



BCSPCA

2025

ANNUAL REPORT

MESSAGE FROM Leadership

In British Columbia, we know families are facing rising costs of living, housing insecurity and other social pressures which can have significant and direct impacts on their animals.

When people struggle, animals struggle too.

In 2025, the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BC SPCA) announced a bold new vision: animals and people thriving together. This year also marked meaningful progress under our newly launched 2025-2030 Strategic Plan, which is focused on addressing root causes to prevent animal suffering before it begins. We began building a long-term framework to address these root causes, working to identify the spaces where the BC SPCA can have the most impact on lasting systems change in support of improved animal welfare.

At the same time, we strengthened the safety net for vulnerable animals, continuing to provide direct care and protection for those who needed it most. Thanks to the love and compassion of our supporters, staff and volunteers, the BC SPCA was able to assist 135,161 animals in 2025.

Recognizing the deep bond between animals and their families, we continued expanding our community services programming to better support animal guardians. Through this work, we provided more than 722,000 meals to animals, offered more than 6,000 nights of free emergency boarding to beloved pets, and partnered with more than 168 organizations to keep families and their animals together whenever possible.

Internally, we made key investments to ensure the long-term organizational health of the BC SPCA. Investments in technology, staff development and an enhanced volunteer foster recruitment process supported this work while we continue to align our physical and technological infrastructure and redefine our presence in communities across B.C.

As we look ahead, the BC SPCA remains committed to building a future where fewer animals suffer, and more communities are empowered to be part of the solutions. Thank you for your support as we work toward a world where animals and people thrive together.

CRAIG DANIELL
Chief Executive Officer
BC SPCA

MARK MONTEMURRO
Chair
BC SPCA Board of Directors

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PROVINCIAL

ANIMALS ASSISTED
ACROSS B.C.
WITH YOUR HELP

2025

135,161

2024

167,890*

2023

135,764

79,069

INQUIRIES THROUGH
THE BC SPCA
ANIMAL HELPLINE

6,997

ANIMAL PROTECTION
INVESTIGATIONS

*2024 figures were an outlier
due to a single animal
protection file involving
tens of thousands of fish

BCSPCA

VISION

Animals and people
thriving together.

MISSION

Protecting vulnerable
animals and mobilizing
communities so
animals and people
thrive together.

PROVINCIAL TOTAL	LOWER MAINLAND & FRASER VALLEY	VANCOUVER ISLAND, GULF ISLAND & SUNSHINE COAST	THOMPSON, OKANAGAN & KOOTENAY	CARIBOO & NORTH
ANIMALS ADOPTED INTO LOVING NEW HOMES				
10,191	4,363	2,998	2,267	539
SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES FOR HOMELESS AND COMMUNITY ANIMALS				
12,954	3,635	2,107	4,500	2,575
NIGHTS OF FREE EMERGENCY PET BOARDING FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE, NATURAL DISASTERS OR SUDDEN HOSPITALIZATION				
6,000+	2,000+	2,000+	1,100+	700+
MEALS PROVIDED TO ANIMALS THROUGH THE BC SPCA PET FOOD BANK PROGRAM				
722,813	244,589	200,925	206,009	71,290

DIGGING INTO THE **Root Causes** OF ANIMAL SUFFERING

Advocating for systemic change to strengthen animal welfare laws and standards

While the BC SPCA continued to provide direct care and protection for vulnerable animals across the province, the Society also started laying the foundation of a framework to further support a reduction of animal suffering and distress before it ever begins. This commitment to addressing the **root causes** of animal suffering is paving the way for a future where fewer animals ever need to enter the BC SPCA's care.

The BC SPCA recognizes that addressing all root causes of animal suffering in British Columbia is not a feat that will be accomplished over the course of a five-year Strategic Plan, and will require a collective effort from all British Columbians. In support of determining where the organization should focus its efforts, work began in 2025 to identify potential root causes where the Society could have the most impact. Next phases of this work in 2026 include setting the priority issues for the Society to tackle through the end of the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan and developing strategies for each.

Advocating for systems changes and standards improvements is



A Food Bank Success Story

During a particularly hard time in his life, Maya's loving owner began visiting a pet food bank to pick up supplies for his sweet girl. His love for Maya is hard to put into words, and he was more than willing to skip meals to make sure she was fed properly. **No one should be faced with making that kind of choice.**

In time, Maya's guardian got back on his feet and no longer needed the extra help. But he never stopped visiting. He would bring Maya to say hello to the team and volunteers, to dig for a special toy or extra treat, and to chat with other pet lovers. As a huge advocate for the services provided, Maya's owner helped spread the word to ensure others who were struggling knew there was a safety net that could help them and their animals.

The team was heartbroken to hear the news of Maya's recent passing at the age of 14. She was deeply loved, not just by her person but by the whole community. During their time of greatest need, the pet food bank was there to ensure Maya received the care she deserved.

not new territory for the BC SPCA. The Society has a long history of advocating locally, provincially and federally for changes that prevent animal suffering, dating back to the 1800s when a small group of clergy, journalists and businessmen lobbied the government to enact laws to protect animals.

In 2025, the BC SPCA continued these efforts by mobilizing British Columbians in support of 25 campaigns, including:

► **End the Use of Animals in Science:**

This petition asks the federal government to develop a national roadmap by 2035 and to allocate funding for the transition to animal-free research and testing. It received more than 23,200 signatures from animal welfare advocates across Canada, including 7,467 from B.C.

► **Stop Live Horse Export:** After the federal government reaffirmed its commitment to evaluating a ban on this cruel practice, the BC SPCA continues to work with other partners in the animal welfare space to identify a new path forward for these advocacy efforts.



Pet food banks offer a vital resource for vulnerable animals and guardians.

28,016
NEW REGISTRANTS IN THE BC PET REGISTRY TO REUNITE LOST ANIMALS WITH GUARDIANS

262,618
TOTAL REGISTRANTS IN THE BC PET REGISTRY TO REUNITE LOST ANIMALS WITH GUARDIANS

33
BUSINESSES ACCREDITED THROUGH THE BC SPCA ANIMALKIND PROGRAM

31 dog trainers
2 pest control companies

25
MAJOR ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS UNDERTAKEN

7
POLICY SUBMISSIONS CREATED TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF ANIMALS

- **Revised Organic Standards:** The BC SPCA encouraged supporters to submit their comments on the draft for the Organic Standards, and team members also joined the Technical Committee to offer evidence-based recommendations. The final version of the Organic Standards is to be released in 2026.
- **Halt to Fur Farming:** After the success of B.C.'s mink farming ban, the BC SPCA continued advocating for a national ban on fur farming.
- **Ban Exotic Cats as Pets:** The BC SPCA and 8,643 supporters

campaigned to add all exotic cats to the Controlled Alien Species Regulation to ban them as pets. The BC SPCA is currently working with the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship to update that regulation.

Every year, new provincial and local resolutions are adopted in support of better welfare for animals in B.C. The BC SPCA continues to partner with local and regional organizations to advocate for bylaws and legislative improvements, including those related to pet-friendly housing, considerations for animals in emergency and disaster planning, food security programs offering pet food and supplies, and farmed animal welfare.

A COMMUNITY LENS

Recognizing that the interconnectedness between animals and people is vital to long-lasting and impactful systems change, the BC SPCA partnered with more than 168 local and regional organizations in 2025 to help keep animals safe and happy in their loving homes, including food banks, BC Housing, local police agencies, and other healthcare or social service providers.

The BC SPCA's Humane Education team also continued to grow and foster the next generation of animal lovers and advocates. Camps and school presentations reached more than 13,170 children and teens (up from 8,488 in 2024), while 2,835 B.C. educators were engaged directly with other support and resources. ■



STRENGTHENING THE **Safety Net**

Providing the best level of care to the highest number of animals

While a significant focus of the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan involves stopping suffering before it ever begins, there are still a significant number of animals, and their families, across the province in need of support.

To help concentrate direct protection and sheltering efforts, the Vulnerable Animal Spectrum was designed as a “triage system” to determine how urgently each companion animal or situation needs care. The Spectrum clearly defines the animals who would be best served through care in a BC SPCA animal centre, and created a system to support the rapid and consistent identification of which care

options — whether in a centre, in a foster home or another form of support — would be most suitable for all animals in need of help.

While not developed to act as an ultimate decision-maker for an animal’s entire pathway with the BC SPCA, the Vulnerable Animal Spectrum is intended to help guide timely decisions for vulnerable animals, and ensure our limited resources are used to the greatest effect. The goal of this framework is to ensure that the most vulnerable cases can come swiftly into care, while other animals whose needs are different or less urgent, or who may be less suitable for a centre setting, are still supported by the BC SPCA outside of centre walls. In some cases, this could look like a home placement with a BC SPCA foster volunteer, while other situations may see the guardian receiving support

through community services offerings instead.

To aid the implementation of this system, the BC SPCA’s first-ever centralized Animal Flow team was created in 2025. New positions were developed, and existing positions were restructured with roles specializing in animal triage and intake, foster program management, animal transfer and emergency response, and the shifting of the BC SPCA’s Animal Helpline under this team.

COMMUNITY REDUCING VULNERABILITY TOGETHER

We are currently exploring new options to expand the BC SPCA’s physical presence in Prince George. In January 2025, the City of Prince George awarded its animal sheltering contract to another service provider, meaning the BC SPCA was no longer able to provide services through the city-owned BC SPCA North Cariboo community animal centre building. Despite the loss of this physical centre, the BC SPCA continued to support vulnerable

animals and community members by expanding community pet food bank options and offering supports through our still-operating Prince George Spay/Neuter Clinic.

A collaborative effort between the BC SPCA's animal protection services and community services teams, along with staff from the Spay/Neuter Clinic, led to the intake of 61 animals from the community. Each of these animals was assessed and transported to other centres through the BC SPCA's Drive for Lives animal transfer program so they could have the best chances at finding loving families.



The Drive for Lives program transfers animals between BC SPCA centres, greatly improving their chances at receiving specialized veterinary care and finding forever homes.

Special Provincial Constable (SPC) Debbie Goodine, on the animal protection team, has also shifted some of the ways she serves the community. SPC Goodine works closely with community partners and staff at the Spay/Neuter Clinic to identify caring pet owners who need a helping hand. Whether it's working with other community partners or supporting guardians wherever possible through the BC SPCA's animal protection and community services teams, SPC Goodine is determined to keep loving families and pets together.

SAFEGUARDING ANIMAL GUARDIANS

After being alerted to a senior community member in the BC SPCA's Thompson, Okanagan and Kootenay region whose dog appeared to need medical attention, Special Provincial Constable (SPC) Daniel Chapman drove out to investigate further. On his arrival, it became clear very quickly that the sick dog wasn't the only one needing care. The dog's guardian had a medical condition, had no family or next of kin, and couldn't drive. SPC Chapman first offered the community member and their dog transportation to the vet for treatment. However, concerns persisted that the follow-up care and medication may be difficult for the guardian to consistently provide, recognizing they were also in need of support themselves.

A temporary volunteer foster was arranged through the veterinarian and another community partner to support the dog's recovery. Recognizing how strong the bond was between the two, SPC Chapman offered the community member rides for regular visits with their dog while treatment was ongoing. Once medically cleared, the duo was ecstatic to be reunited.

The partnership between the BC SPCA, local RCMP, the veterinary clinic and the medical foster meant both the dog and the guardian were routinely checked on, and that both parties were healthy and safe. Because of this diligence by SPC Chapman to support the welfare needs of the animal and the guardian, the appropriate social services were engaged to provide additional support for the guardian as well, ultimately allowing the two to remain together as a family. ■

35,592

ANIMALS ASSISTED
BY BC SPCA
ANIMAL PROTECTION
OFFICERS

1,866

ANIMALS REMOVED
FROM DANGEROUS
OR NEGLECTFUL
SITUATIONS

95

WARRANTS
EXECUTED BY
ANIMAL PROTECTION
OFFICERS

28

CHARGE SUBMISSIONS
TO CROWN COUNSEL
AGAINST INDIVIDUALS
WHO HAVE COMMITTED
ACTS OF CRUELTY

14,544

HOMELESS ANIMALS
PROVIDED WITH
EMERGENCY CARE
AND SHELTER

19,508

ANIMALS TREATED
THROUGH BC SPCA
VETERINARY
SERVICES

4,972

ANIMALS
TRANSPORTED
THROUGH THE
BC SPCA DRIVE FOR
LIVES PROGRAM

1,390

LOST ANIMALS
REUNITED WITH
GUARDIANS

2,182

INJURED AND
ORPHANED WILDLIFE
TREATED AT
WILD ARC

A Sustainable Future FOR ANIMALS

Ensuring the **long-term organizational health** of the BC SPCA with thoughtful investment in people, community services and physical infrastructure

The BC SPCA is strengthening the Society’s long-term organizational health through our 2025-2030 Strategic Plan. From elevating the existing role of BC SPCA volunteers to enhancing the financial sustainability of the Society, the BC SPCA aims to thrive as an organization for as long as needed by the animals and the communities we serve.

Called out under the Strategic Plan as **People, Place, Public, Possibility and Partners**, a lot of the work needed to ensure the long-term organizational health of the Society involves:

- ▶ **Optimizing limited resources, as the BC SPCA is funded primarily by individual donors and receives no operating funds from the provincial government.**
- ▶ **Defining the BC SPCA’s community presence both physically and digitally.**
- ▶ **Expanding the impact of our work to support animals and their guardians through strategic partnerships.**



In 2025, the focus was on aligning the BC SPCA team and organization structure with this overarching strategic direction to best deliver on this work. In addition to the establishment of the Animal Flow team to support the implementation of the Vulnerable Animal Spectrum, the Community Services team added three regional community service facilitators and a senior manager in 2025 to develop sustainable community service and outreach systems across the province.

A final key part of the work in 2025 to sustain the BC SPCA’s long-term organizational health

is the continued growth and mobilization of public allies through the Society’s digital presence. In 2025, the BC SPCA saw an 11.9 per cent growth in total social media followers on platforms where the BC SPCA is active, totalling 351,322 animal lovers and allies across the province who are engaging with animal welfare content. The BC SPCA’s website — which offers important animal welfare resources, information on programs and services, news related to animal protection activities, and opportunities to get involved with the Society — was viewed 9,184,271 times.

As part of the goal to redefine the BC SPCA’s presence and place in the community, a redevelopment

37 Provincially

12 Lower Mainland & Fraser Valley

11 Vancouver Island, Gulf Island & Sunshine Coast

8 Thompson, Okanagan & Kootenay

6 Cariboo & North

BC SPCA FACILITIES
DEDICATED TO THE CARE AND
PROTECTION OF ANIMALS

624

SKILLED AND CARING STAFF

3,597

DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP
EXPAND OUR SERVICES TO ANIMALS

213,251

VOLUNTEER HOURS PROVIDED

351,322

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS
HELPING US SPREAD THE WORD

9,184,271

WEBSITE VISITS FOR NEWS AND
EDUCATION ON ANIMAL ISSUES

PRIORITY ENHANCEMENTS AND BUILDS

In 2025, the BC SPCA's Board of Directors approved the Society's Long-Range Facilities Plan, which focuses on priority capital build projects across the province where the most urgent need exists. In keeping with this plan, a feasibility study and a community-needs assessment were conducted to determine next steps for the BC SPCA's physical presence in Prince George following the closure of our North Cariboo community animal centre. The need for unexpected repairs at the BC SPCA Quesnel animal centre arose in late April, temporarily shifting the focus of the BC SPCA's Facilities team in the Cariboo North region to this centre until it was reopened to the public in late July.

The BC SPCA's Vancouver Island Animal Behaviour Centre (VIABC) in Cowichan made significant leaps toward its grand opening, set for mid-2026, as it moved through several phases of construction. As one of the only facilities of this nature in Canada, the project marks a significant step toward the BC SPCA providing specialized and tailored care for animals with more complex behavioural needs. ■

of the primary website also began in 2025 with a new, more accessible and user-friendly site set to launch in 2026.

CULTIVATING UNDERSTANDING AND ALIGNMENT AMONG OUR PEOPLE

In 2025, BC SPCA staff accessed 97 e-learning courses to support their ongoing professional development, including new learnings related to the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan and annual organizational work priorities. These efforts empower all staff to more confidently speak about the story of the BC SPCA with members of the public, in the hopes that these engaged community members will become mobilized allies for animals.

STRENGTHENING OUR VOLUNTEER FOSTER NETWORK

Dedicated BC SPCA volunteers have played an essential role in

supporting animals across B.C., with thousands of volunteers generously gifting more than 200,000 cumulative hours of their time.

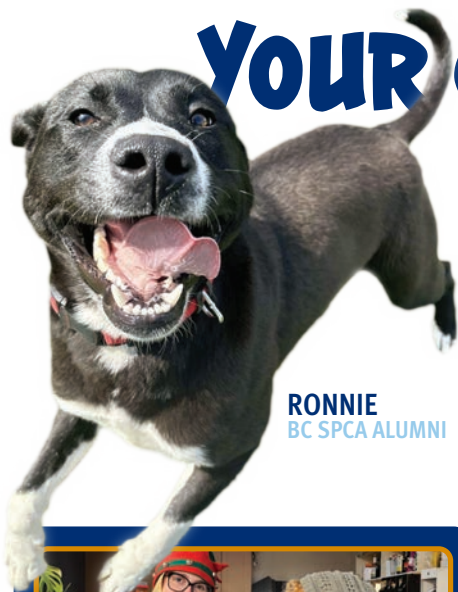
Efforts in 2025 were dedicated to the incredible and growing group of BC SPCA foster volunteers. The volunteer services team worked hard to streamline the experience of new fosters by revamping the foster application and onboarding process, and creating a standard interview template.

Over the past six months, 490 new foster volunteer applications have been received across B.C. and fosters rated the improved onboarding experience an average of 8.6 out of 10 in post-onboarding surveys.



YOUR GENEROSITY IN ACTION

FOR EVERY DOLLAR YOU GAVE IN 2025, HERE IS HOW YOU HELPED ANIMALS



RONNIE
BC SPCA ALUMNI



EMERGENCY SHELTER & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

35¢

Provided a temporary home for 14,544 abandoned, injured and abused animals, helped injured and orphaned wildlife and directly assisted 33,235 animals in the community.

PREVENTING FUTURE SUFFERING

7¢

Helped stop the cycle of violence and made our communities safer for animals through humane education and advocacy.

POPPY
BC SPCA ALUMNI



16¢

CHECK-UPS & MEDICAL TREATMENT

Ensured animals in our care receive a health check, vaccines, permanent ID, were spayed or neutered and, if sick or injured, got further treatment.

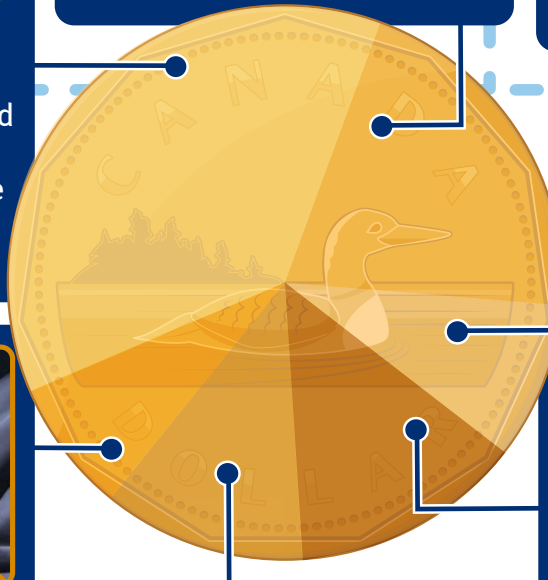


10¢*

ANIMAL PROTECTION INVESTIGATIONS

Conducted 6,997 new animal protection investigations. The BC SPCA is the only animal welfare organization in B.C. with the authority to enforce laws related to animal cruelty.

*This represents direct investigation costs only.



*Direct and indirect expenses - \$11.792 million

21¢

Indirect animal protection expenses include sheltering and treatment for seized animals, and the Animal Helpline, which receives cruelty complaints.



PREVENTING FUTURE SUFFERING

7¢

Helped stop the cycle of violence and made our communities safer for animals through humane education and advocacy.

POPPY
BC SPCA ALUMNI



14¢

SUPPORTING ANIMALS

Ensuring that our buildings are maintained, bills are paid and systems run is also part of caring for animals.



18¢

MAKING FRIENDS FOR ANIMALS

Made it possible to help 135,161 animals in 2025 thanks to caring donors. Fundraising truly is friendraising! Thank you!

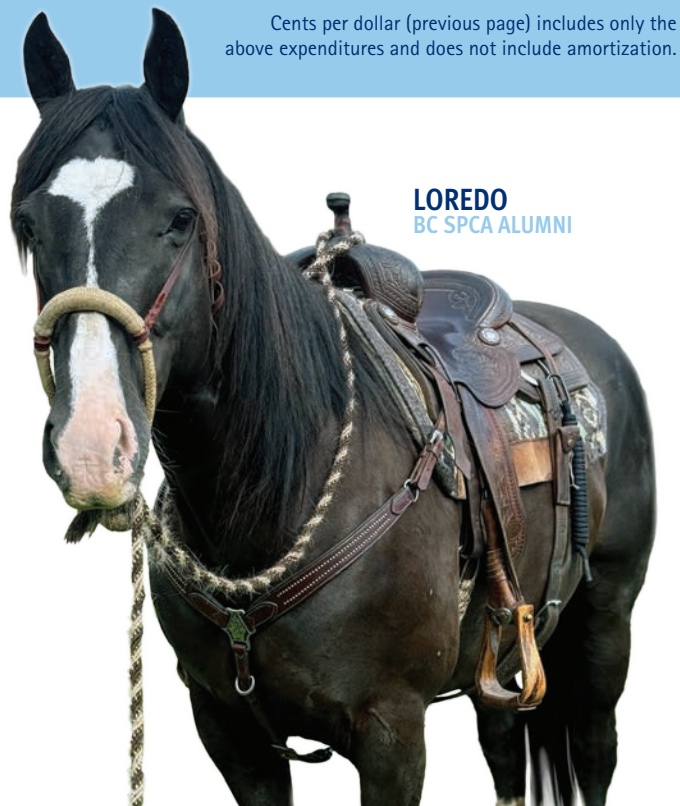
MR. FLUFFY
BC SPCA ALUMNI



REVENUES (IN \$000s)	Oct. 1, 2024 to Sept. 30, 2025	Oct. 1, 2023 to Sept. 30, 2024
Donations & Fundraising	\$24,563	\$23,536
Legacy & Life Insurance ¹	\$23,928	\$18,569
Kenneling & Municipal Bylaw Enforcement	\$3,152	\$3,316
Sheltering, Medical, Clinical & Social Enterprise Services	\$7,749	\$6,944
Lotteries & Raffles	\$4,961	\$4,519
Government Grants	\$343	\$493
Other Grants	\$1,068	\$410
Interest & Dividend Income	\$4,200	\$4,767
Capital Gains / Losses	\$(8)	\$80
Total	\$69,956	\$62,634

EXPENDITURES (IN \$000s)	Oct. 1, 2024 to Sept. 30, 2025	Oct. 1, 2023 to Sept. 30, 2024
Sheltering, Kenneling, Municipal Bylaw Enforcement & Social Enterprise	\$19,967	\$21,138
Veterinary Care & Spay/Neuter	\$4,738	\$5,253
Animal Protection ²	\$5,642	\$5,741
Humane Education	\$1,585	\$1,551
Advocacy	\$2,548	\$2,704
Hospitals & Clinics	\$4,612	\$4,828
Administration & Program Support	\$7,777	\$7,461
Revenue Development	\$10,413	\$9,578
Total	\$57,282	\$58,254

TOTALS (IN \$000s)	Oct. 1, 2024 to Sept. 30, 2025	Oct. 1, 2023 to Sept. 30, 2024
Operating Surplus Before the Undernoted	\$12,674	\$4,380
Amortization of Capital Assets	\$(2,402)	\$(2,528)
Change in Fair Value of Investments	\$758	\$4,957
Net Operating Surplus	\$11,030	\$6,809



Cents per dollar (previous page) includes only the above expenditures and does not include amortization.

A portion of the surplus is available for use and supports facilities replacements, upgrades and multi-year strategic projects.

The majority represents valuation changes required to be reported under Canadian standards that do not provide funds the Society can spend.

¹ A significant portion of legacy gifts are restricted to a particular use. Restricted gifts are not recognized as revenue in our financial statements until the terms of the restriction are met.

² Direct expenses related to the BC SPCA's Animal Protection work are presented here. Please see prev. page for combined direct and indirect costs.

Our amazing volunteers play a huge role in advancing the BC SPCA's animal welfare priorities.



Interested in joining the team as a volunteer animal foster?

Visit our site to learn the five most important things
about being a BC SPCA foster and take our
self-screening quiz to see if it's the right fit for you!

sPCA.bc.ca/foster



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