

CELEBRATING A YEAR OF ANIMAL ADVOCACY VICTORIES

The British Columbia Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals



2021

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SPEAKING FOR ANIMALS

THANK YOU



Creating change for domestic, farm and wild animals can be a slow process, but together, we can give animals a voice.

Your continued support and desire to take action is **essential** - it shows policymakers that you care for animals, and are committed to protecting and enhancing their quality of life.

In 2021, you took action on
10 campaigns
to speak up for animals:

- Fur farming
- Mink farming
- Live horse export
- The use of rodenticides
- The exotic wildlife trade
- Wildlife poisoning
- Wolf culls
- Fireworks
- Mink Code of Practice
- Goat Code of Practice

160,000

Number of caring individuals who are first to learn about ways to take action for animals through our Action Alert email list - including you!

74,000

Number of actions taken through BC SPCA campaigns in 2021, through petition signatures, comment submissions, survey responses, or emails and calls to government officials

20

Number of policy submissions supported by science submitted to policymakers, including government officials and organizations that set animal care standards

2021 WINS



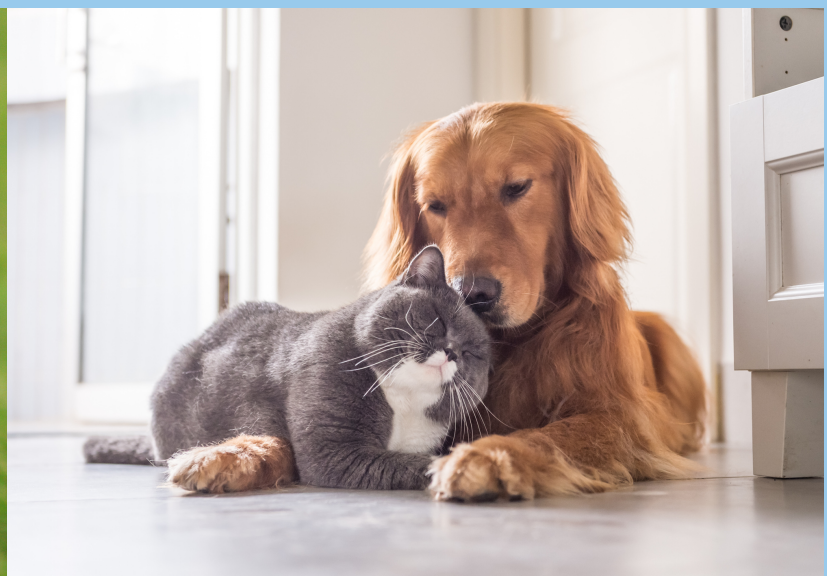
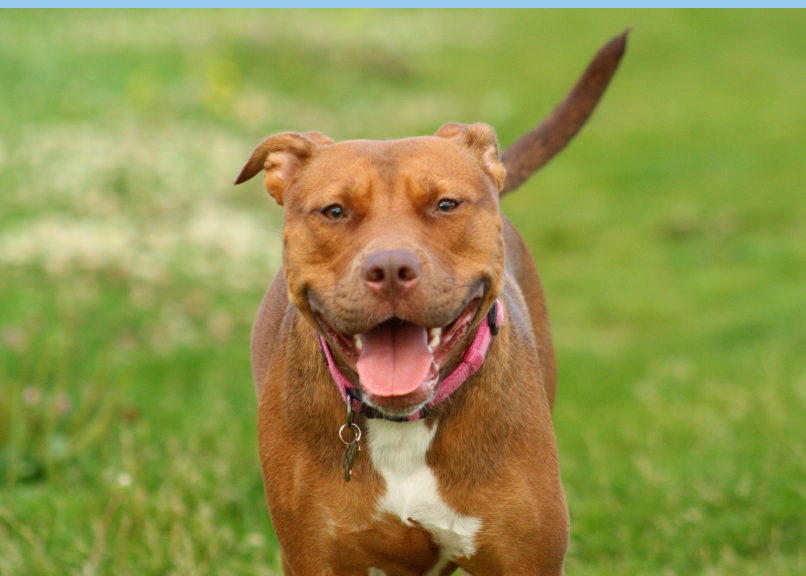
For the first time, animal welfare and animal protection were included in the platforms of our major political parties during Canada's 2021 election of it's 44th Parliament.

Companion animals

The City of Fernie adopted a new animal responsibility bylaw, which removed breed-specific legislation, and includes more provisions for animal welfare.

The City of Nanaimo updated its animal responsibility bylaw with various measures to better protect cat welfare, including: restricting free-roaming cats and requiring all cats older than 6 months to be spayed or neutered (unless guardian has breeding license). **This will help reduce the number and suffering of outdoor and stray cats.**

In consultation with the BC SPCA, a number of First Nations improved or created their own animal wellness laws.



2021 WINS



Farm animals

After actively campaigning with your support over the past two years, in collaboration with the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs and other groups, on November 5, 2021, the provincial government announced a phase-out of the mink farming industry in B.C.

A record-setting number of concerned citizens spoke up against the shipping of Canadian horses overseas for slaughter. More than **77,000 Canadians voiced their concerns, making this the most-signed federal e-petition relating to animals in history!**

The petition was presented to the House of Commons, but the government was unable to table a response before Parliament was dissolved. However, after the election, banning live horse export was included in the Prime Minister's mandate letter to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, meaning we should see progress on this ban in 2022. We will keep a close eye on this issue.



Photo credit: Canadian Horse Defense Coalition

2021 WINS



Wild animals

Anticoagulant rodenticides are commonly used poisons in rodent control. Not only are rodenticides an inhumane death for rodents, but other wild animals are poisoned if they consume the poison bait directly, or when they eat poisoned prey.

Thanks to thousands of supporters who emailed their councils, **20 municipalities** committed to prohibiting anticoagulant rodenticide use on all municipally-owned properties within their jurisdiction since 2020, joining several other municipalities who had already taken a stand. [Check if your municipality is on the list.](#)

The provincial government announced a [temporary ban on the sale and use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides](#) on July 21, 2021. The 18-month period will allow government staff to research and review alternatives, and we will continue to consult on a permanent ban.

Vancouver Park Board approved a new bylaw prohibiting people from feeding wildlife. The BC SPCA is also working with the City of Vancouver on a new wildlife feeding bylaw to cover all other areas of the city.



IN PROGRESS



Federal e-petition to end the international and domestic trade of exotic and wild animals received support from **13,612 Canadians, 58% of which were British Columbians**. Ending the illegal wildlife trade was raised in the Prime Minister's mandate letter to Minister of Environment and Climate Change, but much more is needed to stem future pandemics.

Federal e-petition to end wildlife poisoning received support from **8,929 Canadians, 69% of which were British Columbians**. Strychnine, Compound 1080 and sodium cyanide are poisons and are used in Canada to control large predators (wolves, coyotes and bears) - an inhumane method of killing that can also kill other non-target animals.

As of December 31, 2021, the use of sodium cyanide is no longer permitted because this product has been cancelled by the manufacturer. The use of strychnine and Compound 1080 is still awaiting re-evaluation and final decision from Health Canada.

In fall 2021, the province sought feedback on a five-year approval for continued wolf killing in an attempt to support the recovery of woodland caribou. The BC SPCA opposes indiscriminate wolf culls as they are inhumane and lack scientific justification as a long-term wildlife management solution to declining caribou populations.

The summary from the government's predator reduction survey will be posted on the BC Caribou Recovery Program website and we will be keeping a watchful eye out for it.

2022 PLANS

Continue to work to widen our reach, collaborations and impact in order to prevent animal cruelty, suffering and neglect. We aim to:



Reach more British Columbians to increase the power of our shared voice



Build stronger relationships with government and industry to better represent animals' needs



Collaborate with organizations who also have the end goal of eliminating animal suffering

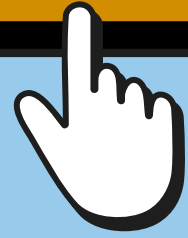


Listen and improve as new scientific information becomes available

We will continue our fight to end consumer fireworks, advocate for an improved Dairy Code of Practice, end fur farming for all species, be a voice for emergency response preparedness for all animals and much more this year.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

TAKE ACTION



Keep an eye on your email inbox to be sure you are the first to know about new actions to help animals

Invite your friends to sign up as well!



As a B.C. citizen, you have a MLA and a MP whose job it is to serve you and your neighbours, and make sure your values are heard. Contact them to share you concerns, or to thank them for positive changes made.

Find my MLA

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Visit the BC SPCA's Take Action page for more information on how you can help animals

Thank you for your support!

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