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High Paws

KIDS HELPING ANIMALS!



When eight-year-old **Kate** first thought of her **Fluffy Friends Fundraiser**, it was just a dream. But thanks to Kate's hard work, it became a reality. Kate contacted multiple pet companies, securing more than 300 pounds of food donations plus \$670 in vouchers. In addition, Kate sold handmade 400 loom-band ladybugs, which she sold for \$2 each at local hockey games, outside the grocery store and online. Kate and her brother, **Aiden**, also sold the creations door-to-door. In total, Kate's Fluffy Friends Fundraiser collected \$3,500 in food, treats, toys, pet supplies and cleaning products for the Kamloops SPCA.



When the students of **Division 24** at **Edgewood Elementary** in Surrey heard about how animals were being affected by the B.C. floods, they wanted to help. These kind-hearted kindergarteners and their teacher Ms. Andrews held a fundraiser in their school, raising more than \$1,300! They generously donated this money to help provide food, emergency boarding and care for many animals.



Letterbox

(letters to the editor)

To BC SPCA,

Thank you for taking care of the animals! You love them as much as I do. I hope that all the pets get a home.

Love, Ada Lawrence, Vancouver

Pet Pals



Morgan showed kindness to animals and the environment while helping people in her community. She did compost runs for neighbours and raised \$40 for the Vernon SPCA.



Mila and **Hunter** headed up a fundraiser at their school, **Roberts Creek Elementary**. Together, students there raised an impressive \$1,245 plus food, toys and cleaning supplies for the **Sunshine Coast SPCA**.



My name is Isabel Baldwin. I am a member of the BC SPCA Kids Club. I am nine years old and I live in Langley. I am sending a picture of my dog Lucy for Bark! magazine. She is a two-year-old red-tri Aussie shepherd.



Harper Stevens, Victoria



Founded by long-time Surrey SPCA volunteer, **Abby**, and her friends, the **Animal Humane Society** at **Panorama Secondary** is making a big difference. ➔



For a school project about helping others, **Kaia** knew she wanted to fundraise for the Coquitlam SPCA. Her idea? **Crunch for Critters**, a plan to complete the Coquitlam Crunch 50 times over the course of the project. The Crunch is a set of 457 steps up a mountain. Kaia exceeded her goal, climbing the crunch 75 times in 30 days. That's 34,275 steps! Friends and family supported Kaia's efforts, helping her raise a total of \$1,360.75. WOW!



In celebration of her birthday, **Karissa** collected \$354 to help animals in need! She delivered the donation to the Vancouver SPCA, where she took a tour and met some of the four-legged guests.



Neko, 7, made an incredibly thoughtful donation of \$84 in birthday money to the Comox SPCA.



Email your art, letters and photos to us! <3
kids@spca.bc.ca
We can't wait to see what you've been up to!



Going shopping with her aunt is a fun annual tradition for **Jolese**. This year, though she could have chosen a gift for herself, Jolese decided to pick out presents for the shelter animals instead. She then delivered a wonderful selection of toys and treats to the cats and dogs at the Dawson Creek SPCA.



After earning \$72.25 by doing LOTS of chores around the house, **Logan** kindly donated the money to the animals at the Nanaimo SPCA.



Jackson helped animals by selling tennis balls online and donating the proceeds! This "ace" of a fundraiser collected \$210 for the West Vancouver SPCA.



This past year, the club decided to hold a pet food bank drive to help animals in need. In addition, they collected items to help with relief after the devastating B.C. floods last fall. Their final donation tally totalled 410 items, including food, toys and other supplies.



Kids Club member **Kamryn** knew exactly what she wanted to buy with her Christmas money this year. She went shopping for the Castlegar SPCA and bought important shelter cleaning supplies as well as some fun toys for the animals!



Oliver wrote a short story about Noodles and Dexter, the kittens his family adopted from the Kelowna SPCA. When the story won 2nd place in a writing contest, Oliver generously donated his \$20 prize money to the shelter.

CREATING KINDNESS

Every day, we can choose actions to create a kinder world. In celebration of Be Kind to Animals Month in May, this issue of *Bark!* has all sorts of ideas. Things like:

Knowing what to do if you find a baby bird



Learning the science about how fish have feelings



Choosing alternatives to single-use plastics



Making the best choice of small pet for your family – and the animal!



Giving your pet two types of ID – or how about three?!



You may also be inspired by the kind actions of the amazing kids featured in our High Paws section this issue!

Contest alert!

What other things can you do to create kindness for animals? How about other people, the environment, or even yourself? Play our Kindness Bingo game and see how many kind acts you can check off.

Let us know how you did! Enter by June 1, 2022 and you could win a copy of *What Animals Want: The Five Freedoms in Action* by Jacqueline Pearce. You don't have to do the whole card to enter.

Send your Bingo card – or a photo of it – to BC SPCA Kids Club, 1245 East 7th Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V5T 1R1, or email kids@spca.bc.ca.



KINDNESS

Bingo

Being kind to people, animals and nature makes the world a better place.

It helps others and makes you feel good too.

See how many squares on the Bingo card you can check off. ✓

 <p>Make a bird window decal to prevent birds hitting the glass</p>	 <p>Create something new from recyclables</p>	 <p>Make sure no one is left out in a game or activity</p>	 <p>Read a book for your own enjoyment</p>	 <p>Share with a friend or sibling</p>
 <p>Find out what's cool about animals some people find "creepy"</p>	 <p>Make toys or treats for your pets or your local animal shelter</p>	 <p>Do a chore without being asked</p>	 <p>Research an animal issue (and share what you learn)</p>	 <p>Avoid single-use plastics</p>
 <p>Bake cookies for a friend</p>	 <p>Spend extra time playing with your pet</p>	 <p>Come up with your own kind act!</p>	 <p>Give someone a compliment</p>	 <p>Trade toys and books instead of buying new</p>
 <p>Plant a tree or a garden</p>	 <p>Walk or ride your bike to school</p>	 <p>Recycle cans and bottles, then donate the refund</p>	 <p>Share sPCA.bc.ca/adopt to help animals find homes</p>	 <p>Go meatless one or more meals a week</p>
 <p>Do one thing to make your pet's life better today</p>	 <p>Make a thank you card for a community helper</p>	 <p>Get out in nature</p>	 <p>Move worms from the sidewalk to the grass or soil</p>	 <p>Name three things you love about yourself</p>

Let kindness take flight

Spring brings the return home of many birds who migrated to warmer climates over the cold winter months. After their long and tiring trip, birds must build their nests and prepare to welcome their young. Let kindness take flight this spring with these ideas for how you can help the birds in your neighbourhood.



HABITAT HELPER

Birds may build their nests in trees, shrubs or even on the ground. They collect different natural materials and use them to construct a safe home where they will lay eggs and raise their babies. Give birds a “wing” up by making a nest helper:

- Around your yard or neighbourhood, look for moss, dead twigs and leaves, pine needles, dry grass and fluff from plants. Just make sure these materials haven’t been treated with fertilizer or chemicals. If it’s not too long, even hair shed by your pet can be great for nests!
- Stuff these materials into an old kitchen whisk, and hang it from a tree or mount it on a fence.
- Observe the birds who collect the materials. Which ones do they like the best?



MEGHANN CANT

BABY BIRD BASICS

As baby birds grow, they leave their nests to learn important skills like how to fly and find food.

And they

often look a little clumsy doing it! When you come across a baby bird on the ground, it is important to determine if she needs help, or if she is just learning.



Annas Hummingbirds (nestling, left and mature, lead photo.)

If you see a baby bird on the ground, before you intervene, ask yourself:

- **Can I see any injuries?** Has the bird been caught by a cat? Is she acting sluggish or lifeless? If the answer is **YES**, call the BC SPCA Wildlife Hotline for help:

1-855-622-7722.

- **Is this a hatchling (featherless and downy) or a nestling (only partly feathered) on the ground?** If the answer is **YES**, try to find the bird's nest and return her. Don't worry, your scent won't make her parents reject her, as many people believe. If you can't



PAT SUTER

find the nest, **call the Wildlife Hotline for advice.**



MARIEKE VAN DER VELDEN

If you are unsure if a baby bird needs help or not, call the **BC SPCA Wildlife Hotline** for expert advice. Remember, the best step to take before helping a baby bird is to figure out if you need to act, or if it is best to leave them alone.



Strike out

COLIN FRANKS

window collisions

Every year in Canada, millions of birds are injured or killed by colliding into windows. Birds may think they see trees or sky and fly toward them, not realizing they are reflections in the glass. Or they may be distracted by lights inside a building, and get drawn off their regular flight path. Even houseplants behind a clear window can be confusing to birds and cause them to crash.

The good news is that you can make a big difference by simply making your windows more visible to birds. With a grown-up, consider these solutions:



- Create a subtle pattern on your window using Feather Friendly® marker tape (available at shop.sPCA.bc.ca)
- Use bar soap or tempera paint on your windows to make pictures or designs
- Keep your blinds down when you can
- Using transparency paper and markers, design your own decals to put on your windows. For full instructions and design inspiration, check out our **Bird Window Decals** activity at sPCA.bc.ca/learn-at-home



You spoke, we listened

When Kids Club members Georgia and Kiele wrote letters to *Bark!* asking why we used plastic bags for packaging *Bark!*, we had a moment of reflection. **Why did we use plastic bags?** Both suggested a solution – use paper envelopes.

Bark! investigated. Despite an additional cost, we decided it is important for us not to add to plastic pollution. That's why *Bark!* is now mailed to Kids Club members in a more sustainable paper envelope. **A huge thank you to Georgia and Kiele for taking action.**

Hi Bark!

I'm a member of the BCSPCA kids club. I noticed that when I get a magazine it's always wrapped in plastic. I think that it's bad for the environment and wildlife. So could you please use a different material?

Thanks, Kiele

P.S. here's a picture of my cat Mittens!

Dear BC SPCA,

My name is Georgia C. I was recently at a virtual BC SPCA summer camp and we were talking about plastics. I brought up how when I receive my *Bark!* magazines from the BC SPCA Kids Club they are always wrapped in a clear plastic that has to get thrown out. One of the hosts at the camp suggested I write directly to the BC SPCA about this problem.

I think it would be a good idea to send the *Bark!* magazines out in a paper envelope rather than plastic that has to get thrown out and will probably end up in our oceans. I know it is quite useless to complain about a problem without thinking and suggesting a solution. That's why I think it would be good if the magazines would be put in a paper envelope or one of those big orange paper envelopes.

The *Bark!* magazines teach us to not use single use plastics. It is hard when we are trying to learn something important and the knowledge is wrapped in plastic. I really hope the BC SPCA will address this issue.

Respectfully yours, Georgia C



Bark! paper

In case you're wondering, *Bark!* is printed on recycled paper from environmentally-friendly sources. On the back page, you will see a green logo. This Forest Stewardship Council™ (FSC) logo means the paper comes from responsibly managed sources.



What's your plastic footprint?

Using less plastic is the best way to make an immediate impact on your plastic waste footprint. Your family can calculate your footprint at omnicalculator.com/ecology/plastic-footprint.



RALPH'S REUNION

When Ralph went to stay with a pet-sitter for the weekend in 2018, no one expected the orange tabby cat to go missing for the next four years. But that's exactly what happened.

Somehow, Ralph escaped the house in Kamloops, B.C. where he was staying. Where did Ralph go when he ran away? Only he knows. His guardian, Crystal, searched

everywhere. She put up posters and asked mail carriers and BC SPCA staff to be on the look-out. Still, Ralph could not be found. Crystal feared the worst – that Ralph had not survived.

Crystal eventually

moved away, but she never forgot about her beloved cat.

Years later, an orange tabby turned up in the backyard of a cat lover named Lynette. He looked in rough shape, with matted fur, and was fearful. Lynette put out food and water, and slowly he warmed up to her food offerings. Soon, he let Lynette brush his fur and got comfortable curling up on her porch.

Lynette continued to care for the cat this way while sharing his photo on lost pet sites. No one responded. Unable to re-home him herself, Lynette decided the best thing was to bring the cat to the Kamloops SPCA. There,

he'd get all the care he needed and find a forever home.

Staff at the Kamloops SPCA welcomed the cat and immediately shared his picture on the shelter's Facebook page. And it worked! A follower recognized Ralph. They contacted their friend, Crystal, who was both shocked and delighted at the news. Now living in Ontario, Crystal got in touch right away to claim her long lost cat.

Soon Ralph was on his way to Ontario to see Crystal again – and even meet a new fur-sibling! You can watch a short video on YouTube of the happy reunion by scanning the QR code.



DOUBLE UP ON PET ID

A caring person and the power of social media got Ralph home. For most pets, however, the best chance of a quicker reunion is to ensure they have at least two types of identification (**microchip and a collar with tags**). Better still, a note on their tag that says, "I'm microchipped!" will help a lost pet get home faster.

Register and keep your contact information updated at bcpetregistry.ca.

BC Pet
REGISTRY



LOST CAT



**PLEASE CALL
555-1234**

Ralph is a long-haired orange tabby with golden eyes. He is very friendly and comes when his name is called.

Conservation Canines

You may have heard of "sniffer dogs" trained to detect bombs or find missing people. But did you know that dogs are also trained to help other animals? In her book *Conservation Canines*, Isabelle Groc shares examples of how wildlife experts use the power of a dog's nose to help endangered animals – including here in British Columbia.

Alli and the Oregon spotted frog

British Columbia's Fraser Valley is home to one of Canada's most endangered amphibians. The Oregon spotted frog's numbers are declining rapidly due to the loss of their wetland habitat to human development.

Conservation biologist Monica Pearson's job is to find Oregon spotted frogs to help protect them. It isn't easy. The frogs are well camouflaged, and they tend to hide underwater and in tunnels. Plus, walking through knee-deep muddy frog habitat is a slow go. But not for Alli, an Australian cattle dog and Conservation Canine. Light on her four paws, Alli can cover ground quickly. And her keen nose is trained to sniff out the hard-to-find species.

Monica works with Alli through her trainer, Heath Smith. When Heath sends Alli off to seek frogs, she searches intently. When she stops, lays down and gives Heath a certain "look," Heath knows Alli has found an Oregon spotted frog.

Monica records the frog's location and condition. She then attaches a small transmitter belt, so she can track where the frog goes. Alli, meanwhile, enjoys a game of fetch with Heath as her reward.

Left, below: Alli's nose knows how to detect different species, like the Oregon spotted frog (right).



Pips and the elusive ermine

Before he became a Conservation Canine, Pips was a shelter dog in need of a home. The energetic Australian cattle dog was adopted by Heath Smith to serve in the Conservation Canines program.

One of Pips's missions? To help find a special species of ermine found only in Haida Gwaii, B.C. Designated as "threatened," Haida Gwaii ermines are a type of weasel. For years, scientists have searched for the animals using all kinds of methods, from live traps to automatic camera stations. Still, few ermine sightings have been recorded.

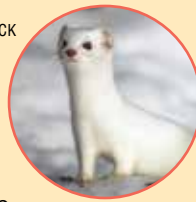
Before his mission, Pips learns to detect the poop of another type of ermine. Then, together with Heath, and biologist, Berry Wijdeven, Pips spends 16 days hiking 25 different sites for a total of 50 kilometres. It's a tough job. But in that time, Pips detects 11



Note: These stories were selected from the book *Conservation Canines* by Isabelle Groc, and retold here by the Bark! team.



samples of Haida Gwaii ermine scat – the first time any has been found. The findings show that there really aren't many ermine in the area. But the scat also provides important clues to the animals' diet, health and use of habitat.



Thanks to Pips, Berry and other scientists now have more information they can use to help protect Haida Gwaii ermines.

Pips (left and lead photo) is Haida Gwaii's ermine scat sleuth! He loves a great game of fetch after his shift is done.



Ermine poop, such as what Pips found and Heath Smith is holding, provides valuable information to scientists.



Captain Deborah Giles positions the boat as Dio sniffs. "It is my job to take Dio where he wants to go."

Dio and the orca poop

Not all scat detection dogs are suited to work on a boat – but Dio is. With strong sea legs and lots of patience, he's the right dog for the job. Adopted from a shelter in California, this Conservation Canine has worked on a research vessel sniffing out orca whale poop for two seasons.

In recent years, southern resident orcas off the B.C. coast have become endangered. Currently, only 73 remain. Their main food source, salmon (especially Chinook), is declining. Boat traffic and ocean pollution also take a toll.

To help save the orcas, scientists must understand the impact of boats, pollution and lack of food. Collecting tissue samples from orcas is one way scientists learn what foods orcas eat. Yet getting close to orcas is difficult and scares them. Gathering orca poop offers a hands- (and paws-) off option.

But orca poop isn't easy to see. It's small and sinks quickly. Luckily, trained detection dogs can smell it more than a kilometre away! Dio works with his handler, Collette Yee, and Dr. Deborah Giles, a marine mammal scientist and the boat's captain. When his nose finds something, Dio leans over the boat and points his head where to look. Once at the right spot, Deborah scoops up the sample.

Over the years, dogs like Dio have helped gather hundreds of samples. The data helps scientists understand the size and health of the orcas. One thing is for certain: To protect the orcas, action must also be taken to help increase wild salmon populations.



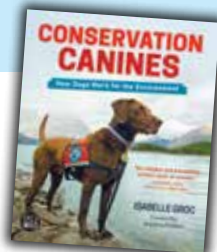
Collette Yee and Dio make a great team.



Found! Nice work, Dio!

Conservation kids

Conservation Canines includes lots more examples of amazing detection dogs, plus a chapter on ways you can get involved in conservation. Tell us **why conservation is important to you** at kids@spca.bc.ca and you'll be entered to win a signed copy of *Conservation Canines*. Include your full name, age and address. **Contest is open to youth 13 and younger and closes June 1, 2022.**





Yellow and blue tangs.

The intelligence of fish

You may not have given much thought about fish. They live out of sight, often deep in the ocean. But what are their lives like? Do they think, or do they just act on instinct? Can they feel pain? Can they experience happiness?

So, do fish have brains?

Yes, they do. But their brains are somewhat different from ours. Fish have brains that allow them to control their swimming and find food. Their brains help them learn how to avoid predators, socialize with other fish and much more. According to fish scientists, fish are as intelligent as many land animals. Fish can also learn from each other to find food and avoid dangers.

What about their memories?

You may have heard the phrase, "goldfish have only three-second memories." In fact, fish studies reveal they have good memories. Scientists have observed that once fish learn how to avoid a danger, like being trapped in a net, they can remember how to get away the next time. They can even remember how to escape the same danger a year later. They can also remember fish friends who they had hung out with in the past and recognize them when they're reunited. Guppies, for example, can remember up to 15 friends.



Guppies are social creatures.

Fish are also smart enough to remember complex "maps" of their surroundings – like you knowing your own neighbourhood. They even pass this knowledge to their children. They show them where to be safe, how to avoid predators and where to find food.



Do fish feel pain?

Scientists have debated for decades whether fish feel pain. Like us, fish have cells called neurons that detect harm to their bodies. When we prick our finger, a pain signal travels to our brain to tell us we've been hurt. Fish have similar receptors, though not as many. They have about 20 pain receptors in their mouths and heads. So when they bite on a fish hook, they do feel pain.



What about other emotions?

Like us, fish react to stressful situations. When we feel stressed, our heartbeat increases. We may breathe faster. We also produce chemicals called stress hormones. Cortisol is a stress hormone that scientists can measure. Humans and many other animals, including fish, produce cortisol when they are placed in a stressful situation. Studies that measure fish cortisol levels suggest fish do feel emotions.



A school of archer fish.

This pufferfish is getting cleaned by wrasses.



we know this isn't true. We're learning fish have emotions and form social groups.

Often, treating animals better happens when we get to know more about them. For example, we know that farm animals are not that different from our pets. As a result we are starting to care more about how we treat them. Maybe it's time to think differently about fish, too.

Do fish feel pleasure?

There are lots of things that make us happy. But do fish feel pleasure? Cleaner fish, found on coral reefs, eat parasites off other fish. It's a win for both. The cleaner fish gets food and the client fish gets rid of annoying parasites. Yet, there is more to this relationship. Scientists have observed that sometimes the cleaner fish accidentally bite the client. To make the client feel better, the cleaner fish will gently rub their fins across the client fish. This action calms the client fish. The client fish even lean into the cleaner fish to further enjoy the rubbing.

Rethinking how we treat fish

People used to believe fish were simple creatures who weren't smart, and couldn't feel pain. But now

Jake and Ava: A Boy and a Fish

by Jonathan Balcombe,
illustrated by Rebecca Evans

Jake is excited to go on a fishing trip with his grandfather.



trip with his grandfather. An archer fish named Ava is also on a fishing trip with her uncle. What happens when their two worlds collide?

Small

Did you know guinea pigs are also known as cavies?

Hamsters (below) have delicate feet, so provide them with a plastic wheel, not an ouchy-wire one.

Rats, mice, hamsters, gerbils and guinea pigs may all be small in size, but caring for them is a big responsibility! Each of these species has unique care needs. From feeding, to housing to socialization, it is important to understand what it takes to provide a good life for the animals we care for.

One of the most important first steps to take before bringing a new pet into your life is learning which animal will be a good fit for you, and you for them! Take our **Small Pet Match quiz** to find out which animal may be your perfect match!

1. Would you want a pair or just one pet?

- a. A pair would be perfect. (1 point)
- b. One is enough for me. (2 points)

2. How social would you like your pet to be?

- a. Very! I want to play, interact and hold my pet a lot. (1 point)
- b. I'm okay with a pet who doesn't want to be held or play together all the time. (2 points)

3. How much space do you have for your pet's habitat?

- a. Not too much. I could set aside the top of a dresser for a cage. (2 points)
- b. A lot. I'm planning to create a big comfy condo for a pet. (1 point)

4. How often will you be able to clean your pet's habitat?

- a. Every couple of days. I love to clean! (1 point)
- b. Once a week or so. (3 points)
- c. I wouldn't want to do it more than every couple of weeks. (2 points)

5. When would you most want to spend time with your pet?

- a. In the morning and right after school. My evenings and weekends are pretty full with activities. (2 points)
- b. Whenever and as much as I can! (1 point)
- c. I'm a night owl. I hope my pet is too! (3 points)

My Total Points: ____

Ideally, mice should not be housed alone. But male mice can be prone to fighting each other, so they may need to be kept separate. Remember not to house female and male mice together.



Pet Match



Hamsters like to bond with "night owl" guardians.

Take your total points from the quiz, and meet your potential pet match below! Remember, every animal has their own personality, and their individual needs will be unique to them.



Rats love exploring!



Give Gerry the gerbil space to burrow. Check out her enclosure, below!

5 to 7 points

GUINEA PIGS: Generally gentle and social animals, these cool cavies will likely enjoy spending time in your lap. They crave companionship with other guinea pigs, so consider keeping two in a same-sex pair. They require a large space for their habitat, complete with hay, hiding spots and chew toys. Expect to clean their space at least once a week. Guinea pigs require nail trims, and may need baths and brushing if they have long hair.

RATS: Rats are smart and social creatures who make terrific pets! They are often affectionate with their guardians, and a lot of fun to interact with and observe. They should have at least one other same-sex rat for companionship. It's best to provide them with a multi-level, large cage where they can climb, explore, play and hide. Rat habitats will need to be cleaned several times per week.

8 or 9 points

MICE: Clever, curious and gentle, mice can make marvelous pets. They enjoy climbing, digging and exploring their habitat. To keep mice happy and healthy,

provide them with a habitat filled with burrowing material, chew toys, things to climb and places to hide. Plus, offer contained, supervised playtime outside their living space. Expect to clean every couple of days. Ideally, mice should not be housed alone. But remember not to house males and females together.

GERBILS: Gerbils love to burrow! It can be so fun to observe them, ideally with a same-sex gerbil companion, digging and chewing their way through an aquarium filled with small animal bedding materials. Gerbil habitats need to be cleaned about every two weeks. Some gerbils might be interested in being held, while others may not. Setting up a safe playpen with toilet paper rolls and cereal boxes for some supervised playtime is fun for gerbils and their guardians!



10 to 12 points

HAMSTERS: Hamsters are active and interesting animals! They love to burrow, explore and find clever places to stash their snacks. A living space like a large aquarium, with nesting material, tunnels, ramps, a wheel and toys will make for happy hamsters. Expect to do a full clean once a week, plus mini cleans daily. Hamsters are nocturnal. They sleep during the daytime, and are busy at night. This means that most of your time together will be later in the evening. Some species of hamsters prefer to live alone, while others enjoy the company of a same-sex hamster.



For more information on any of these awesome animals, check out our Pet Care Guides at spca.bc.ca/kids.

Summer camps are back!

We are so excited for a summer of **in-person camps** at select BC SPCA locations.* Join us for a week of fun and games. Hear from animal experts and meet new friends (both human and animal!) along the way.

We are also offering a fantastic line-up of **live virtual programs** for kids who cannot attend in-person camps. Dive deep into fascinating animal topics with other animal-loving kids from all over the province.

Visit spca.bc.ca/camp to see our full line-up of summer programming that is all about animals! **Check online for early bird pricing.** Register today!

**In-person camps are subject to COVID-19 circumstances and regulations.*



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If you're not already a BC SPCA Kids Club member, what are you waiting for?

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You'll get **Bark!** magazine delivered to your door four times a year, plus other **awesome membership perks**.

Love animals? Join the BC SPCA Kids Club today! Fill out this form and mail it to:

BC SPCA Kids Club 1245 East 7th Avenue Vancouver, BC V5T 1R1

Name: _____ Telephone: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

School: _____ Email: _____

☐ Yes, you can email me e-Kids Mews!letter and other BC SPCA Kids Club updates

☐ **Sign up for the Kids Club \$20** ☐ Cheque payable to BC SPCA or by credit card, info below please

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Name on Card: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____



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Who took time to stop and smell the flowers:



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