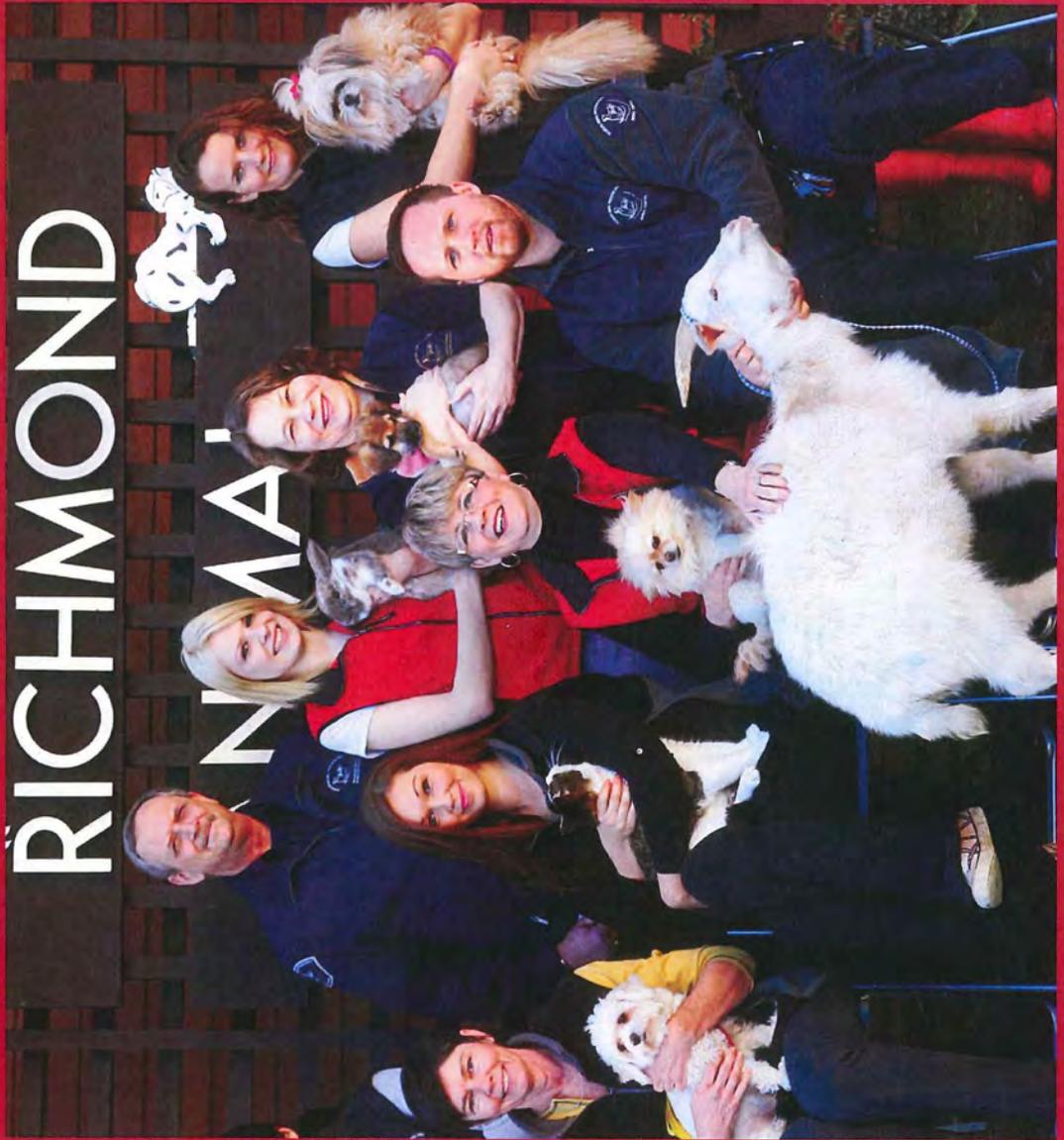


Richmond Animal Protection Society (RAPS)

Centre for Animal Welfare



RAPS – Why We're Here Today



- We are here to present a brief overview of our organization, and to explain why there is a urgent need for a new Centre for Animal Wellness in our community.

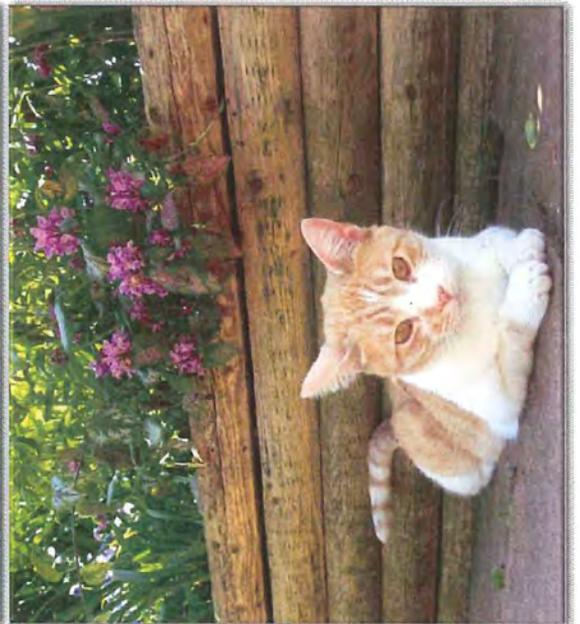
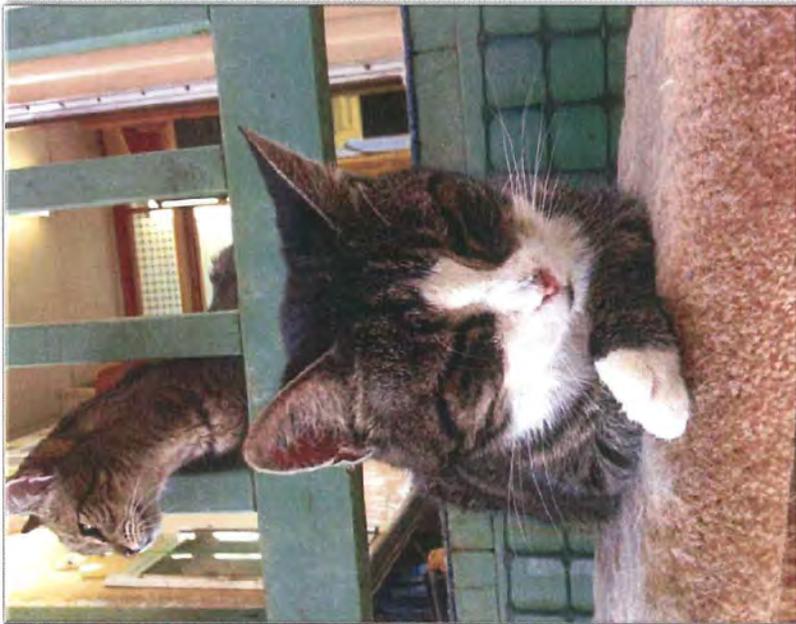


RAPS - Who We Are

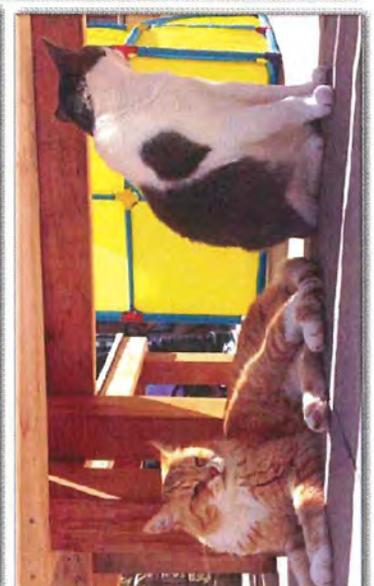
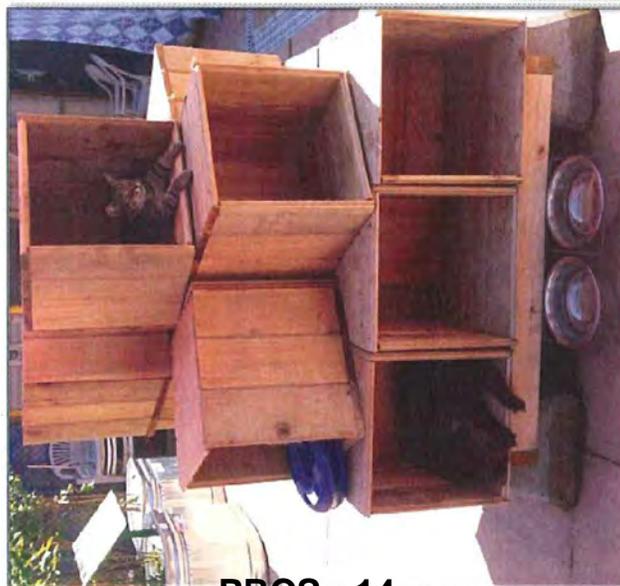
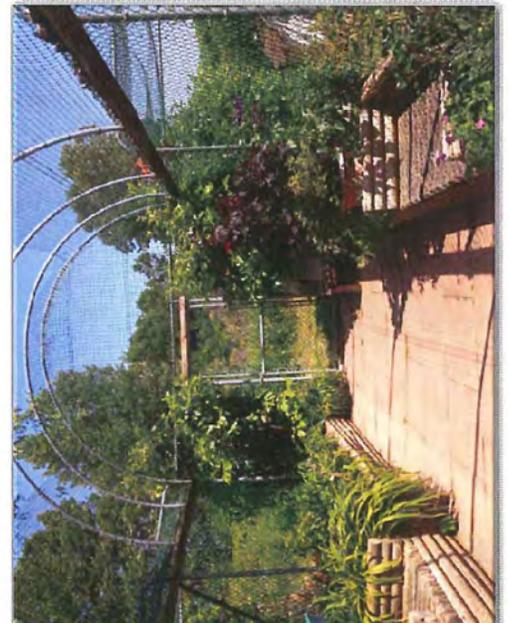
- For over 20 years, the Richmond Animal Protection Society (RAPS) has been rescuing, sheltering homeless animals, and working to reduce the pet population through spay and neuter initiatives in Richmond, BC.
- In 2007, RAPS was awarded the contract to run the Richmond Animal Shelter, turning it into a no-kill shelter.
- RAPS currently operates the RAPS Cat Sanctuary and the Richmond Animal Shelter; between these two facilities it cares for nearly 1000 animals including dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, small animals, farm animals, and wildlife.



We would like to thank the Mayor and Council for allowing us the privilege of running the Richmond Animal Shelter for the last eight years, and for their continuous support.



RAPS CAT
SANCTUARY



RAPS - Cat Sanctuary

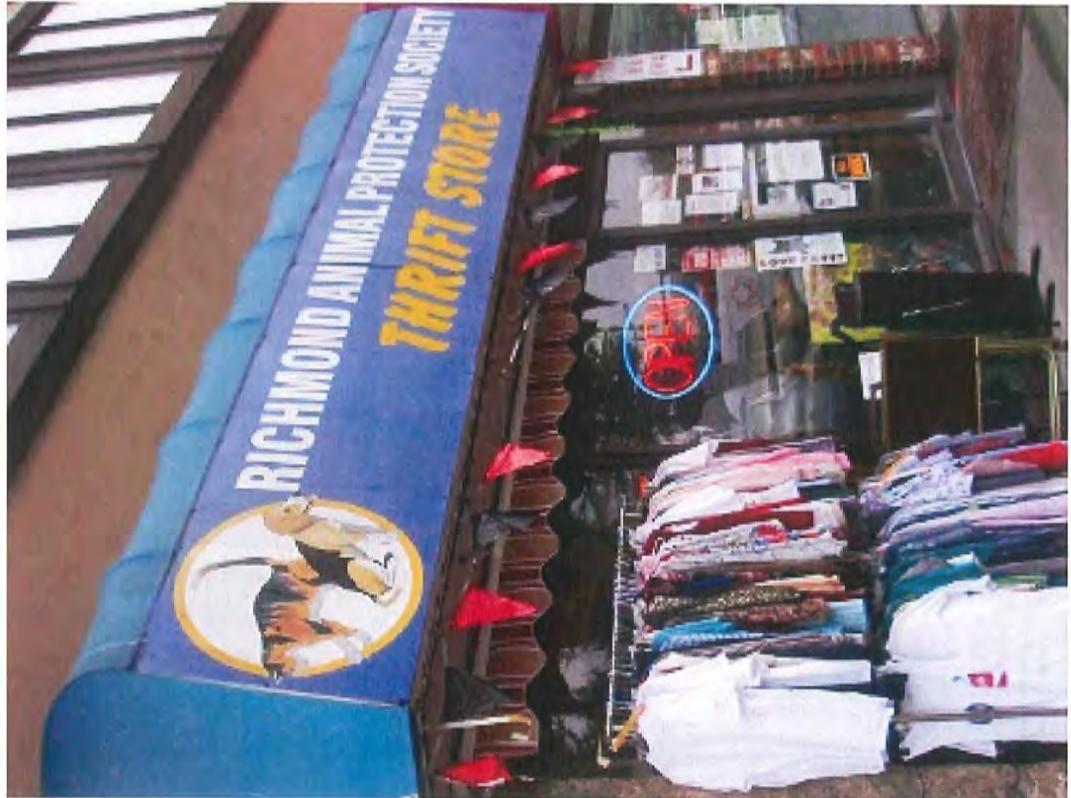


• The RAPS Cat Sanctuary:

- Is our organization's first shelter; it was built in 1999 thanks to a generous individual's contribution
- Grew to accommodate well over 1000 cats that would otherwise have lost their lives in other shelters or to starvation and disease on the streets
- Currently provides a home for 500 cats and accepts cats from the City of Richmond (at no cost to the City) that have been deemed unadoptable due to medical or behavioural issues, saving the City the cost of caring for these cats long term
- Is known world-wide and brings many visitors to the city each year locally and from around the globe.

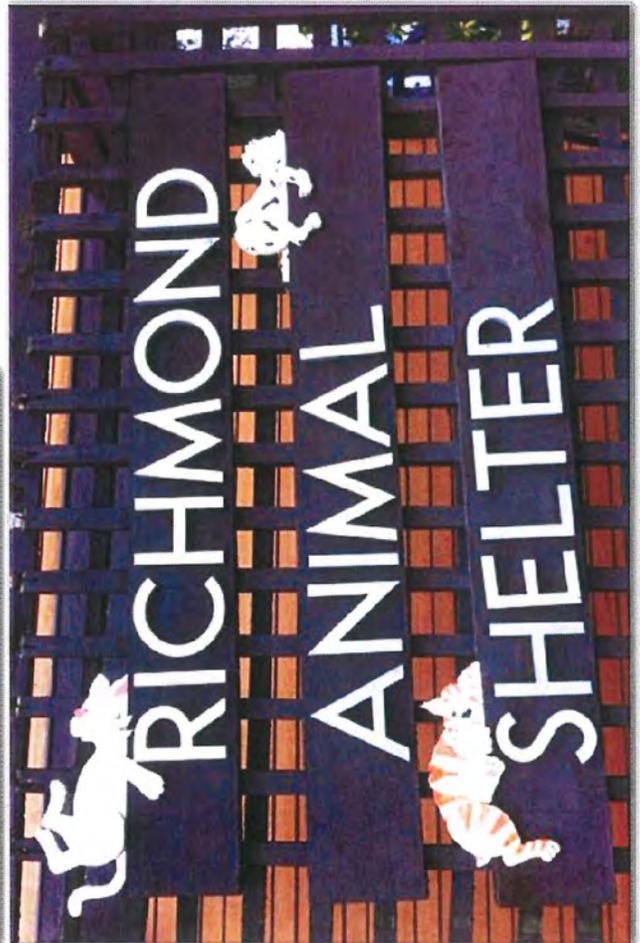
RAPS – Thrift Store

- The RAPS Thrift Store is completely operated by volunteers.
- 100% of the profits go to operating the RAPS Cat Sanctuary, which in combination with private donations fully funds the Sanctuary.
- Its a great RAPS location to volunteer; many seniors enjoy volunteering at the Thrift Store.
- It provides a place for citizens of Richmond to buy supplies to care for their pets at a low cost.





RICHMOND
ANIMAL SHELTER



RAPS – Richmond Animal Shelter

- The Richmond Animal Shelter:
 - Is located at 12071 No. 5 Road and is open to the public 7 days a week; receives dozens of visitors every day.
 - RAPS operates the Shelter as no-kill, open-admission shelter. This means that we never turn an animal from the City of Richmond away and that no animal is euthanized for old age, treatable illness, lack of space or bad behavior (unless they pose a danger to society).
 - We deal with stray, surrendered, seized, abandoned and injured animals (including orphaned or injured wildlife).
 - We provide Animal Control services 7 days a weeks.



RAPS - Annual Report Highlights

- Over 835 domestic animals were admitted into the Richmond Animal Shelter's care in 2014 (a 2.5% increase from 2013).
- 786 animals exited the Shelter last year:
 - 401 adoptions
 - 88 fosters
 - 235 reclamations
 - 29 transfers to rescue, or transfer to the RAPS Cat Sanctuary
 - 33 via natural death or euthanasia.
- RAPS spayed and neutered 280 Richmond animals.
- Our Animal Control Officers responded to 1135 Animal Control calls.
- We have over 265 volunteers working at the Shelter.

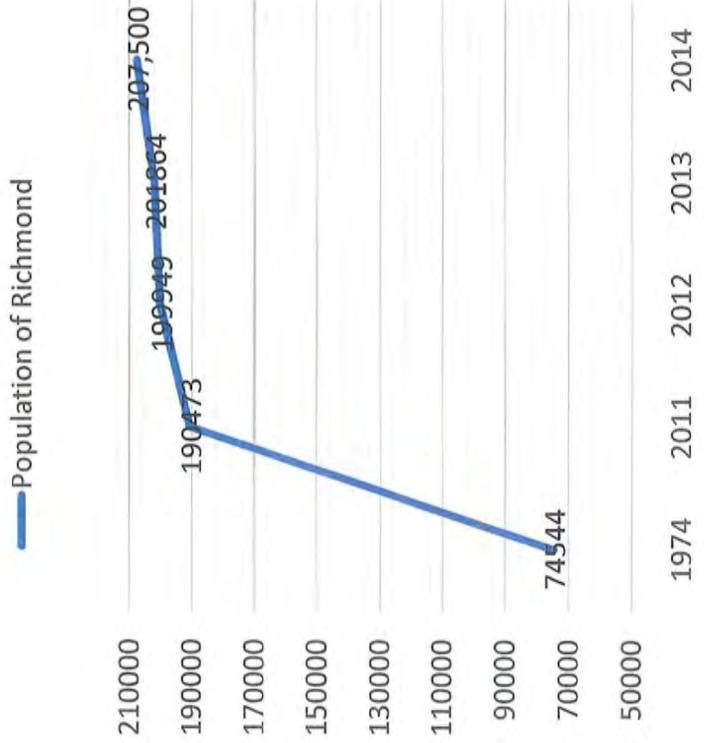
This means that we achieved a save rate of 96%



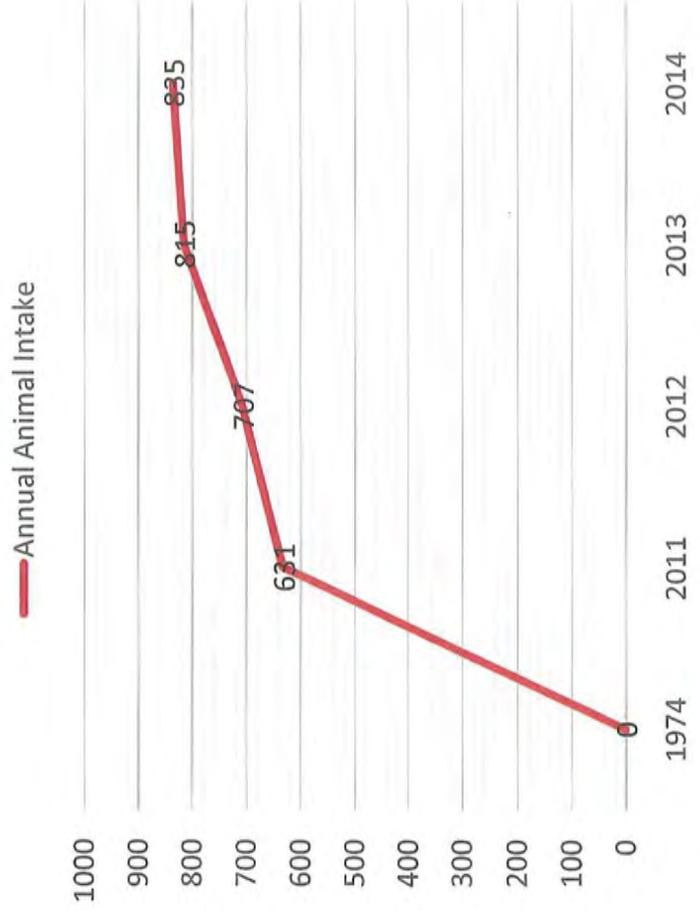
RAPS – City Shelter Statistics

This illustration shows how rapidly the City of Richmond’s population has grown since the Richmond Animal Shelter was built in 1974; and also shows how significantly the number of animals passing through the Shelter has increased during that same period.

Population of Richmond



Annual Animal Intake – City Shelter

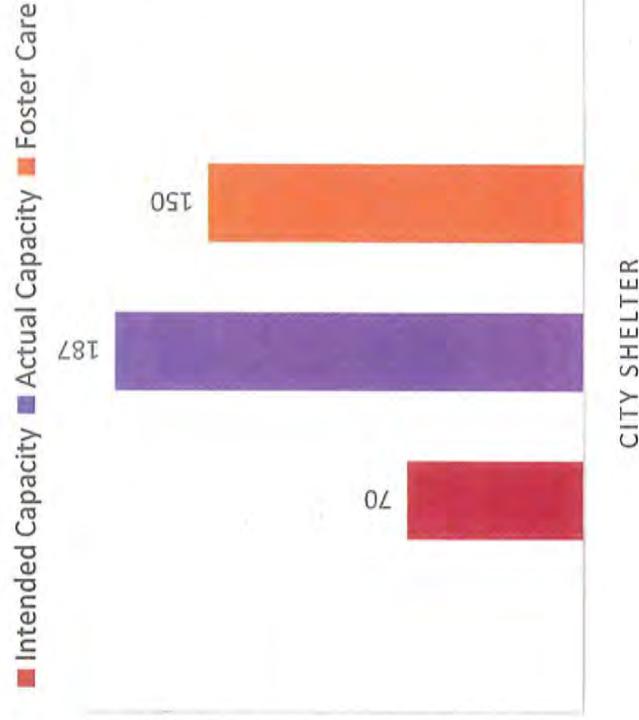


RAPS - How We Do It

- RAPS works closely with its partners at the City of Richmond:
 - Parks Department: ensuring that the community and its animals are receiving the highest level of service
 - Bylaw Enforcement: ensuring that the City's Animal Control Bylaws and Dog Licensing Bylaws are being upheld.

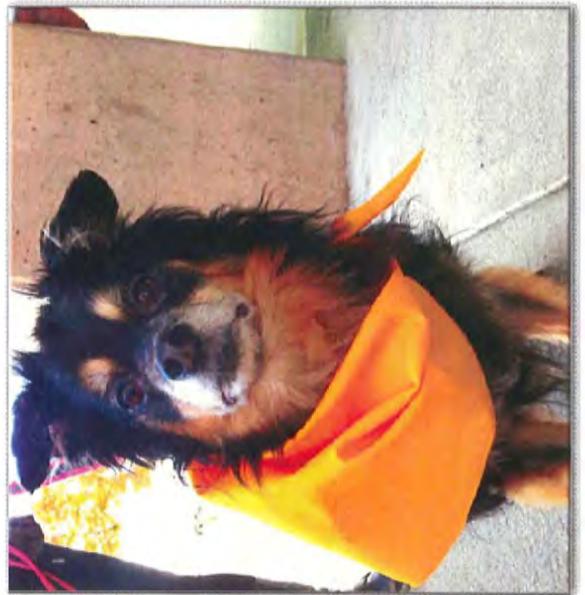
- When the Richmond Animal Shelter was built in the 1970's its intended capacity was about 70 animals. Today, there are 187 animals at the Shelter & over 150 in RAPS foster homes.

- Our foster program facilitates the Shelter's overflow of animals – all while giving them a home and taking the burden off of the City.

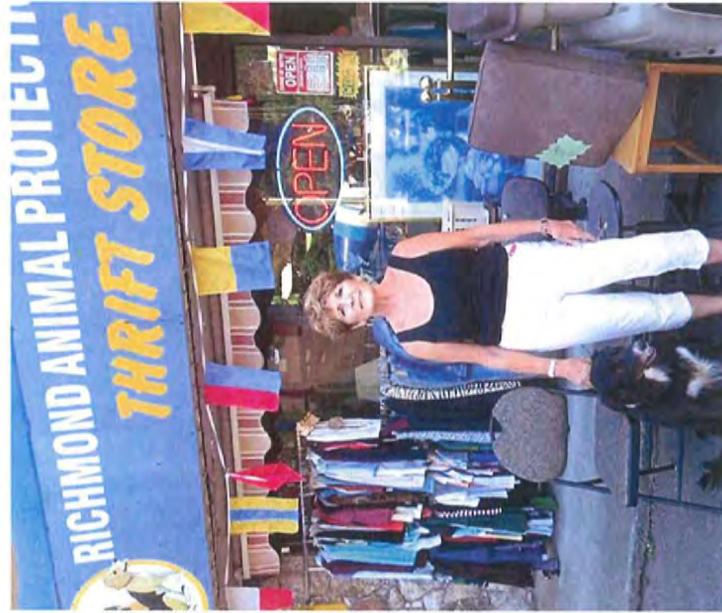
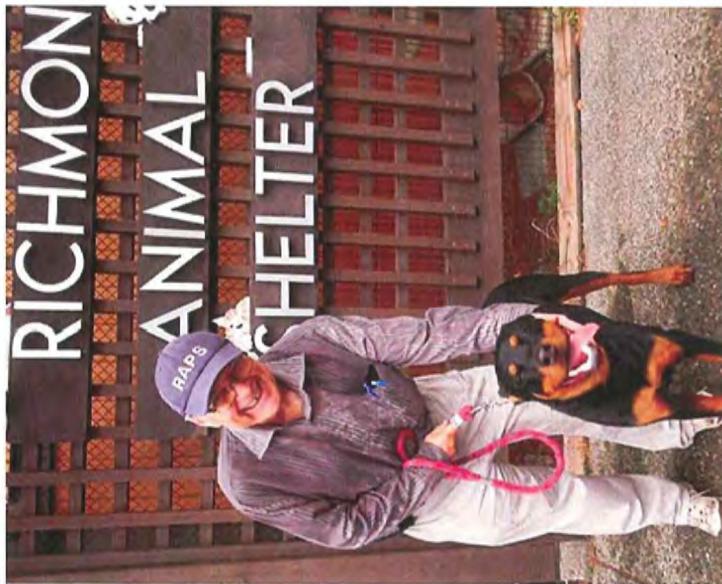


RAPS - How We Do It (cont'd)

- Staff and volunteers are constantly working to promote and facilitate adoptions through the Shelter, adoption events, advertising, and satellite adoption partners such as Tisol Pet Stores.
- In the last year, RAPS has worked hard to expand its partnerships with other rescues. We now work with over a dozen local rescues, transferring animals into their care to free up space in the Shelter.



RAPS - How We Do It (cont'd)



- RAPS proudly boasts a volunteer network of several hundred dedicated individuals; 265 of which volunteer at the Richmond Animal Shelter.
- We also receive support from many local businesses and generous individuals who donate goods, services, and much needed funds.



Success Stories



RAPS – Services Provided to the City

- RAPS currently provides the following services to the City of Richmond:
 - Shelters nearly 200 of the City’s growing animal population
 - Provides open-admission and no-kill sheltering via a sustainable model
 - Provides Animal Control services 7 days a week in conjunction with Bylaws
 - Shelters 500 of the City’s unwanted animals
 - Provides free cat spaying/neutering to Richmond residents
 - Provides low cost veterinary care to Richmond residents
 - Provides free pet food to low income residents of Richmond
 - Keeps the City’s cat population under control via trapping
 - Brings in tourism via the Cat Sanctuary
 - Coordinates hundreds of foster homes
 - Involves hundreds of community volunteers
 - Provides free pet education to the community
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- The last group of services are 100% funded by RAPS at no cost to the City of Richmond

RAPS – In the Community

- Wayne Hirayama, a member of the RAPS Board of Directors, has founded ‘Animal Rescue Clubs’ at three Richmond secondary schools, and others have followed suit. These clubs teach children how to treat animals and they raise money to support the animals at RAPS and other rescues.



RAPS – In the Community (cont'd)

- We receive many heartfelt *Thank-you's* from members of the community that have adopted animals from us, that we have helped with their animals, or that know of animals that we have helped.
- For example, we received a huge outpouring of support from the community when we took in 38 abandoned dogs that had been left at the Richmond Animal Shelter during the night.



After



Before



RAPS – Typical Day at the City Shelter

- On a typical day, the Richmond Animal Shelter:
 - Receives 2-3 new domestic animals, as well as numerous injured/orphaned wildlife. Depending on the time of year, such as baby season, that number can be much higher.
 - Receives dozens of visitors each day looking to adopt, volunteer, surrender an animal, get assistance with their pet, or just visit.
 - Fields dozens of phone calls each day, many of which require the assistance of our Animal Control Officer.
 - Has between 15-20 volunteers and half a dozen staff members working diligently from 7am to 10pm to care for the animals and to assist the public during our hours of operations from 10am to 6pm on the weekdays and 9am to 5pm on the weekends.



RAPS – Typical Day at the City Shelter



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean cat rooms • Change food and water • Walk the dogs • Clean rabbit cages • Wash the dishes • Do the laundry • Mop the floors • Brush and cuddle the cats • Play with and exercise the rabbits • Help with fundraising • Feed and clean the farm animals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answer calls • Great visitors • Show the animals • Answer questions • Dispatch ACO calls • Facilitate adoptions/fosters • Send animals to vet • Monitor animal health • Intake animals • Keep detailed records • Train volunteers • Answer emails • Post animals to social media | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administer medications • Clean cat rooms • Change food and water • Clean rabbit cages • Wash the dishes • Do the laundry • Mop the floors • Exercise the rabbits • Health checks • Feed and clean the farm animals • Bath and groom the animals • Assist the public | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk the dogs • Clean the kennels • Wash the dishes • Do the laundry • Mop the floors • Bath and groom the dogs • Exercise the dogs • Behavioral work with the dogs • Administer meds • Show dogs to potential adopters • Intake strays • Home checks • Conduct volunteer orientations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond to stray dog calls • Assist Bylaws with bite incidents and dangerous dogs • Pick-up injured and orphaned wildlife • Transport animals to the vet • Patrol the parks • Licence checks • Respond to dogs left in hot vehicles • Respond to many other types of ACO calls |
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RAPS – Facts

Reasons why we need a new shelter, a Centre for Animal Wellness:

- The current shelter was built in 1974 and does not meet today's Standards of Animal Sheltering.
- Population then was **74,544**; now its **207,500 – nearly 3 times larger!**
- The current Shelter has serious health and safety concerns:
 - contains Asbestos – not safe for animals, the public, or staff and volunteers
 - is in serious disrepair; requires constant and costly repairs and maintenance
 - is not constructed in accordance with today's best practices
 - materials and design are highly conducive to the spread of disease and high levels of emotional stress for the animals.

RAPS – Facts (cont'd)

More reasons why we need a new shelter:

- The current Shelter is not big enough for us to do what we need to do to truly serve the community of Richmond and it's animals because it:
 - is seriously overcrowded; it was not designed to accommodate the needs of a population of today's size
 - has no quarantine area
 - has no isolation area
 - has no adoption room for potential adopters to meet with the animals
 - has no housing for farm animals other than what RAPS has constructed at its own cost
 - has no education room
 - has no space to hold community events
 - has no staff room.

RAPS – Facts (cont'd)



Fundraising
2014 - \$104,244.38 (no gala)
2013 - \$129,978.92
2012 - \$115,433.56



Cost of Vet Care
2014 - \$157,974.80
2013 - \$129,911.44
2012 - \$106,457.98



Cost of Food
2014 - \$92,883.41
2013 - \$90,703.11
2012 - \$87,354.86

- RAPS holds numerous fundraising events each year in order to sustain its no-kill, open-admission shelter model. These events include pub nights, dances, bake sales, wrestling shows, and the annual Paws & Pumpkins Gala (which we like to invite all of you to attend on October 31st with complimentary tickets).
- We have also provided you with our full annual report should you want more details about any of the information provided today.

The Centre for Animal Wellness

- The numbers don't lie; we are making the best of what we have but growth continues and we desperately need to grow with the community.
- As a modern and progressive city, we would love to see the Richmond follow the lead of our partner cities who have built modern animal wellness shelters in their communities (e.g. Delta, Surrey, Langley, Maple Ridge).
- Going forward, we want to continue to partner with the City of Richmond and to serve the community by creating a fun, safe, and inviting environment where the community and it's animals come together.



RAPS – Gratitude

- Thank You to the committee for hearing us today and for your continued support and partnership.
- And a special thank you for approving the trailer to improve the current situation.
- We would be pleased to answer any questions you may have, and if we do not have the information at hand, we will happily follow up.

