

### What's New, North Cariboo?

The North Cariboo BC SPCA Newsletter

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#### Summer Camp is Just Around the Corner!

In our June issue we introduced our three summer camp counsellors. Now, summer camp is just around the corner, but there is still time to sign up your kids or grandkids! Details of this year's camp are:

**July 2-5:** no camp

**July 8-12:** no camp

**July 15-19:** for kids born 2008-2010

**July 22-26:** for kids born 2010-2012

**July 29-31:** for kids born 2008-2012

**August 6-9:** no camp

**August 12-16:** for kids born 2008-2012

**August 19-21:** for kids born 2008-2012

**August 22-23:** for kids born 2008-2012

Two-day registration fee: \$70 (*Early bird: \$65*)

Three-day registration fee: \$105 (*Early bird: \$95*)

Five-day registration fee: \$175 (*Early bird: \$155*)

**Please note:** If we do not reach minimum enrollment for a week of camp, we will not be able to run camp that week. Families will be contacted two weeks prior to their scheduled camp if we are facing a possible cancellation. Participants will be offered a space in a different week of camp, or a full refund.

Please register [online](#), [email our camp team](#) or call 604-709-4679 with any questions or to inquire about waiting lists. We are unable to accept registrations in person at BC SPCA branches.



## Newsletter Exclusive: Bane's Road to Recovery

Bane came into our care as a stray, and no owners came for him. This loving guy had a genetic condition called Entropion in both of his eyes. Entropion is a condition in which a portion of the eyelid is inverted or folded inward against the eyeball, causing pain and irritation<sup>1</sup>. Bane received his surgery and is currently still recovering in foster care.

Since Bane loves to be outdoors, his foster home has begun to harness train him. Cats who are allowed to go outside generally have significantly shorter lives due to the dangers that are present in the environment and that owners cannot always protect cats from. It is important that his future home is aware of the risks for outside-roaming cats and is able and willing to meet his needs. Another option for outside/inside cats is a Catio (outside enclosure). Catio's are a great compromise to be able to leave your cat outside unattended but still be confident that they are safe from all the surrounding dangers.

Bane is a very friendly, affectionate, adventurous, and vocal cat who loves to just hang out and spend time with people. This sweet guy is also quite used to having dogs around. His current foster home has 3 dogs, which Bane is not afraid of as long as the dogs respect his space. Bane's ideal home would allow him to live indoors with special outside time (catio and/or harness with leash) and have plenty of time for cuddles and affection.

If Bane sounds like the purrfect companion for you, please contact the North Cariboo SPCA to arrange a meet and greet! We will have to schedule appointments as he prefers to stay in foster care while he's recovering from his surgery.



## SPOTLIGHT: The Drive for Lives Transfer Program

Did you know the BC SPCA has a transfer program called Drive for Lives? Developed in 2004, thousands of animals are moved each year to help reduce their length of stay within a shelter environment. Transfers happen for many reasons including low adoption rates at that location, a high number of animals routinely coming into a branch's care, to help an animal get specialized medical treatments, or to address certain behavior issues an animal has.



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In 2018, the BC North Cariboo & District Branch was able to transfer out 275 animals to other areas of the province including the Okanagan, Lower Mainland, and Island. For every animal transferred, it meant another spot opened up for another who was in need in Prince George and the surrounding areas. It also meant that 56 animals from other nearby branches came into North Cariboo's care and found amazing forever families to adopt them!

There are drivers stationed throughout the province who are both volunteer and staff to help make these transfers happen. What you may not know is that we also have some pretty amazing airlines we have partnered with to transfer animals quickly year-round from some pretty remote areas including Central Mountain Air and Pacific Coastal Airlines. Every BC SPCA branch is involved in transfer and without it, we would not be able to do the challenging, but rewarding work we do each day.



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## Become a Member!

As a member of the BC SPCA, you will:

- Have a unique opportunity to help direct the mission, vision and activities of the society through the election of your Community Council.
- Be eligible to hold office on your local Community Council or the Provincial Board of Directors.
- Attend general meetings of the BC SPCA and vote at meetings of your local branch.
- Foster communities where all animals are treated with respect, care, and compassion.

***Ask about membership at your branch or download an application form at [spca.bc.ca/membership](https://spca.bc.ca/membership).***



## About the BC SPCA

*The BC SPCA is a non-profit organization funded primarily by public donations. Our mission is to prevent cruelty and to promote the welfare of animals through a wide range of services, including cruelty investigations, emergency rescue and treatment, sheltering and adoption of homeless and abused animals, humane education, advocacy, farm animal welfare, spay/neuter programs, and wildlife rescue and rehabilitation.*

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