

Meetings: Tuesday 12 Noon

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DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Dec 8: Brad & Aimee Kirkland
Dec 10: Peter & Ineke Boekhorst

UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Dec 06: Nicole McDonald Mayor of Pitt Meadows	Dec 13: MR Rotary Club - AGM	Dec 20: Christmas Gift exchange
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RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



While sitting with a group of Rotary leaders outside of Lusaka, Zambia, I ask a question: "How many of you have ever had malaria?" Every hand in the room goes up. They even begin to tell me about the first, second, or third time they experienced the disease, one of the main causes of death and sickness in many developing countries.

They are fortunate. They have access to medical treatment and lifesaving medicines. For the people of rural Zambia, their story is very different.

On a wooden bench in a small village, I sit with Timothy and his young son Nathan. With a camera crew capturing our conversation, he tells me of the time Nathan showed signs of malaria. He brought the boy to the nearby home of a community health worker, where Nathan quickly received medicines that in all likelihood saved his life.

Calmly, Timothy tells me about his other son's bout with the disease a few years earlier. He had to race that son to a medical clinic more than 5 miles away. Riding a bike and carrying his child on his back, he tells me, he could feel his son's legs turn cold and then his little body go limp. As he finally entered the clinic, he screamed for help, but it was too late. The camera stops rolling, and we sit in silence. He begins to weep, and I hold him tightly. "I lost my son, I lost my son," he says.

This story is all too familiar for the families we meet over the next few days. And yet there is hope. Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia is Rotary's first Programs of Scale grant recipient, and it is saving lives. Across two provinces of Zambia, 2,500 volunteer health workers have been selected by their communities. They

are trained to bring medical care closer to those who need it, and they are able to diagnose and treat malaria and other ailments. Rotary partnerships create lasting change.

Jennifer Jones
President 2022-23

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President **Chili Yalamanchili** presided.

Guest: **Ron Langley**

Program: **the SPCA**



This new Community Animal Centre was opened in May 2011 (while Mark was the manager), and is located at 10235 Jackson Rd., Maple Ridge.

Today's Speakers:

Mark Vosper is the SPCA Regional Manager, Animal Protection – for the Lower Mainland and the Fraser Valley. Mark was a branch/shelter manager in Vancouver before becoming the manager of the Maple Ridge shelter between 2008 and 2013. (Before returning to the SPCA this year, Mark was the Executive

Director of the Ridge Meadows Hospice Society for six years, following which he was the Executive Director of the Maple Ridge Chamber of Commerce.)

Kahlee Demers is the Manager of the Animal Care Centre (SPCA Shelter) in Maple Ridge [and guardian to Leela (the dog), and Bender and Fry (the cats)].

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The BC SPCA was created in 1895, with its first shelter opening in 1950. It is the oldest animal welfare charity in British Columbia. Its Mission is “to protect and enhance the quality of life for domestic, farm and wild animals in British Columbia”; and its Charter and Vision Statement states as follows:

Whereas, the world is inhabited by many species sharing a common ecosystem of air, earth and water. We recognize and value our interconnectedness with all animals.

Therefore, the BC Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is dedicated to protecting and enhancing the quality of life for the animals of the world we share.

We pledge our energies to inspire and mobilize society to create a world in which all animals, who depend on humans for their well-being, experience, as a minimum, five essential freedoms:

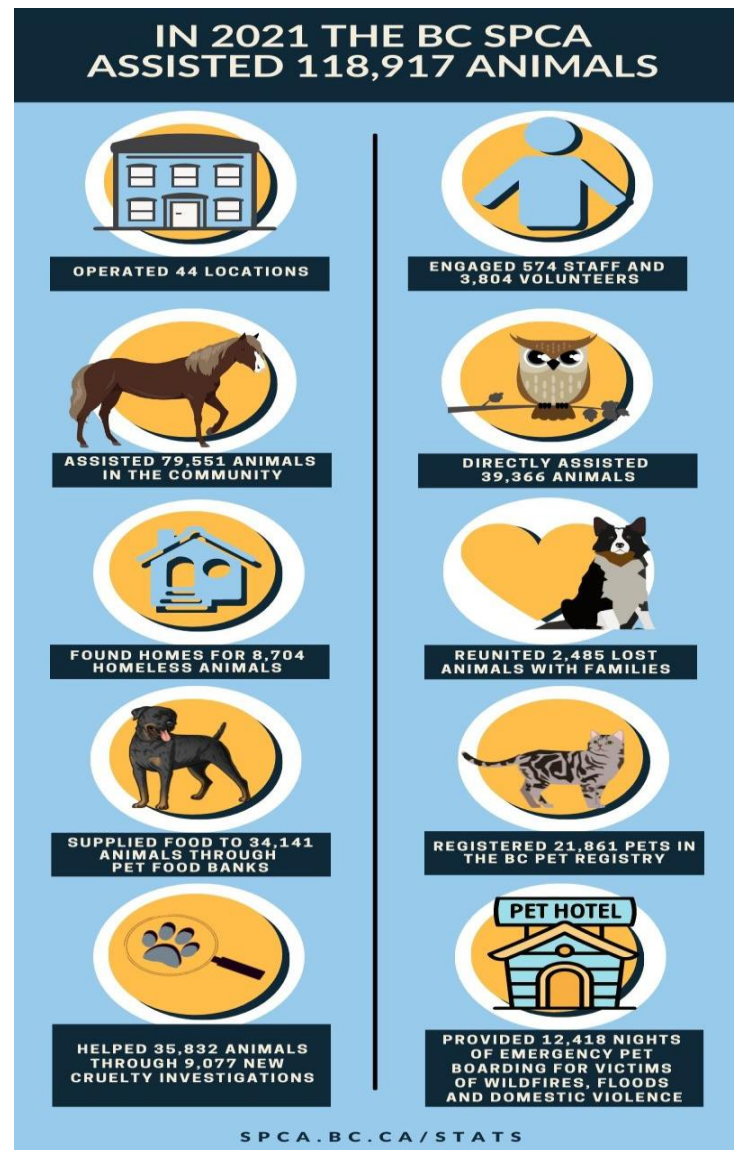
1. Freedom from hunger and thirst
2. Freedom from pain, injury and disease
3. Freedom from distress
4. Freedom from discomfort
5. Freedom to express behaviours that promote well-being.

In 2021, the BC SPCA provided a wide range of services to care for and assist 118,917 animals in distress and need through the society's 42 locations and community programs. It employed 574 staff members (including Special Provincial Constables) and had 3,804 volunteers throughout the province.

The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act provides the SPCA's Animal Protection Officers with the tools to prevent, rectify or enforce compliance to relieve distress in animals. The BC SPCA is the only animal welfare organization in BC with the authority to investigate complaints of animal abuse or neglect under this Act. There is a duty of care for anyone owning or who is responsible for animals or birds, this includes veterinarians who have a duty to report any act of cruelty or neglect they see.

For the purposes of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, an animal is in distress if it is:

- Deprived of adequate food, water, shelter, ventilation, light, space, exercise, care or veterinary treatment
- Kept in conditions that are unsanitary
- Not protected from excessive heat or cold
- Injured, sick, in pain or suffering
- Abused or neglected



The Criminal Code also contains provisions relating to the prevention of cruelty to animals including: causing pain or suffering to an animal or bird, killing or wounding an animal or bird without lawful purpose, abandoning or neglecting an animal or bird, animal fighting, bestiality and the transporting of animals and birds.

The Maple Ridge SPCA offers the following community services:

- Re-homing and providing care for stray and surrendered domesticated animals
- Emergency boarding of animals for victims of domestic abuse and disasters such as fire and floods
- Housing animals affected by animal cruelty/abuse
- Spay/neuter education and assistance
- Humane education for youth and adults – Kids Camp, open houses
- Community food bank (provides pet food and supplies to food bank)
- Provide ongoing support to the community to help keep animals in their homes
- Outdoor cat collar program

The Maple Ridge SPCA also ensures compliance of the Maple Ridge Animal Control and Licensing Bylaw (a 37-page document that anyone can find online). The following is a list of the common calls that the local shelter goes out on:

- Stray animal pickup
- Dog license
- Welfare concerns: water, food, shelter
- Dog in hot car
- Park Patrols
- Aggressive dog declaration

Officers can be found in the community providing the following:

- Education
- On hand: pamphlets, leashes, collars, treats
- Local food drop off locations

Adoption of Animals: Adoption fees are charged to cover the costs of caring for animals while finding them a home, and the adoption fee varies by animal and by branch. Adoption fees include the following:

- Temperament assessment
- Behaviour profile
- First round of standard shelter “core” vaccinations (does not include rabies)
- Flea and other external parasite treatments as required
- Routine deworming and other internal parasite treatments as required
- Spay or neuter surgery (a voucher may be provided for paediatric surgeries at select locations)
- Microchip identification implant (for dog adoptions) and lifetime registration with the BC Pet Registry (a fee if \$45 applies).
- Certificate for a free veterinarian examination (at participating veterinary clinics & select locations)
- Six-week free trial of pet insurance provided by *Petsecure Pet Health Insurance*
- Medical treatment if required while in the care of the SPCA
- Daily in-shelter care and monitoring

Happy and Sad Dollars included:



Chili's oldest child graduated from UBC.



Ron Langley will once again be Santa in the Maple Ridge Santa Parade, riding on the back of a fire truck.

Ken is in the process of moving.

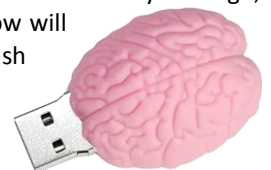


Lynda is looking forward to the resumption of the Santa Parade this coming Saturday, December 3, after a two-year absence caused by Covid-19 (and hopes we will all come out to support it - with crowds like in this picture).



[FYI: The parade will be the highlight of the December 3 Christmas Festival downtown, and the highlight of the Christmas parade will be “Santa Ron” riding in the Maple Fire Department’s antique fire truck. There will be drop-offs of gifts for the Christmas hamper society, and donations for the Friends in Need Food Bank.]

Laurie was glad that today’s speakers talked loudly enough, because he forgot his hearing aid (and now will be looking into buying a USB memory flash drive to plug into his brain).



Club Business

Libby gave a report on the Duck Race Committee’s proposals for the 2023 Duck Race. She will email the report to all club members with the request that they provide comments and feedback ASAP.

Upcoming Rotary meetings and events:

December 6 - speaker will be Pitt Meadows Mayor **Nicole MacDonald**

December 13 - the AGM for the club and the Meadows Ridge Foundation

December 17 – Christmas party at **Adrienne and Warren Dale's** home.

December 20 - Christmas celebration and a gift exchange (with a value limit of \$20)

Submitted by Laurie Anderson