

The City of Richmond & the BC SPCA: Community Update

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About the BC SPCA

- Established in 1895 by provincial statute
- Covers the entire province of BC
- 490 staff and nearly 4,000 volunteers
- 80,000+ donors
- 45,000 animals cared for each year
- 10,000+ cruelty investigations each year
- Registered charity
- No ongoing federal or provincial government funding

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Our Mission and Vision

MISSION: To Protect and Enhance the Quality of Life for Domestic, Farm and Wild Animals in BC

VISION: To inspire and mobilize society to create a world in which all animals enjoy as a minimum,

five essential freedoms:

1. Freedom from hunger and thirst
2. Freedom from pain, injury, and disease
3. Freedom from distress
4. Freedom from discomfort
5. Freedom to express behaviours that promote well-being



Our Organization Today

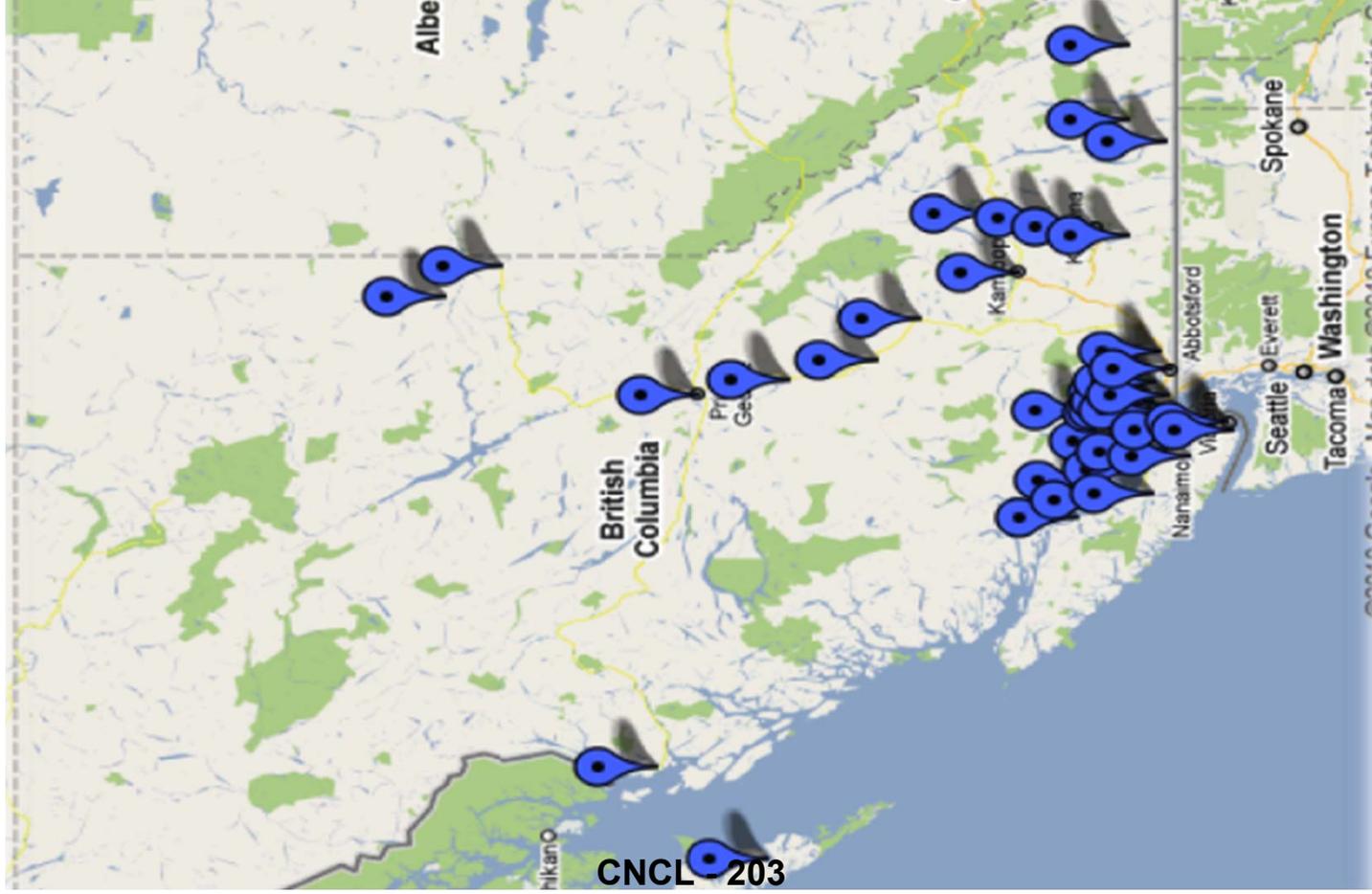
FACILITIES:

- 29 community animal care centres
- 1 animal protection centre
- 4 education & adoption centres
- 2 large animal seizure barns
- 2 volunteer-run branches
- 1 provincial call centre
- 10 satellite adoption locations
- 3 veterinary hospitals
- 2 spay/neuter clinics
- 1 wildlife rehab centre

PROGRAMS:

- Cruelty investigations
- Behaviour & welfare
- Scientific programs: farm & wildlife welfare
- Advocacy & humane education

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2014-18 Strategic Plan

- Extensive public & stakeholder consultation
 - Public survey of 7,000 people
 - Meetings with academics, veterinarians, municipal representatives, farm representatives
- **Increased focus on “Creating Humane Communities”**
 - All animals accorded the 5 Freedoms
 - The community (not just the local animal shelter/SPCA) must be involved in this endeavour
 - Aspiration to extend compassion and respect to animals

Animal Cruelty Law Enforcement

- 100% donor funded
- 32 Special Provincial Constables across BC
- The BC SPCA responds to over 10,000 animal cruelty complaints each year
- Toll-free hotline to report an animal in distress

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A Top-ranked Canadian Charity

- “A+” rating in the *MoneySense* charity top 100 awards
- One of only 45 Canadian charities to receive Imagine Canada accreditation



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BC SPCA and the Richmond Community



BC SPCA and Richmond

In 2016:

- Our branch took in 48 dogs and puppies, 251 cats and kittens, and 102 small animals, including rabbits.
- We spayed and neutered 127 cats, kittens, puppies, dogs, and rabbits.
- We hosted 39 educational presentations
- Cat overpopulation is an issue across British Columbia – cats are domesticated pets, but often treated as if they are wild animals.

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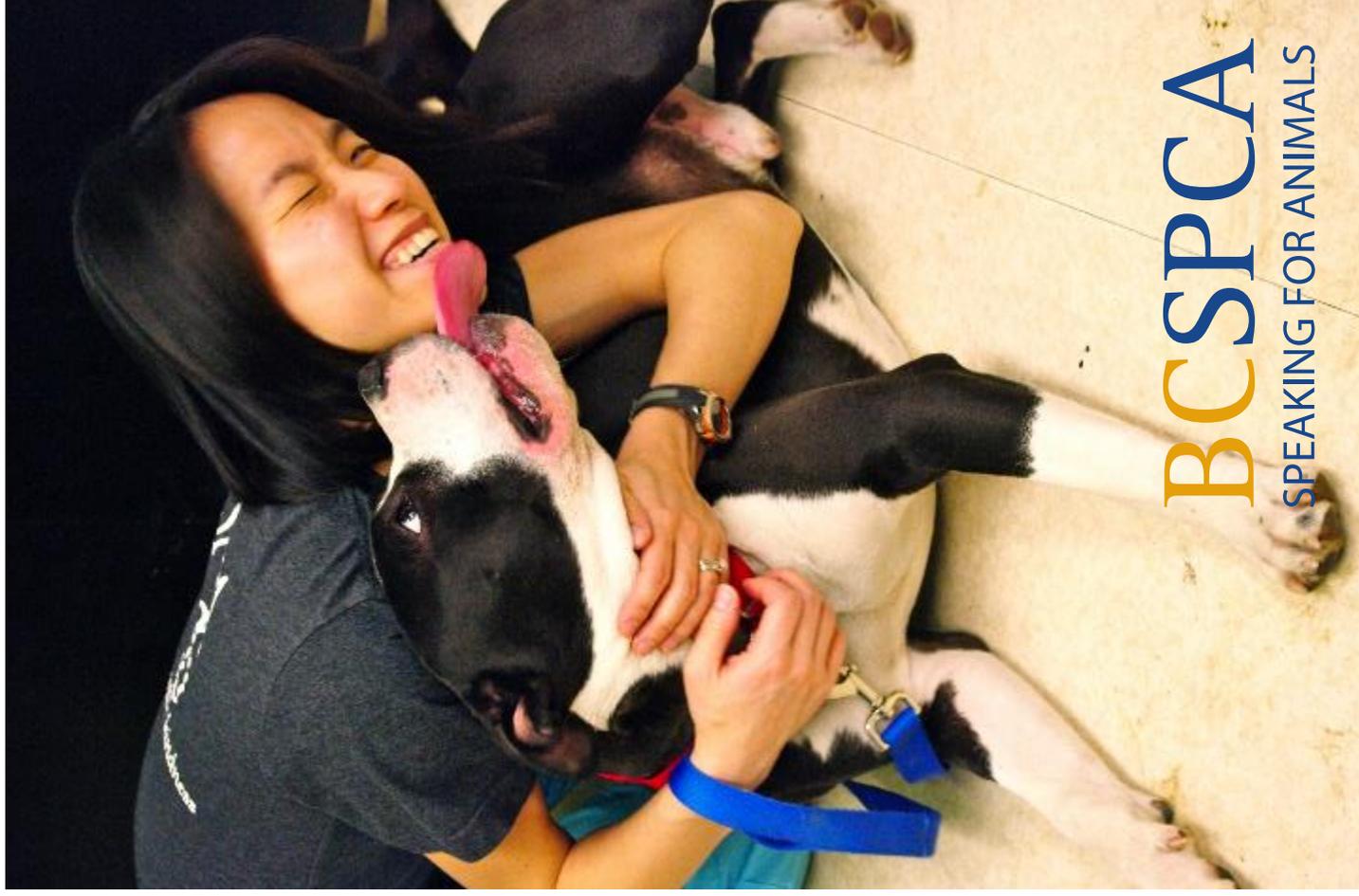
Staff and Volunteers

Our staff and volunteers work tirelessly to prevent animal cruelty, promote humane education, and ensure animals find homes.

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We have:

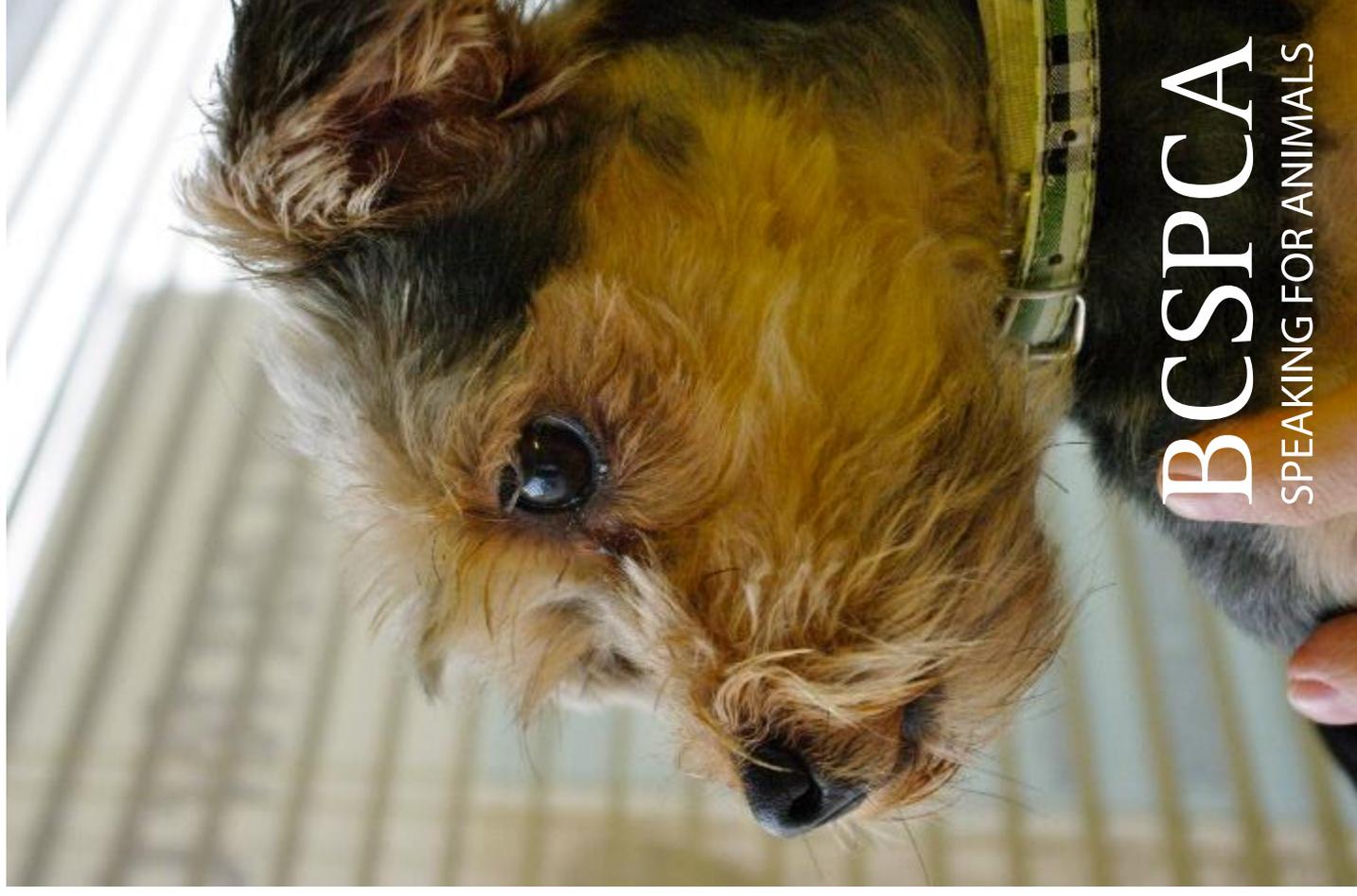
- 2 full-time and 4 part-time staff
- 85 volunteers and 70 on a waitlist



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Community Services Offered

- Rehoming and providing care for stray and owner-surrendered domesticated animals
- Housing animals affected by animal cruelty/abuse
- Spay/ neuter education
- Humane youth education
- Adult education at community events
- Community food bank and outreach
- Microchip clinics through the BC Pet Registry
- Provide resources to municipalities such as Model Animal Responsibilities Bylaw



Paws for a Cause- Richmond

- Annual fundraising dog walk held in September
- Strong community support
- Fun for families with great exposure for local business
- In 2016 raised \$16,164 to towards better animal outcomes and public education about animal welfare
- We hope to see you there this year!

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