated cans of food," she said. "And for the MADA community, we delivered meals to 33 homes – amazing meals that consisted of six days worth of food." MADA Community Centre (MADA) is a Jewish charity that works to fight poverty in Montreal.

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In addition to their community efforts, Ben-Ami said they also kept in close communication with their clients and their families these past several months to ensure everyone was well taken care of.

Ben-Ami comes with a wide and varied skill set, and has been in real estate for 15 years. After completing a public relations and marketing degree, and working for a commercial real estate company, she successfully established herself as a top-tier broker in Montreal and beyond. "What I love most about being a real estate broker is the



diverse and layered opportunities it gives me," she explained. "I start and end my day with the ability to personalize each and every experience for my clients and listings. As a broker, I like to think that I play the role of matchmaker where I bring together clients and their perfect homes, thus creating the perfect pair!"

For the past several years, Ben-Ami has been the exclusive agent on the magnificent M sur la Montagne project, a client that she said she is deeply committed to and passionate about. She has proudly overseen this project from the ground up. "I cherish the opportunities this magnificent project has brought me," she said.

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### For those who care for our four-legged friends

By Kevin Woodhouse  
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Ace Dog Training Montreal takes care of your pet with what it likes to call "affirmative canine education." From puppy training, crate training, basic obedience, or behavior modifications, Ace does it all. And they do it all in your home and neighbourhood. Ace really cares about that four-legged member of your household. But Ace cares about the well-being of your dog even after its work is done. Ace knows the importance of veterinarians. So for this Frontline Heroes special issue Ace wanted to salute all those vets who stayed on call and service throughout the Covid lockdown.

There is nothing worse for a young family than when a child gets sick. Especially stressful for parents is when the child is not of speaking age yet, making diagnosis of symptoms more of a challenge.

And while an ill child makes cause for worry, there is relief when they can vocalize what is bothering them.

This is a constant for pet owners who can usually see that their four legged (two clawed or gilled, depending) family member is out of sorts but unsure what the problem is other than the animal looks to be in distress.

During the recent quarantine due to the coronavirus, our pets had an idea something was up due to the fact that we were home a lot more. So much so my cat was giving me the "didn't you used to go out more?" looks.

Walking the dog was like therapy, having a chance to get out of doors and change perspec-



tives. They are a pleasant distraction in the best times and more so for the global COVID 19 shutdown.

With veterinarians deemed an essential service, pet owners could rely on the fact that if their pet got injured, sick or simply needed a medicinal prescription filled, vets, like doctors and nurses, were front and centre during the coronavirus.

Whether it be emergency clinics open seven days a week, doctors adjusting their offices for COVID 19 safety or mobile vets going to homes for owners uncomfortable with being outside, vets have been there to help and care.

The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) also played a role early in the pandemic when it announced that there was "no evidence that pets play a role in transmitting the COVID-19 to humans", tramping down a potential conspiracy theory.

Ace and The Suburban would like to salute all veterinarians as Front Line Heroes who have stepped up during these uncertain times to ensure that our four legged family members are loved and cared for.

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