



Who We Are

Our Vision

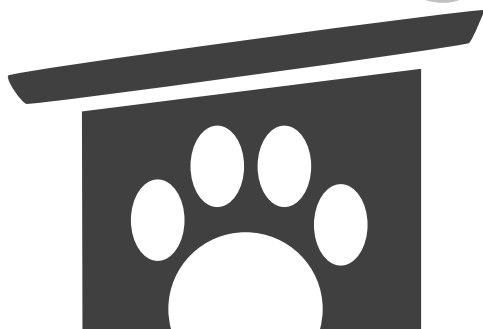
Provide abandoned cats and dogs with love and care in a stress free environment until they are united with their "forever family".

MISSION

- To provide our community with an adoption centre following a no kill, no cage philosophy
- To shelter, care for and re-home stray and abandoned dogs and cats
- To promote humane attitudes and responsible pet companionship through educational programs and community leadership.

Our Philosophy

Our organization is based on a no kill and no cage philosophy: saving both adoptable (healthy and free of serious behavioural problems) and treatable (medical treatment or behavioural training) dogs and cats, regardless of age or disability. Cages are replaced with "dog cabins" and "cat chalets", indoor and outdoor play areas, in a stress-reduced animal-friendly environment.



**BOW VALLEY
SPCA**



The Carla Cumming Sojonky Adoption Centre Home of the Bow Valley SPCA

Named in loving honor of donor Frank Sojonky's wife, the Carla Cumming Adoption Centre is like no other animal adoption facility! The Centre is nestled in the heart of the Bow Valley on 2.2 acres of provincially-leased land with panoramic views, natural green space, and easy visitor access.

The Centre is a 3,500 square foot building with a large off-leash park, wooded walking trails, and a secure fence line.

Robert Mitchell of Robert Mitchell Master Homes (Canmore, Alberta) donated his construction management expertise ensuring the Centre incorporated the latest technologies, products, and practices for healthy indoor air quality, greater energy efficiency, reduced overall greenhouse gas emissions, and the general preservation of our natural resources.

These efforts resulted in Natural Resources Canada recognizing the Centre as energy efficient in design. Green buildings are of higher quality, last longer, and cost less to operate; the long-term financial savings are significant, especially for a non-profit organization where every dollar matters.

The Bow Valley SPCA is proud that it has built a home that respects the health and well being of both its occupants and the environment, while creating an excellent model for future adoption centres across the country. We opened June 2, 2007.





Admissions 2009

Dogs/Puppies	66
Cats/Kittens	80

Adoptions 2009

Dogs/Puppies	65
Cats/Kittens	90

Every dog and cat that comes to the Carla Cumming Sojonky Adoption Centre are scanned for microchip identification and identifying tattoos to be certain they are not simply lost pets. (In several remarkable cases dogs have been reunited with their long lost owners providing an immediate happy ending.)



Following admission, each animal is scheduled for a veterinary examination to evaluate any health problems and if necessary to schedule spay/neuter surgery. Every animal that is adopted for the Bow Valley SPCA is spayed/neutered before being placed with their new family. We accept dogs and cats regardless of age or disability.

Each dog or cat is observed by the staff to assure they are adapting to their new environment and special care is taken to determine their behaviour patterns. Behavioural assessment is provided for all of the dogs to determine if any special training is required and recommend the type of family (other dogs, cats, young children) that would be easiest for the dog to adapt to.



Staff and volunteers work with the dogs prior to their adoption to implement suggestions from the assessment. Staff experience is also incorporated into the final assessment of each dog.

The generous support of our Donors, Volunteers and the Community in the Bow Valley is gratefully acknowledged. Together we ensure abandoned dogs and cats find a new life with families that will love and care for them.

Happy Tails

Hi SPCA
Rooster has successfully completed the Therapy Dog Program at Saint Johns' Ambulance and is a certified Therapy Dog and now can volunteer to visit hospitals and nursing homes. With his sweet attitude and calm nature he can't wait to share some joy and tail wags.
~Connie Bohnsack



Titan was picked up by Canmore By-law. He was skinny and matted and appeared to have been on his own for weeks if not months. The Adoption Centre Manager (Sonya White) used her chip scanner and unbelievably found a microchip identifying the owner as a breeder in British Columbia for Portuguese Water Dogs. It turned out that the breeder used to raise German Shepherds and this dog was actually hers. She immediately dropped everything and drove to Canmore. This is the two of them united.

Sonya said, "I took a few pics of Titan with his "mom". He was overjoyed to see her-so excited-got everyone crying! They were thrilled that we had taken care of him and that they got him back! I'm so happy for the dog-he was sure trying to tell some stories-I wish we could understand! Yay microchips!!

Kevin and I recently took Pilgrim to Whiteswan Lake in BC...he thoroughly enjoyed his first long car ride (about three hours), stuffing his nose out the window, and loved hanging around the campsite and going hiking. Lately, while spending time in downtown Canmore, he's been making friends, canine and human alike. I thought his friends at the BVSPCA would like to know that he's enjoying the summertime with his new family!
~Kelly McClure



Hi Sonya:
I figured I'd give you an end of summer update Honeybear. She is a dream dog. She is loving, friendly to kids, patient, and so far a great bush dog. She truly is a honeybear, you got it exactly right!

I have grown quite fond of our nightly after-dark walks around the Lakeside Park in Nelson. And by her excitement of me putting on my shoes and grabbing the leash at that time, she definitely looks forward to it too!

I have found a source for big and juicy buffalo bones and she chews on them for a week getting every last scrap of marrow out of them. Thanks so much for keeping her for me and all of your help in veterinary care for her.

~Dave Karassowitsch

Our Programs

School Outreach

In 2009, we had nearly two dozen school groups that visited the Adoption Centre. Each group was shown all of the dogs and cats and allowed to interact, under adult supervision, with the cats and dogs who like children and their attention. The children were all provided information about the need for spay/neuter and how to safely approach a new dog or cat.

A volunteer from the Bow Valley SPCA also visited the local grade schools and made presentations on being safe with a dog or cat. This program was focused on Grade 1 and 2 children, but other grade levels were also addressed.



This work was supported by the Kayak Fund through the Calgary Foundation.

The Cinderella Fund was created in 2008 but came into its own in 2009. This fund was developed to provide the exceptional care that is sometimes required. We expended \$5887 for medical and behavioural care for our special needs dogs and cats. The care included orthopedic surgery, treatment for diabetes, heart disease and behavioural training for dogs in need of “better manners”.

A Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program (SNAP) was finalized in 2009. This pilot program targeted Bow Valley pet owners with low incomes. We will be able to offer spay/neuter to 15 dogs and cats in the Bow Valley who would otherwise likely go unaltered. The program will be more fully implemented in 2010.

Open Paws Training was developed and implemented by one of our local veterinarians and dog trainers. The program consists of four sessions and teaches volunteers how to safely work with dogs (and to a lesser extent cats). Completion of the program qualifies the volunteer to work with dogs that are designated safe for their level of training.

The Sue Sternberg Conference held in Canmore, Alberta was a success for the nearly 100 attendees. She provided information about training and evaluating abandoned dogs in a shelter environment. This conference was only able to be presented because of the generous support of the Kayak Fund through the Calgary Foundation and Nutram.

Our Volunteers



We implemented the Open Paws training program for staff and volunteers so that the staff know what to expect from volunteers that walk dogs, groom cats or help with cleaning in terms of their ability to work with the animals in a positive way. This program also provides information that is useful for volunteers to work with their own dogs or cats.

Currently we have several dozen volunteers that are directly involved in the care and feeding of the residents. Additionally, our paid staff also volunteer a lot of their time for helping with events and other fund raising activities.

Our volunteers logged over 3000 hours of volunteer time in 2009. Without doubt, we could not be successful without the ongoing, cheerful support of our dedicated volunteers. As one of our dedicated volunteers said. "I just feel so good when I get a chance to come here and do something that benefits the dogs and cats. It is hard to get that kind of feeling any place else in my life. I am not sure who is rescuing who."



Thank you to the many foundations, businesses, organizations and individuals who support us annually! Your contributions save lives!

Our Financials

BOW VALLEY SPCA STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

REVENUES		
Adoption and re-homing fees	\$30,906	13%
Donations	65,427	27%
Fund-raising events	98,212	40%
Grants	45,886	19%
Investment income	5,034	2%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$245,465	100%
EXPENSES		
Administration	\$ 12,739	5%
Animal care	45,673	16%
CCSAC staff wages and benefits	127,503	46%
CCSAC operating costs	66,908	24%
Fund-raising events	26,132	9%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 278,955	100%
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES	\$(33,490)	
NET ASSETS		
December 31, 2008	\$ 1,258,133	
Excess of expenditures over revenues for 2009 (see above)	(33,490)	
December 31, 2009	\$1,224,643	

Despite the economic climate of 2009, the successful fundraising efforts of the Bow Valley SPCA produced over \$245,000 in revenues. These revenues together with \$33,490 raised in prior years covered the costs to operate the Carla Cumming Sojonky Adoption Centre for the year. Thanks to our many generous donors, sponsors and volunteers, the Bow Valley SPCA was able to provide much needed food, shelter, veterinary care and training for the CCSAC's furry residents including the special care required for the beneficiaries of our Cinderella fund.

We successfully adopted out 90 cats and 65 dogs.

Please visit our website to download a copy of our 2009 Audited Financial Statements and paper copies are available upon request.



BOW VALLEY SPCA

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Please give to the Bow Valley SPCA in 2010 and Beyond. There are many ways to support our work. Contact or visit us today! Together we provide the cats and dogs a “new leash on life”.