

SUMMER 2017

## Pints for Paws Pub Night & Silent Auction

*Join us and support the BCSPCA!*

This event is always a hit! Come and enjoy a night out with fellow animal lovers in support of the BC SPCA Vancouver Branch.

**Tickets \$25**

Your ticket includes: a veggie burger or vegan quinoa salad, and a beer. Stay for games, door prizes, silent auction and more!

**Get your tickets at**  
[spca.bc.ca/vanpintsforpaws](http://spca.bc.ca/vanpintsforpaws)

**AUGUST 17 FROM 6PM TO 8PM  
BUTCHER & BULLOCK,  
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## City of Vancouver Bans Pet Store Sales *A win for animals!*

The City of Vancouver council voted unanimously Wednesday, June 28th, 2017 in favour of banning the sale of cats, dogs and rabbits from pet stores, a move applauded by the BC SPCA.

“Council is standing up against the importation of puppies from mills and issues related to impulse purchases,” said Amy Morris, BC SPCA manager of public policy and outreach. “With so many cats and rabbits being abandoned and surrendered to shelters and rescues, this is the right move.”

Coun. Heather Deal put forward the motion, recognizing that people want to see an end to the inhumane transport practices and a lack of

socialization and care while in pet stores.

The Canadian Kennel Club and Cat Fancier’s Association do not allow breeders to sell to pet stores in their Codes of Ethics.

More than 2,000 people voiced their support for the ban.

“I thank all the people who emailed us, that’s very impactful,” Vancouver Coun. Adriane Carr said on Wednesday, adding, “Democracy works.”

Individuals interested in adding an animal to their family can visit an animal shelter, contact a rescue or visit the home of a responsible breeder to see where the animal has been raised.

**To learn more, visit [spca.bc.ca/breeders](http://spca.bc.ca/breeders).**

# Hot Pets are Not Cool

## Help spread the word!

Cars can become death traps in 10 minutes

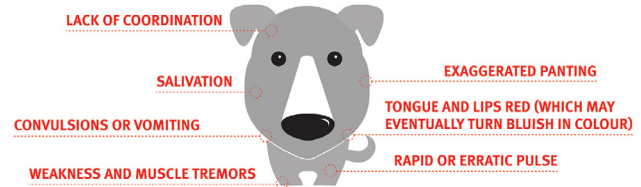
“People don’t realize just how quickly their cars can become death traps for their pets – it can take as little as 10 minutes for the vehicle to reach temperatures where the animal can suffer irreparable brain damage or death,” says Lorie Chortyk, general manager of community relations for the BC SPCA.

### What to do if you see a dog in distress in a parked vehicle:

- Note the license plate and vehicle information and ask managers of nearby businesses to page the owner to return to their vehicle immediately;
- Call to report the hot dog in car situation if no owner is found or when animal is suffering symptoms of heatstroke. During the daytime, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends, call the **BC SPCA Provincial Call Centre at 1-855-622-7722** and staff will troubleshoot and help connect you with your local animal control agency or police. In an emergency, call 911 for RCMP attendance. *Note: It is illegal for members of the public to break a window to access the vehicle themselves; only RCMP and Special Provincial Constables of the BC SPCA can lawfully enter a vehicle. SPCA branch staff and volunteers cannot enter vehicles.*
- Keep emergency supplies – bottled water, a small bowl, a towel that can be soaked in water – in your car so that



### KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS OF HEATSTROKE



### WHAT YOU CAN DO IF YOU SEE A DOG THAT MAY BE IN TROUBLE

- Record the information about the vehicle.**
- Ask the store to page customers.**
- If the dog looks in distress, please call your municipal animal control authorities or local law enforcement.**

you help hydrate an animal (if a window has been left open) while you wait for emergency response; a battery-powered fan from a dollar store also can be handy to circulate air.

- **Be an advocate!** Share on social media or put up a copy of our **“Hot Pets? Not Cool!” infographic** in stores, malls and other areas in your community where pets are left unattended in vehicles.

## Become a Member

*Together, we can make a difference*

If you love animals as much as we do, be their voice by becoming a member of the BC SPCA. Guided by a sense of compassion, community and commitment, BC SPCA members play an important role in the governance of our organization.

Membership information [here](#)

## Paws for a Cause Returns!

### a walk to fight animal cruelty

Join us Sunday, September 10, 2017

Every September animal-lovers join together to fight animal cruelty. The Scotiabank & BC SPCA Paws for a Cause is one of the BC SPCA’s most important fundraising events. It is also a fun, family and animal-friendly way to get together show your support and raise awareness.

Every dollar raised will help us rescue and care for abused, injured and abandoned animals and work to prevent cruelty before it occurs.

Learn more [here](#).

