

BCSPCA In Your Community

A BC SPCA Victoria branch update! October 2017



DID YOU KNOW.....?



BC SPCA Victoria AGM

Annual General Meeting
February 20th 2018

See "Upcoming Events" at
bcspca.bc.ca/victoria/ or
[facebook.com/bcspca.victoria/eve](https://facebook.com/bcspca.victoria/events)
[nts](https://facebook.com/bcspca.victoria/events) for details closer to the date
and consider running for your
Community Council!

- ✓ ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE - Saturday and Sunday Dec 2 & 3 from 10 AM to 3 PM each day. 6 raffle baskets – dog, cat, kids, just for her, just for him and night out. Profession quality pet photos with Santa, silent auction, face painting and other kid activities, used book table, baking (including pets and vegans), gently used and new dog coats, collars, leashes, harnesses, soft crates, SPCA merchandise, handmade cat toys, live music and information tables on Victoria Community Council and WildARC. This event is very popular so come early and enjoy. Money raised goes to the Victoria SPCA Branch.
- ✓ For more information about your Community Council (CC), check out spca.bc.ca/about-us/community-councils.
- ✓ Where's the News? A link to our local newsletter can be found at spca.bc.ca/victoria.
- ✓ Membership includes a print subscription to AnimalSense. You can also find it online at <http://spca.bc.ca/news-events/publications/>. If you aren't receiving the print version of this great magazine and would like to, please email info@spca.bc.ca or phone 604-681-7271 or our Branch.
- ✓ The BC SPCA has a number of informative e-newsletters. To review, subscribe, or change your subscription, go to the Online Community Member Page - see spca.bc.ca/news-events/enewsletters/, and click on "Update Subscription" at the bottom of the page.

To report an animal in distress (including wildlife) please call the toll-free Animal Cruelty Reporting Hotline at 1-855-622-7722

COMPASSION, COMMUNITY, COMMITMENT – Membership in the BC SPCA



Renew now! New memberships and renewals after September 30 will run until the end of 2018! You do get a tax receipt and your dues go to help the animals, but you're **also** supporting the governance of the Society itself. We have over a century* of history behind us – let's ensure that we are strong for the next century as well. Here's our application form: spca.bc.ca/ways-to-help/become-a-member. (*formed in 1895!)



Follow the BC SPCA Victoria Branch on Facebook for exciting stories and adorable animals!
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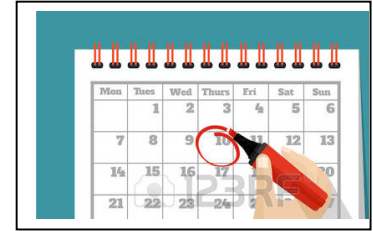
OUR MISSION: To protect and enhance the quality of life for domestic, farm and wild animals in British Columbia

EVENT & FUNDRAISING CALENDAR

2017-18 EVENTS

Check out our Facebook page and "News" on our website for details

Monthly	Vets for Pets at Our Place (except Feb & July)
Oct 28	Gala
Nov 16	Member Appreciation Event
Dec 2-3	Annual Christmas Bake Sale
Feb 20	AGM



COMMUNITY

Late this summer, the BC SPCA commissioned a public art installation to raise public awareness around the importance of spaying and neutering cats. The installation was then taken on the road throughout the Victoria area in September, showing up at various shopping mall parking lots to connect and engage with the local community. Volunteers from the BC SPCA Victoria branch as well as the Community Council were involved with this throughout the month of September. The installation, which is portable, is a massive wood box made to look like a cardboard box, and has "Free Kittens" painted on it. This would invite people to look inside where they would discover not kittens but facts about why it is so critical to spay or neuter. We got some surprised reactions! We found many people wanted to talk to us, whether rain or shine, and it generated some great conversations about cats and animal welfare overall.

HUMANE EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Mahatma Gandhi

It is very important to us at the Victoria BC SPCA that our next generation be given the opportunity to interact with and share their passion for animals. Our programs are built to encourage the innate empathy that are in our youth and to foster positive relationships.

In September, our presentation team offered all the schools in the Victoria, Sooke and Saanich districts half-price presentations, and teachers came out in force! Our staff and volunteers will be visiting schools throughout the fall, educating about empathy, dog safety, pet guardianship, community action, farm animal welfare, urban wildlife and social justice issues. If you are interested in being a presenter, or you and your dog would be interested in accompanying one of our trained presenters, please contact Breeanna McDonald, bmcDonald@spca.bc.ca to find out how to get started.

Our programs at the shelter have begun again! The provincial holiday on October 20th will see 16 kids, between the ages of 8 and 11, learning all about dogs! From humane training, to breeds, to signals and more, our participants will finish the day with a broader knowledge of our canine friends. October 21st will kick off our first Service Saturday program for those ages 12 to 15! Participants will get a task of what it takes to be a volunteer, lending a hand with one volunteer activity, creating toys for the small animals and visiting out shelter animals! This program will continue throughout the school year on Saturdays. Interested in our next one? Visit spca.bc.ca/workshop to see upcoming dates and to register.

We would like to send out a big thank you to all the youth who have advocated and fundraised for our animals! More and more we are seeing community minded youth choosing to donate and help the animals in our shelter and the community and highlight them on our Facebook page. Follow the Victoria Branch on Facebook to see all their wonderful faces and thank them with us.

HONOURING OUR FOUNDATION – Member Appreciation Evening 2017

Our 2017 Membership Evening is planned for November 16. If you're a member and haven't received your invitation, please get in touch! We will have tours, a great speaker, refreshments AND new membership lapel pins! We don't always hear about your moves so we want to verify your contact information. You can email us at victoriacc@spca.bc.ca, call the branch and leave a message for the Community Council or you can mail information to us at the branch: Attn: CC Membership Chair. Email allows us to contact you quickly and inexpensively and you can specify that it be used for membership purposes only. Thank you very much for your help. Not a member? See the "Membership in the BC SPCA article!"

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ANIMAL ADOPTION & VIEWING TIMES: Sunday to Saturday, Noon to 5pm (closed statutory holidays)