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# 2019 COMMUNITY REPORT

*Saving Animals, Serving Communities*

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# WHO WE ARE

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Since 2003, LAPS has grown to become a leader in animal welfare.

The Langley Animal Protection Society (LAPS) is a registered non-profit charitable society established in 2003 by a dedicated group of volunteers. These volunteers were eager to see positive change in the way stray, lost and unwanted animals were sheltered and cared for in Langley. In order to uphold these founding member's values, we continue to focus on providing excellence to the community and overcoming the challenges facing animals in Langley.

Based at the Patti Dale Animal Shelter in Aldergrove, our staff and volunteers use a progressive and humane approach to care for more than 1300 dogs, cats and farm animals each year. All animals that are cared for by LAPS benefit from environmental enrichment, frequent exercise, nutritious food and top quality medical care. Our staff and volunteers ensure that each animal has the best chance at a happy and healthy life.



*Founding member Patti Dale*



Sansa: Adopted August 2019

Our mandate is to promote the physical, emotional and psychological wellbeing of companion animals in Langley. As an organization we value integrity, excellence, courage and community in everything we do.

*Roxy: Adopted November 2019*

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We are always proud of the work that LAPS does each year to help vulnerable animals and people in our community. Our organization and team of supporters did incredible work through our Major's Legacy Fund, helping to support the pets of low income and homeless members of our community. In 2019, LAPS provided a soft place to land for more than 1400 animals that needed our help. Through medical care, safe housing, and training, animals were given the time and attention they needed to either be reunited with their owners or adopted into loving homes. This year, after much planning we were able to add 2 new programs to help the community. First, the LAPS Youth in Animal Welfare program was created to provide an opportunity for a group of multi-barriered youth to gain work experience in the animal welfare industry. Second, LAPS implemented a new volunteer run, humane education program for elementary classrooms. It is incredible to see the impact animals have on our lives, especially our youth.

The new LAPS Cat Intake and Isolation Facility operated near capacity though out 2019. This facility enabled us to provide help to so many injured and sick cats in the community like Van Gogh; an orphaned kitten who survived because of the life-saving medical care he received. LAPS answered calls for help from other communities by housing and treating sick kittens that were at risk of being euthanized due to a lack of isolation space within their own shelters. The extra capacity in our new building allowed us to grow our Trap Neuter and Return to field (TNR) program. This program provides vital help to community cats and is managed by a small team of dedicated volunteers. We were able to find homes for 91 TNR cats and kittens and prevented a whopping 1700 unwanted kittens from being born.

The work our organization does is only possible when our whole community works together to support those who are most vulnerable. Thank you to each of you who gave your time, talent or treasure – you made this possible! You are truly heroes.

Kind Regards,

Jayne Nelson  
Executive Director  
Langley Animal Protection Society

Kristine Carrick  
Chairperson  
Langley Animal Protection Society

# SERVING THE PUBLIC

*LAPS is the Animal Control service provider for both the Township and City of Langley. Based at the Patti Dale Animal Shelter, LAPS Animal Control Officers respond to and investigate complaints regarding dogs and farm animals. Our role is to promote public safety relating to animals through the use of education and enforcement. In 2019 not only did our officers demonstrate professionalism and compassion in their work, they also showed on countless occasions that they were willing to go above and beyond the call of duty for the community they serve.*

**1107** Responses to calls in the community

**9520** Minutes of park patrols

**554** Dogs brought to safety from busy roadways

**672** Hours of dangerous & aggressive dog investigations



## Lending a Hand

On November 29 2019, horror struck the heart of Langley as an apartment building went up in flames. Residents of the building lost everything, including a place for themselves and their animals to live. LAPS Animal Control Officers were quick to the scene of the fire in order to take in as many animals as we could. We provided food, temporary housing and care for these pets until their owners were back on their feet again. All animals were returned safely to their owners within the following weeks of the fire.

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# PROTECTING THE INNOCENT

*Thanks to the support of our donors, our housing and enrichment protocols are cutting-edge in the shelter world. Through your support we are able to provide low stress housing along with environmental and social enrichment which ensures the animals in our care healthy both physically and mentally. By providing this extra level of care we can find our animals their forever homes more efficiently.*



564 hours of positive reinforcement clicker training



3572 hours of bottle feeding orphaned kittens



\$165,000 spent on medical care for animals



## Van Gogh's Story

When a litter of starving kittens came into our care, one kitten in particular was in need of immediate medical attention. Van Gogh was suffering from a traumatic injury on the left side of his head that was severely infected. In order to save his life, Van Gogh would have to undergo surgery to completely remove his ear and try to preserve what remaining tissues were left. Van Gogh was lucky enough to recover from his surgery in the loving home of one of our Kitten Foster moms. Through countless hours of care and many visits to the Vet office, Van Gogh recovered miraculously well. Without the support of our community, we would not be able to save lives like Van Gogh. Thanks to you, Van Gogh was adopted into his forever home on October 19 2019.

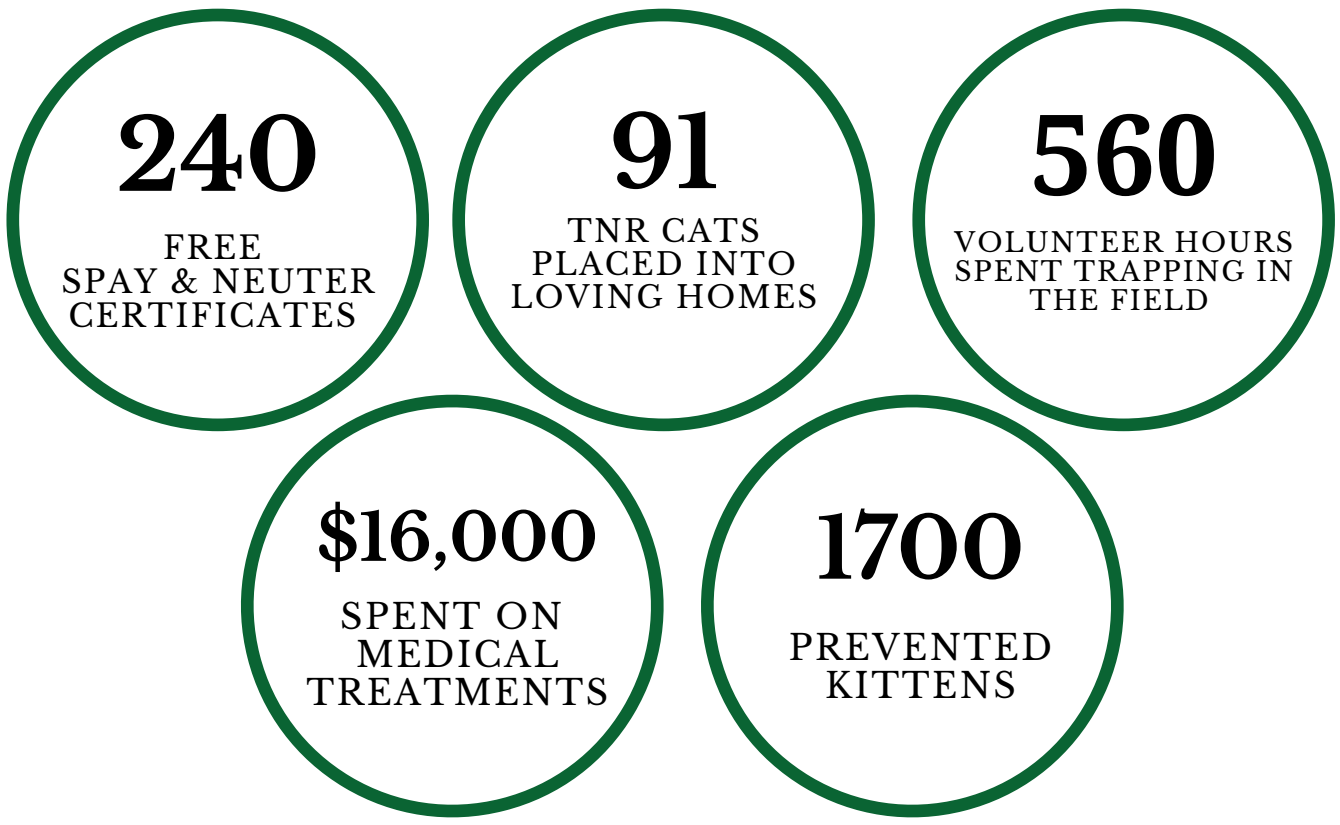


Nermal; Adopted in August 2019



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It is estimated that there are 22,000 feral and free-living cats within the City and Township of Langley. Thanks to your donations, we are taking steps to help our community cats. In 2019, our TNR initiatives supported Langley with:



Noel; Adopted in May 2019

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# SAVING LIVES

*Our Cat Intake and Isolation Facility is a state of the art isolation and recovery facility on the same site of the Patti Dale Animal Shelter. As a sheltering first in Canada, this facility provides much needed space for the care of sheltered cats and kittens in our community and can house up to 40 cats and kittens at a time.*

**With your support in 2019, the ISOasis provided:**



**920** intake examinations for stray, lost and unwanted cats & kittens



**3633** combined days of low stress housing for pregnant and recovering cats



**567** treatments for cats & kittens infected with Upper Respiratory Diseases & Ringworm Lesions



After many years of fundraising, planning and final construction, we saw our long time dream of the ISOasis come true. Through the support of Statewood Properties LTD, we are able to keep this dream running at full capacity. This facility allows us to enhance the quality of life and reduce the time from intake to adoption, while limiting the spread of feline related diseases for cats in our care.



## The Doghouse

The Doghouse is a unique partnership between LAPS and the Canadian Correctional Service (CSC). The program takes place in Abbotsford at the Fraser Valley Institution, a federal prison for women. The K-9 program is an employment training program where inmate participants learn how to handle, train and groom dogs. Through this they acquire both industry-specific and general employment skills. The program provides a therapeutic opportunity for the participants to develop friendships in a healthy and respectful environment. Upon completion of the program, participants receive the following qualifications:

**Kennel Attendant Level 1 & 2**

**Groomer's Aid**

**Canine First Aid**

**Professional Dog Trainer Certificate**

# INSPIRING FUTURE GENERATIONS

*With the support of the TELUS Friendly Future Community grant, December 2019 saw the start of our long anticipated Youth Employment in Animal Welfare Program. Through a series of formal classroom education sessions, work experience and job shadowing, the participating multibarrier youth earned 3 certificates, and marketable skills for careers in the animal welfare industry. During this program, participants were able to discover the value they can have in an animal's life and our community.*



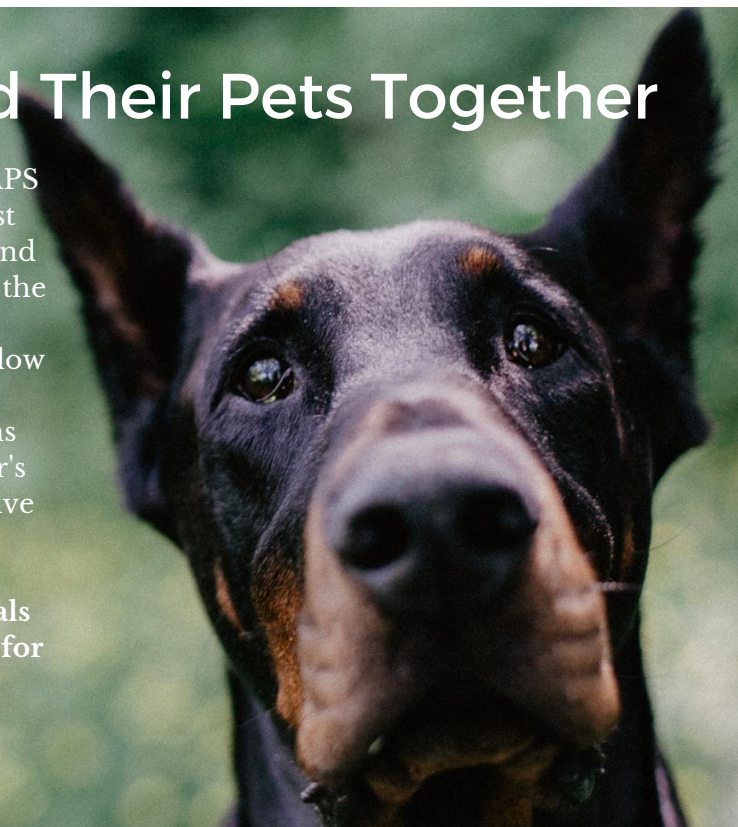
**"I have no doubt in my mind that each one of these youth will take something away from this program and keep it with them for the rest of their lives."**

-Amy Parker, LAPS program facilitator

## Keeping People and Their Pets Together

In conjunction with Major's Legacy Fund, LAPS joined forces with community partners to host our second veterinary clinic for low income and homeless pet guardians in March 2019. With the help of 4 Vet teams and 20+ volunteers, 49 animals were medically treated. Including follow up procedures, \$15,000+ was spent on examinations, surgeries, lab work, medications and various other treatments. Thanks to Major's Legacy Fund, these animals were able to receive top quality veterinary care free of cost.

Healthy communities include healthy animals and we are proud to be able to offer support for those who need it most.



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# Recognized Partners

Our partners play a critical role in our initiatives. They help us reach more animals in need. In 2019 we strengthened existing partnerships and developed new ones. Here are just a few examples:



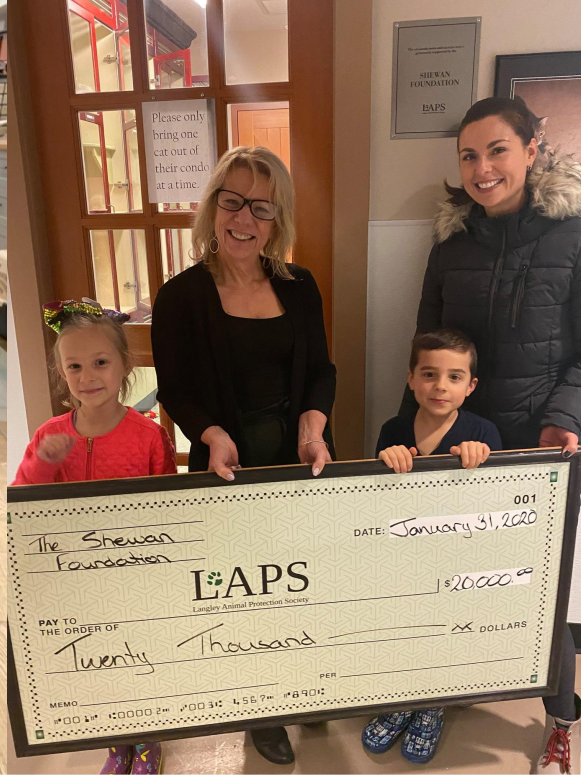
Over the course of a decade, The Shewan Foundation has donated over **\$180,000** towards our medical fund. With their generous support, we are able to uphold the highest levels of care for each animal that walks through the doors of our shelter.

Every fall, our Annual Gala celebrates the many happy endings that we have helped create for Langley's stray, lost and unwanted animals. This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year and brings together hundreds of animal lovers. Thanks to our presenting sponsors, the Schreder Brothers Real Estate Group, our 2019 gala raised **\$156,000** in funding. Without the support of our generous gala guests, volunteers and donors, many of our industry leading programs would not be possible.

Since 2017, we have been incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of Pets 1st. Since our partnership was established, they have donated over **\$53,000** in high quality food for all our adult cats and dogs during their time here at the shelter. By maintaining a healthy diet, our animals are much more likely to maintain good health which increases their chances of finding their forever home.



Zoe: Adopted in June 2019



# ENGAGING COMMUNITY HEROES



# LAPS in the Community



National Cupcake Day Party



Volunteer Driven PetSmart Adoption Centre



Nufloors Adoption Event



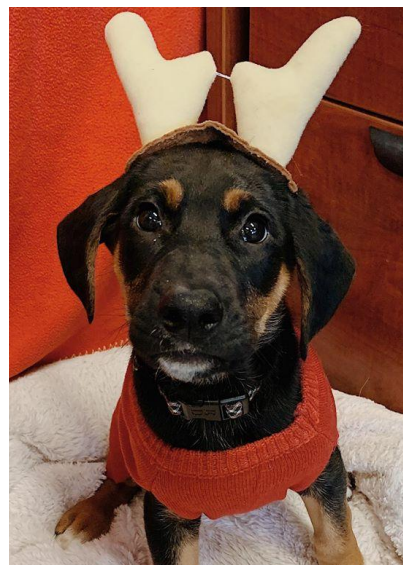
Dr. Gigi Lin treating a patient at our 2nd Free Vet Clinic



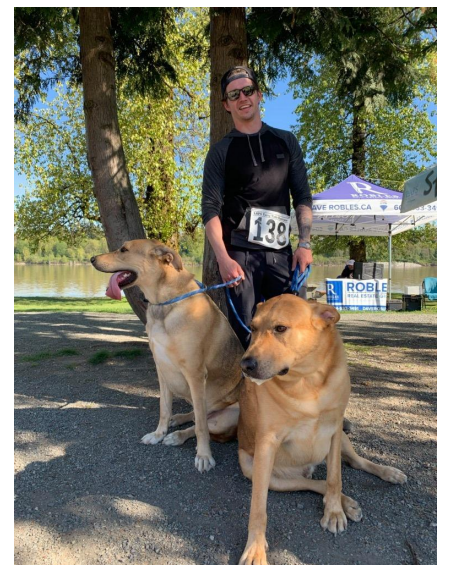
Long time volunteer Nancy discussing dog behaviour with local school groups



Brynn enjoying the views from Caffe, one of our new satellite Adoption Centres



Basil, 1 of 120 animals adopted during our I'll Be Home for Christmas Adoption Campaign



4th Annual Furry Tails Foot Race: \$10,000 raised for the animals at LAPS!

# Financials

<b>Statement of Operations</b>		
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Shelter Operations	\$338,924	\$358,228
Animal Control Contracts	\$468,001	\$445,761
Fundraising/Donations	\$581,952	\$420,188
Other	\$18,775	\$13,250
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,407,652</b>	<b>\$1,247,427</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Animal Care	\$1,091,291	\$969,900
Administration	\$283,219	\$275,976
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,374,510</b>	<b>\$1,245,875</b>
<b>Excess Revenue Over (Expenses)</b>	<b>\$33,142</b>	<b>\$1,551</b>
<b>Statement of Financial Position</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$606,019	\$499,827
Capital and Other Long-Term Assets	\$590,975	\$613,754
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,196,994</b>	<b>\$1,113,581</b>
Liabilities (Accounts payable, unearned and deferred revenue)	\$493,655	\$443,384
Retained and Current Earnings	\$703,339	\$670,197
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$1,196,994</b>	<b>\$1,113,581</b>



Charles: Adopted in December 2019

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