

**The Carla Cumming Sojonky Adoption Centre, home of the Bow Valley SPCA, is recognized as the first “no kill, no cage” adoption centre of its kind in Canada.**

“Changing lives matters. The Bow Valley SPCA gives dogs and cats a second chance to get the life they deserve. We also help families be better guardians for their pets.”

Alex Klepper, supporter



## **Why is the Carla Cumming Sojonky Adoption Centre Different from Other Adoption Facilities?**

Named in loving honor of donor Frank Sojonky's wife, the Carla Cumming Sojonky Adoption Centre is like no other animal adoption facility! The Centre is located 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 area, wooded walking trails, and a secure fence line.

The Centre opened in June 2007 and was recognized by Natural Resources Canada 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.

The dogs and cats in our care are housed in rooms (not kennels or cages). We are committed to keeping and caring for every one of these dogs and cats until they find their forever family. Adoption is our goal, but in cases where finding a match is difficult, we are committed to keep the dog or cat in our care until there is a match.



# **Make A Difference Change Lives**

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## Our Mission

To provide shelter and care for stray and abandoned dogs and cats until they find their “forever family” while promoting humane attitudes through education and community leadership.

## Our Philosophy

The Bow Valley SPCA’s mandate is based upon the no kill philosophy of rescuing abandoned dogs<sup>†</sup> and cats. Dog cabins and cat chalets (rather than kennels and cages) and indoor and outdoor play areas create a stress-reduced, animal-friendly environment.

<sup>†</sup>Dangerous dogs are not accepted

## Notable Successes

- Our save rate is 98.9% for dogs and 98% for cats. In over 10 years of operation we have saved more than 1400 dogs and cats.
- Each dog and cat in our care is treated as an individual and receives the same care as a family member.
- Since 2007, we have been helping to re-home dogs and cats from surrounding adoption centres, strengthening relationships between other rescue organizations and allowing us to strive towards a no kill nation.
- We provide a low-cost spay/neuter program to support low-income families in the Bow Valley.
- Our educational outreach emphasizing compassion, responsible pet ownership, and the importance of spaying/neutering pets has reached hundreds of school children and adults.
- We offer low-cost puppy and adolescent dog socialization and training classes to Bow Valley residents.
- We accept dogs and cats regardless of age or health.

## Plans for the Future

- Because an increasing proportion of our residents arrive with more complex medical and behavioural issues, we have started the addition of attached outdoor runs for dogs and outdoor rooms for cats, improving the quality of life until these animals are adopted.
- We are increasing our emphasis on training and rehabilitation to decrease the time between surrender and adoption for dogs and cats with complex behavioural or medical issues.
- A volunteer committee has developed a fundraising campaign which will ask individual and business donors to become more involved with changing lives and making a difference in our community.

## Volunteers Make a Difference!

A broad base of highly motivated volunteers and committed animal advocates is essential to our success. We strive to build strong relationships with individuals and groups who can share their expertise to help us fulfill our commitment to provide quality care and protection for abandoned dogs and cats, as well as education to promote responsible pet companionship.

Over the last 6 years, volunteers have contributed over 10,000 hours per year to help us achieve our mission.

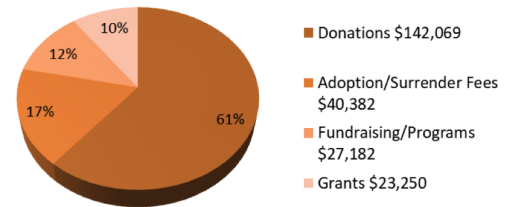
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### Fast Facts

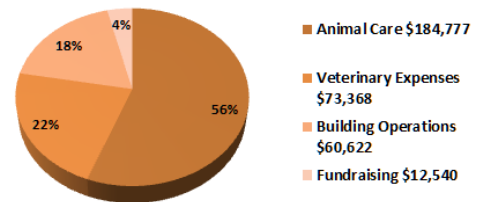
Year registered as charity: 2001  
 Year the CCSAC opened: 2007  
 Total pet rescues: 1451<sup>†</sup>  
 Total animal adoptions: 1428<sup>†</sup>  
 Total awaiting adoption: 23<sup>†</sup>  
 Total save rate: 98.26%<sup>†</sup>  
 Number of staff: 1 full-time, 8 part-time  
 Number of volunteer hours: 10,000/year

<sup>†</sup>As of May 1, 2018

### 2017 Revenues



### 2017 Operating Expenses



## Financials

Adoption and surrender fees represent only 17% of our total revenues -- meaning that outside help is required to change the lives of abandoned dogs and cats.

Grants and fundraising along with adoption and surrender fees cover only 27% of our expenses -- meaning that the remaining 73% depends on donors.

Expenses related directly to animal care (\$184,777) and veterinary care (\$73,368) of our residents represent 78% of our total operating costs.

In 2017, we began a successful fundraising campaign to encourage individual and local business donors to get involved and Make A Difference in our community. It continues in 2018.