



THRIVING ANIMALS,
CARING PEOPLE

COMMUNITY REPORT

2023



LAPS
Langley Animal Protection Society



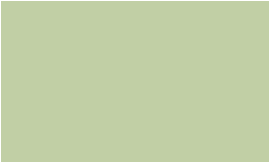
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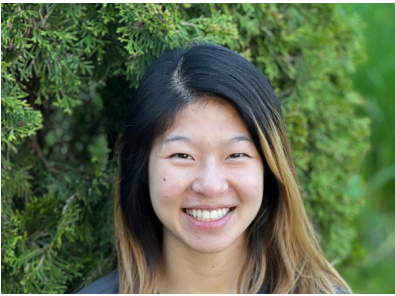
As we reflect on the past year at Langley Animal Protection Society (LAPS), we are overwhelmed with gratitude from the support of our community, volunteers, donors, and staff. Unfortunately, the economic landscape of 2023 provided unexpected challenges for animal ownership. As financial strains increased, many faced difficult decisions regarding their pets. Sadly, some had to contemplate surrendering their beloved companions due to financial hardships, while others struggled to afford necessities like food and veterinary care. Despite this, LAPS remained committed to supporting both pets and their owners during these trying times.

Through honouring the intrinsic bond between animal and people, we proudly expanded our reach beyond our shelter walls through a variety of programs aimed at supporting both animals and the community at large. Our social programs such as the pet food bank, compassion boarding, vouchers for spay/neuter, and Major's Legacy fund all helped families stay united with their pets. As studies have shown, the companionship of animals can have a profound impact on human well-being, providing emotional support, reducing stress, and fostering a sense of connection and purpose. Likewise, humans play a crucial role in the lives of animals, serving as caregivers, advocates, and companions.

As we look ahead to the future, we are filled with optimism, knowing that with the continued support of our community, the generosity of donors, the unwavering dedication of our amazing volunteers, and the compassion and professionalism of our staff we can accomplish even greater things for the animals that rely on us. Together, we can make a difference.

From the depths of our hearts, we extend our sincere thank you to every one of you who have contributed in one way or another.





BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In 2023, Langley Animal Protection Society faced numerous challenges amid soaring demand for our services. Economic challenges were felt by pet owners, LAPS, and the community. This post COVID world made a significant shift in the welfare need of dogs and cats. Dog intake surged, yet low claim rates and diminished adoption interest prolonged their stay, constraining our capacity to accept surrenders.

Demand for our food bank and spay/neuter voucher program surged, reflecting the economic strain within the community. Much needed monetary donations dwindled which strained our resources.

Nevertheless, despite these incredible challenges, **LAPS provided refuge for a total of 828 animals**, marking a 14.6% increase from the previous year.

In 2023 our adoption rate saw a notable increase by 23.07%. Among these animals a total of 27, comprising of 16 dogs and 11 cats, were rescued from a solitary residence where they were suffering from severe neglect and poor health. Thanks to the dedicated care of our veterinarians, volunteers, and staff, they received the intensive support necessary for a healthier future. We did all of this work thanks to the generosity of many through legacy gifts. We also strengthened partnerships with key organizations enhanced our outreach, ensuring our services reached those in need.

Additional staffing enabled extended care hours, benefiting both the animals and staff by reducing burnout. These achievements underscore our resilience as an organization and our unwavering commitment to our mission. As we forge ahead, let's draw strength from these triumphs to continue making a meaningful impact. We deeply appreciate your steadfast support of Langley Animal Protection Society as we help guardians and their pets thrive in our community!

***Sarah Jones,
Executive Director***



FURRY TAIL STORIES

Stanley, the young orange and cream dilute tabby whose journey from hardship to happiness embodies the very essence of our mission.

Stanley's journey to LAPS wasn't an easy one. As a stray, he faced the harsh realities of life on the streets. When he stumbled into our care, it was clear that he needed urgent attention. Malnourished, dehydrated, and in pain, Stanley was a testament to the challenges faced by animals without homes.



Total Medical Cost

\$ 1,247.17



Days of Recovery

19

STANLEY

Upon his arrival, we wasted no time in getting Stanley the medical attention he desperately needed. A vet appointment was swiftly arranged and Stanley embarked on a journey towards healing. During the examination, the vigilant veterinarians made a crucial discovery: a mass in Stanley's stomach, a silent threat lurking within.

With no time to spare, emergency surgery became Stanley's lifeline. It was a moment of uncertainty, but it was also a testament to the dedication of our team and the unwavering commitment to the animals in our care. Through skillful hands and tender care, Stanley emerged from surgery with a newfound lease on life.

Stanley's FUREVER home

Stanley revealed his true colors – a gentle soul with a heart of gold. Despite the trials he endured, he remained a beacon of sweetness and affection, touching the lives of everyone he encountered.

On May 1, 2023, Stanley found his forever home. On the serene shores of Vancouver Island, he discovered the warmth of a loving family, the comfort of a soft bed, and the joy of endless cuddles. In his new surroundings, Stanley blossomed, his days filled with sunshine and contentment.



2023
2022



**Forever
Homes**



**Medical
Expenses**

352
324

**LAPS
Census**

203K
108K


828
709



SAVING LIVES

WE PRIORITIZE CARE AND SAVE LIVES:
HERE'S HOW

We are deeply dedicated to ensuring that every animal that comes to our shelter receives the utmost care and attention. **To that end, we have made a significant investment in medical treatments to address any health issues our animals may face.** Despite the obstacles we have encountered, we firmly believe that every animal deserves a safe and caring home. It brings us great joy to know that we have been able to make a positive impact on their lives. In 2023, we saw a 14% increase in the number of animals that came through the shelter, including 362 cats, 445 dogs, 1 bird, and 20 other animals, which primarily consisted of farm animals. **This surge in numbers highlights the growing need for our services and reinforces our commitment to providing a haven for diverse animals in search of refuge and care.**



Our Mission:

THRIVING ANIMALS, CARING PEOPLE.



During 2023, LAPS faced a critical shortage of animal control officer (ACO) vehicles. Due to the expansion of the team they were short a vehicle and another was lost in an unfortunate accident.

However, just when the situation seemed dire, a ray of hope emerged in the form of a generous donor. In honour of their own furry companions, Lexi and Rylie Jackman, this benefactor stepped forward and donated two brand new trucks to LAPS.

These vehicles weren't just replacements; they were symbols of compassion and support. With these shiny additions, the ACO team was equipped to patrol parks, reunite lost pets with their families, and ensure the safety and well-being of animals in the community. Thanks to the kindness of Lexi and Rylie's guardian angels, Langley Animal Protection Society could continue our crucial work with renewed efficiency and dedication.

ANSWERING THE CALL: OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE EFFORTS

In 2023, we answered the call to serve with 2,221 community calls, patrolling parks for 385 hours, and reuniting 408 lost pets with their families. These efforts represent our unwavering commitment to the well-being of both animals and people in our community.

Making a difference in our community is at our core. We believe that by being proactive, we can make a lasting impact that benefits everyone, and we are proud to see the results of our hard work. As we move forward, we remain dedicated to our mission of creating a better world for all beings, and we look forward to continuing to make a difference in our community.





FINDING FOREVER HOMES: OUR ADOPTION SUCCESS

In 2023, our adoption program thrived, achieving notable success with 99 dogs, 249 cats, 1 peafowl, 2 chickens, and 1 bird finding loving homes. This marks a significant increase from 2022, particularly in cat adoptions. We continued to prioritize responsible pet ownership by licensing 1,261 dogs, enhancing the chances of reuniting lost pets with their families. These accomplishments underscore the dedication of our staff and volunteers, coupled with the ongoing support from our community. As we celebrate, we remain committed to fostering a responsible and compassionate community that understands the commitments associated with pet adoption.

GENEROSITY IN ACTION: COMMUNITY DONATIONS

In 2023, our community's extraordinary generosity continued to make a significant impact on the lives of families and animals in need, furthering our commitment to compassionate care. Through the invaluable support of Major's Legacy fund and our pet food bank, we extended crucial assistance to those facing economic challenges. Major's Legacy fund played a pivotal role, providing \$33,874 in financial aid to 39 low income families and 46 animals. This support was distributed strategically, with \$6,572.69 allocated to dental, \$2,438.26 for humane euthanasia/cremation, \$2,158.89 for spays/neuters, \$21,460.07 for emergency exams/lab tests/X-rays/wound repairs, and \$1,244.09 for exams, deworming, and vaccination. Additionally, our pet food bank saw a remarkable increase with 6,891.53 pounds of food donated, benefiting 93 low income families and including the distribution of 257 spay/neuter vouchers. The impact of these efforts goes beyond numbers, symbolizing the compassionate spirit of our community, without which none of this vital assistance would have been possible. We express our profound gratitude for the ongoing generosity that enables us to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.



VOLUNTEERS

The Compassionate Hearts that Keep LAPS Running

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Coming to LAPS each week was a huge highlight for many of our students at Wix-Brown. Not only did they relish in the opportunity to engage and interact with the animals, but they took pride throughout the week in practicing their reading so that they could share new stories at LAPS every Wednesday. For our students who were often reluctant to pick up a book, it was particularly impactful for them. They had an authentic audience each week to read to, and they were excited to work on their literacy skills! We appreciate all of the support that the LAPS program has provided to our students.

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***Kyle Featherstone,
Principal of Wix Brown
Elementary School***





CATHY JOHNSTON

***2023 LAPS Patti Dale Award
Recipient***

VOLUNTEERS

Stats That Inspire

V O L U N T E E R

Reading with Cats

In 2023, our Reading with Cats program reached two local schools, Wix Brown Elementary, and Parkside Elementary, involving a total of 12 enthusiastic participants. The program aimed to cultivate a love for learning and compassion as students immersed themselves in the magical world of books alongside our furry companions.

Neurodiverse Programs

Our Neurodiverse programs experienced continued success in 2023, fostering partnerships with local community organizations. This initiative provided volunteer opportunities for participants in their adult day programs, boasting a team of 24 dedicated weekly volunteers contributing their time and talents to make a positive impact in our community.



MORE!

SHELTER ASSISTANT

FOSTER

CAT CARE

Dedicated Volunteers

131

120

Volunteer Hours

10,218

9085



2023



2022

PROGRAMS



Work Experience

In close collaboration with Langley schools' Career Discoveries program, our Work Experience initiative created a safe space for students to acquire and practice daily life skills. From folding laundry to preparing treats for shelter animals, five students participated in this program throughout 2023, with placements lasting between 8-12 weeks.



Corp. Volunteer Days

The heartbeat of our community resonated through Corporate Volunteer Days. During 2023, participation included esteemed entities such as Coast Capital Credit Union, Smythe, Para Space Landscaping, BC Trucking Association, New Westminster Scout Troop, and Fraser Health Clubhouse program. Their collective efforts enriched our programs and initiatives, amplifying the positive impact we can achieve together.



ENRICHMENT VOLUNTEERS

DOG WALKING

KENNEL ASSISTANT

THANK YOU PARA SPACE

In 2023, Para Space Landscaping extended a heartfelt gesture to LAPS, offering their time and resources for a transformative "day of service." Their initiative was nothing short of remarkable, focusing on revitalizing our front yard dog play area, which had fallen into disrepair.

Before Para Space intervened, the space was overgrown by saplings, making it unusable for its intended purpose. Muddiness prevailed, with no defined pathways, and the area lacked seating. Recognizing the potential for improvement, Para Space committed to breathe new life into this essential part of our facility.

With the dedication of 36 volunteers, Para Space embarked on a two-phase project that would completely overhaul the dog play area. Phase one involved the meticulous clearance of brush, paving the way for a fresh start, and laying down bark mulch to establish clear pathways. Moreover, they undertook the ambitious task of preparing space for a pergola, envisioning a shaded retreat for both humans and animals alike. Additionally, privacy hedges were strategically planted, serving as a buffer against the noise from the adjacent highway.



Phase two witnessed the transformation reaching its pinnacle, as Para Space added vital amenities to enhance the play area's functionality and appeal. A sandbox emerged, offering our animals an outlet for enrichment. Agility items, including a bridge, were thoughtfully integrated, enhancing the space with opportunities for physical activity and mental stimulation. Benches were installed, providing much-needed seating for visitors and staff to relax and engage with the animals.

The impact of Para Space's efforts echoes throughout our organization, as the revitalized play area now serves a multitude of purposes. Including a welcome space for potential adopters to interact with our furry residents during meet and greets, fostering meaningful connections. Moreover, it functions as a hub for dog enrichment activities, promoting their physical and mental well-being.

Staff members find solace in the tranquil surroundings during lunch breaks, while the area doubles as a versatile meeting space. Most importantly, it serves as a haven for the dogs, offering a destress area where they can unwind and recharge amidst the hustle and bustle of shelter life.

Para Space's commitment to our cause exemplifies the power of community collaboration and underscores the profound difference that can be made through collective action. Their generosity has not only transformed a physical space but has also uplifted spirits and enriched lives—both human and animal alike. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Para Space and its volunteers for their unwavering support and dedication to our mission. Together, we continue to make strides towards creating a brighter future for the animals in our care.

INVESTING IN ANIMALS AND COMMUNITY

GRATITUDE TO OUR INCREDIBLE DONORS





**Compassion
in Action**

Steven Bis

**Stevenson
Developments**

**Chris
Spencer
Foundation**

**Metrie
Canada**

**Paula
Schieven**

Anonymous

**Crown
Contracting**

**Randy
Monro**

**Pat and
Mark
Dumont**





FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS: HONORING DONORS WHO LEAVE A LEGACY GIFT



Patricia
Fricke



Evelyn
Pentland



Gillian
Bryant



Henry
Wickert

\$34,300

If you're planning your will, we kindly ask you to consider leaving a charitable gift to LAPS. Your support will help us continue our mission of promoting animal welfare and making a positive difference in the lives of animals in need. Together, we can create a brighter future for animals and our community.

THE POWER OF ESTATE GIFTS

Legacy donations have played a vital role in enabling us to deliver crucial care and assistance to the animals under our care. Thanks to these contributions, we've broadened our range of programs and services, increased our rescue efforts, and advanced animal welfare advocacy in our community.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the donors who have chosen to include LAPS in their estate arrangements. Their generosity has profoundly affected the lives of countless animals in distress. These legacy gifts empower us to maintain the essential care and resources needed for our animals and extend our support to even more animals within our community.



Our Exciting Events in 2023!



Embark on a journey back to the enchanting moments of 2023! Rediscover the magic woven into our unforgettable events - from heartwarming adoption fairs to inspiring fundraisers. Take a stroll down memory lane and immerse yourself in the moments that sparked laughter, brought tears of joy, and united us in our shared commitment to creating a better world.







MEOWFEST



\$11,972

Total Raised



13

Total Cats Adopted



13

Volunteers & Staff



GALA



\$47,088

Total Raised



124

Total Participants



14

Volunteers



GOLF TOURNAMENT



\$43,500

Total Raised



96

Total Participants



22

Volunteers

GAMING



\$18,620

50/50



\$12,505

Dream Vacation
Lottery



↑ 2023 TOTAL REVENUE
\$114,719
139% INCREASE

GROWTH AND EXPANSION

The Doghouse program is a unique initiative created by the partnership between LAPS and the Correctional Services of Canada. Allowing employment opportunities for female inmates. Since its inspection over 150 women have participated in the program.

In 2023, the Doghouse program experienced significant growth, driven by an increase in demand for its daycare, boarding, and training services. The program swiftly expanded its team by welcoming the highly skilled Holly Saitz. With an impressive 15-year tenure and a wealth of expertise in positive reinforcement training, Holly's addition played a pivotal role in enhancing the program's capacity to provide top-tier care. Her arrival marked a new era of excellence, ensuring that the Doghouse continued to uphold its commitment to fostering healthy relationships between pets and their owners within the community.



COMMUNITY IMPACT

SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM

\$33,874



Majors Legacy
Funds
Distributed

6,891.53 LBS



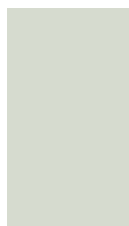
Lbs of Food
Provided
Through the
Food Bank

305



Compassion
Boarding
Length of Stay

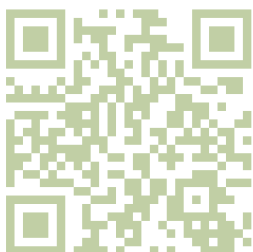
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Spay and
Neuter
Vouchers



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Adopt



Volunteer



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