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The BC SPCA will again be observing September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, as a statutory holiday for the organization and closing our facilities to the public to encourage our people to listen, be mindful, and be part of events that help us all understand the tragic history and ongoing legacy of Canada's residential schools. On September 30th and the entire month leading up to it, we call on all staff, volunteers and supporters to take time to reflect and learn more about the Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

General information to get you started:

*click on each picture to access the respective website



Orange Shirt Society

Canada.ca



Below are links to materials and events that may inspire you to learn, listen and take action on this important journey towards reconciliation. We challenge you to complete at least three of any of the activities below throughout the month of September.

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- Tune in to the livestream Gidinawendimin We Are All Related
- Take part in Truth and Reconciliation Week 2022 Remembering the children
- Learn more and support the <u>Indian Residential School Survivors Society</u>
- Pledge to complete the free online course <u>Indigenous Canada</u>, <u>offered by the</u>
 <u>University of Alberta</u> by September 30
- Visit or download the <u>FirstVoices app</u> to explore Indigenous languages
- Visit the <u>Government of Canada's Indigenous history page</u>



- CBC's 108 Indigenous writers to read
- We Were Children documentary (rent online for \$2.95)
- Be moved by the immense talents of students in the Kamloops area:
 - School District 73 Aboriginal Leadership Students "Utopia" music video
 - o Four Directions Secondary School "Together We Thrive" music video
- Check out a film at the <u>Stseptékwles re Sk'elép (Coyote Stories) First Nations</u>
 Film Festival in Kamloops (Sep 1-3, 2022) live or virtual!
- <u>Key Moments</u> from the National Inquiry into Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls

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EVENTS



- NAC National Indigenous Theatre virtual events and workshops
- North Vancouver
- Victoria
- <u>Vernon</u>
- Kamloops
- Coquitlam

TAKE ACTION



- Buy an orange shirt from an official Orange Shirt Day supplier or wear orange
- Connect with a local friendship centre
- Visit the Virtual Museum of Metis History & Culture
- Try one or more of these <u>150 acts of reconciliation</u>