

LAPS

Langley Animal Protection Society



Community Report 2021

A letter from our Executive Director

More than 19 years ago our story began with Patti Dale, Kathy Kelm, Tania Dill, Patty Kolody, and Elayne Acheson. This small team of volunteers founded LAPS and changed the way that lost, stray, and abandoned animals were cared for in the Langleys.

Their legacy continues today through our generous supporters and dedicated team of volunteers and staff. Together we are committed to ensuring exceptional animal welfare for the most vulnerable animals in our community.

2021 was a year none of us could have predicted. Unprecedented circumstances challenged countless families with homelessness, financial difficulty, and food insecurity for both themselves and their pets. Thanks to each of you who continue to support our cause, we were able to give animals and their families the support they needed in their unique situations this past year. We provided boarding, urgent medical care, shelter, and supplies for each and every animal and family who reached out to us for support.

As LAPS' new Executive Director, I could not be more excited about the future of LAPS and the impact we will have on the animals that need us. None of this is possible without your support. LAPS may facilitate the vital work we do, but you are the reason we are able to do it.



Sarah Jones
Executive Director



Impact

As we take a look back at 2021 at the Langley Animal Protection Society (LAPS), we would like to send a very heartfelt thank you to each one of our community members for the support you have shown us over this past year.

In 2021, over 200 animals found their forever homes, over \$60,000 was raised for flood relief and nearly 400 lost animals were reunited with their families. In a year where the animals needed us seemingly more than ever, we are proud to share that we stepped up to the plate to ensure that animals were provided with the care and support they deserve.



This past year has marked significant change in LAPS' leadership. Our founding leadership's commitment and dedication to the animals, volunteers, and staff at LAPS has left a lasting positive impact that will continue to shape how we save animals and serve our community for years to come.

We continue to uphold the vision that a few dedicated volunteers brought forward into the Langley Community in 2003. We continue to promote the wellbeing of companion animals in Langley. **We continue to value integrity, excellence, courage and community in everything we do.**

Thank you for being a part of what makes LAPS such an integral pillar of the Langley Community.



Statistics

2021 Notable Statistics

286

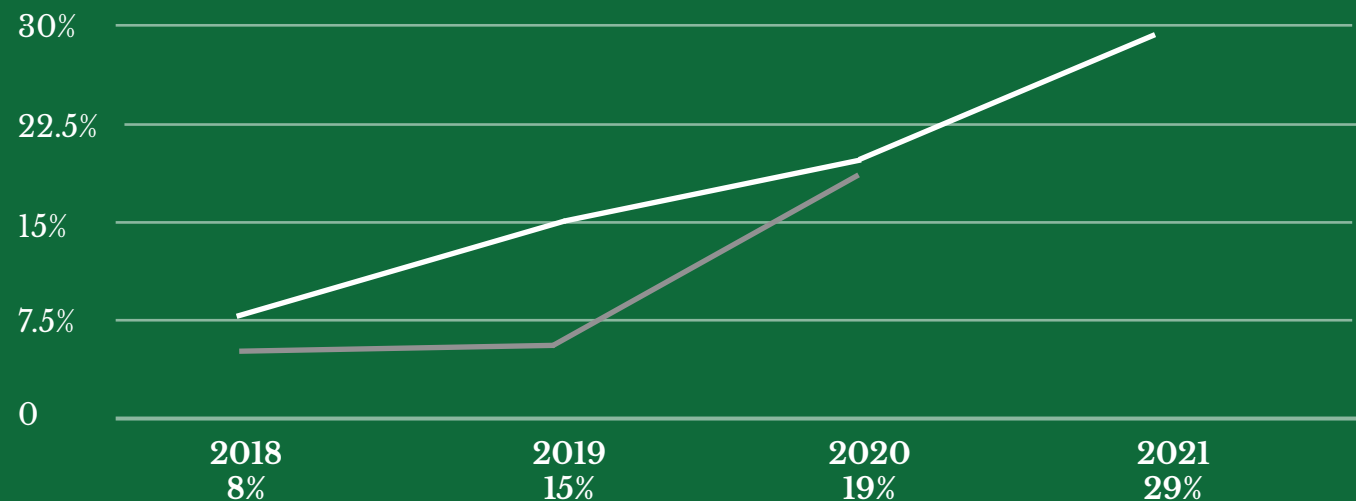
New Furever Families

4,215

Pounds of Pet Food Given Through the Pet Food Bank

227

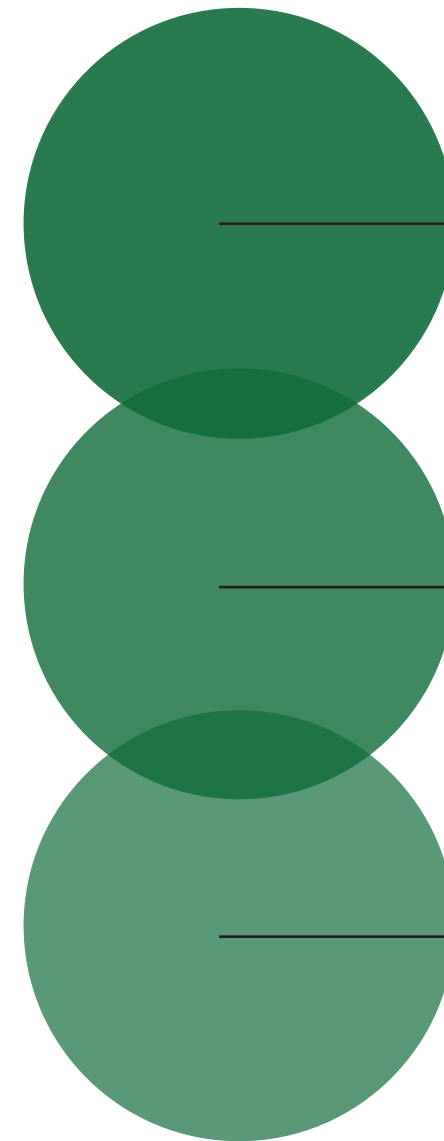
Animals Impacted by Major's Legacy Fund



LAPS' Stray Cat Return to Owner Rate

Compared with Humane Canada Membership Average from 2018-2020 in grey

Animal Wellness Model



Physical

Our generous veterinarians, shelter volunteers and staff are dedicated to providing care to each animal that comes through our doors. From performing life saving surgeries to creating individualized fitness, diet and health plans for each animal, their dedication saves lives.

Emotional

Providing shelter animals with the enrichment they need is a key part of our programming at LAPS. From ensuring each pet gets all the exercise they need, to getting out in the sunshine, we prioritize each animal's wellbeing as we work to find their furever homes.

Psychological

LAPS' facilities are designed to reduce factors that often contribute to severe stress in other shelters. Angled dog kennels, the ISOasis and our thriving foster program all help keep LAPS animals safe and well in our care.

Together, we are better...

We once thought that this year would be our chance to get 'back to normal'. Back to busy dog walkers, back to kitten snugglers, and back to smiling faces in the shelter halls.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 had other plans. Despite limited numbers, our volunteers were more critical than ever.

Our dedicated volunteers went above and beyond to provide care to vulnerable animals and relief to families in their time of need.

As we move forward into 2022, we are excited to expand our volunteer team and build on the culture of compassion that our current volunteers demonstrate every day.

...and no act of kindness is ever wasted.

2,920

Walks on the trail

3,160

Snuggle Sessions

9000+

Volunteer Hours



*Change a life.
Donate, Adopt,
Volunteer.*



Furry Tail Story

Bruce and Shannon are a match made in heaven. Bruce, the tiniest Chihuahua, first came into our care in January of 2021. When he walked through our doors with his pitt bull best friend at his side, he was in desperate need of medical attention.

Not only was he generally neglected with red staining on his feet and legs and with extremely long nails, he was also clearly in significant pain and could hardly eat. **Despite his pain, he was friendly and sociable with staff from the start, and we immediately fell in love with him.**

We knew Bruce still had a long journey to adoption. Upon further examination, we learned that he was suffering from advanced dental disease. His jaw was largely deteriorated and his lack of jaw stability meant that he would need nearly all of his teeth extracted.

Thanks to the donations of our LAPS Community and the incredible folks at West Coast Veterinary Dental Services, Bruce recieved a \$5000 jaw rewiring procedure and extraction of all but one of his teeth. Upon completion of his surgery, West Coast Dental made the commitment to clean Bruce's single tooth every year free of charge.

Finally, Bruce was ready to find his furever home. And it didn't take long for Bruce to catch the eye of our incredible volunteer, Shannon.

Shannon has been a volunteer at LAPS for over 15 years. Friends and staff describe him as caring and kind, and always willing to go an extra mile.

Today, Bruce and Shannon are best friends. During the day, Bruce loves having the run of the home. But, at every given opportunity he is eager to go along for a ride in the truck to a work call or social gathering. **He loves people almost as much as he loves his tiny sweaters. On the road or right at home, Bruce is always ready for adventure.**

Bruce has the perfect home for his senior years, and Shannon has truly found his best friend. These two melt our hearts.





Saving Animals, Serving Communities.

LAPS Animal Control Officers ensure that Langley citizens and their pets are safe and able to enjoy our beautiful community. Our team of three officers show remarkable commitment to the animals and community they serve every day.

From ensuring animals receive timely medical care, to rescuing scared animals from busy roadways to keeping parks and public spaces safe, they make a huge difference for all of our furry friends.

3,420

*Community
Service Calls*

2,469

*Hours of Park
Patrols*

394

*Pets Returned
to Owner*

“Being an Animal Control Officer means I get to use my skills for something truly worth it... helping animals, and helping people.” - Jeff Addison



Furry Tail Story

Found all alone on the side of the road, Nate could hardly lift his head when a concerned Langley citizen came to his rescue. Although he was clearly in a significant amount of pain, he was happy to snuggle up to our dedicated volunteers and staff as they brought him to our partners at Brookwood Veterinary Hospital.

When the vets at Brookwood discovered his severely broken leg, it became evident that Nate would have the easiest recovery, and a pain free life, if he were to undergo a full amputation.

Nate had no problem navigating the world as a newly tripod cat. Within just a few days, he was readily hopping up on office chairs and chasing around his favorite toys. It was such a beautiful reminder of the remarkable spirit and resiliency of animals.

Nate got his Christmas miracle in early December, and just a few weeks after arriving at LAPS had already found his purrfect furever family. Since then, he has blossomed into the playful, energetic cat he was meant to be. Whether he is chasing his best doggy friend Doogie around the house or stomping around at night time 'like a horse', his mom says you would never be able to tell he ever had to adjust to living on three legs.

Although he only had a short amount of time with us, it's cats like Nate that remind us how our LAPS community truly saves lives!

#BCStrong



We Came Together.

This year, the LAPS Community made a difference during a catastrophic time. From helicopter and airplane pet food deliveries to life saving veterinary care, animals and their families across the lower mainland were provided with the support they needed in the face of natural disasters in 2021.

Free Emergency Boarding

As the closest shelter to the west not touched by flooding, we became a safe-haven to many who were unable to access their usual resources. Through community support, we were able to ensure many animals had a safe place to stay until they could be reunited with their families.

Pet Food and Supplies

Our call to the public was heard with an astounding response. We received donations of food, litter, bedding, toys, and other pet necessities that we were able to distribute in communities from Langley to Merritt.

Access to Veterinary Care

Donations to Major's Legacy Fund — as well as gift matching by Barb and Phil Jackman — meant that our fundraising efforts reached well over \$60,000 for animals left vulnerable by natural disasters. The LAPS disaster response would not be possible without our community members supporting these initiatives. Because of this generous support, we will continue to ensure animals have access to veterinary care well into the future.

Emergency Preparedness and Free Microchip Clinic

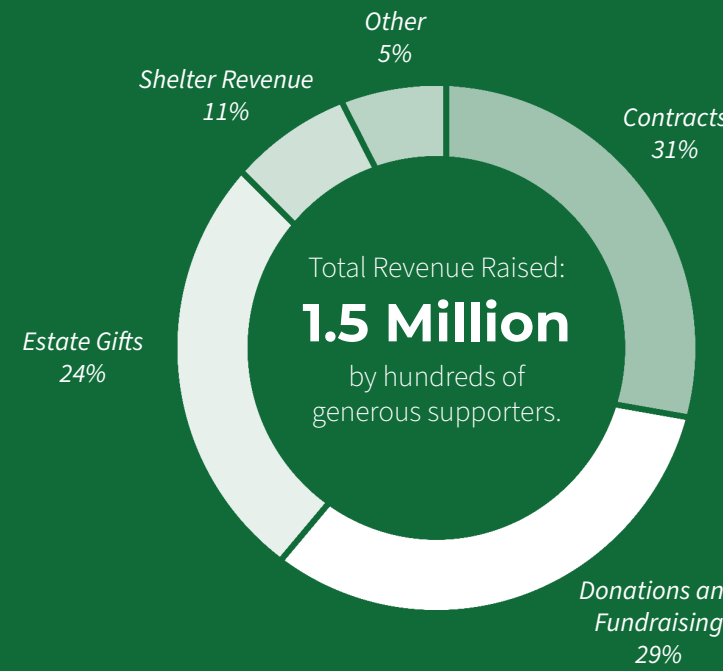
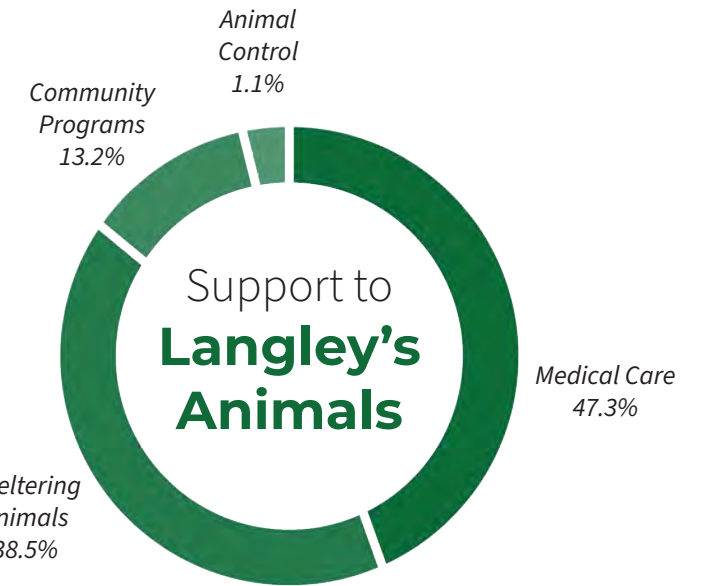
LAPS wants to ensure that families and their furry companions are able to stay together. Our team is partnering with community veterinarians to provide free microchips to flood victims and low-income families in the Langleys.

We recognize that owners will feel the financial impacts of 2021 for a long time. We will be there to ensure that animals are not left to suffer due to lack of access to veterinary care, food or shelter.





Financial Overview



Full financial statement available at lapsbc.ca

Partnership Recognition

Often, the smallest things matter the most in a shelter environment. While medical miracles and adoption days remind us why we do what we do, none of it would be possible without critical supports like food.

Earth Options by Pets 1st has gone above and beyond to ensure that our animals are provided with everything they need for their day to day care. Since 2017 this dedicated business team has provided all of the adult dry dog and cat food for the animals that walk through our doors.

Over the past five years, Pets 1st has donated over seventy thousand dollars worth of high quality pet food to the animals at LAPS.



“It’s just the right thing to do.” shared Pam Knibbs, Pets 1st’ Business Development Manager. “We are a small, family owned business providing small batch dog food to our community. Giving back just makes sense.”

Not only do they provide food to LAPS’ animals, they have also committed to donating 10% of proceeds from purchases referred by LAPS back to our shelter. By purchasing the highest quality Earth Options food, LAPS Community members can help ensure that vulnerable communities are provided with the support they need.

Thank you, Pets 1st, for saving animals and serving your community. Learn more about their important mission at Pets1st.com.

*Alone we can
do so little.
Together
we can
do so
much.*



Community Partnership

Thank you to our incredible community partners!



... and to our grant providers.



British Columbia

We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia, \$70,000

Abbotsford Community Foundation

Supported by the Abbotsford Community Foundation through the Abbotsford Disaster Relief Fund, \$25,000



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FOUNDATION



CanFel Foundation

We acknowledge the financial support of the CanFel Foundation, \$20,000

First West Foundation

First West Foundation is proud to provide grants through the Envision Community Endowment, \$10,025



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Grant providers continued...

- *The Animal Welfare Foundation of Canada, \$5,000*
- *The Compassion in Action Fund, \$5,000*
- *City of Langley Community Support Fund, \$5,000*
- *Greystates Foundation, \$3,000*
- *Mary Victoria Wakefield Animal Welfare Fund, \$2500*
- *Township of Langley, \$2,500*
- *BC SPCA Community Animal Spay/Neuter, \$1,500*
- *Leon Judah Blackmore Foundation, \$1,000*
- *Paws For Hope Animal Foundation, \$1,000*
- *4imprint, \$500*

Leaving a Legacy...

Through the avenue of planned giving, LAPS Community members can have a direct impact on animals that will resound far into the future. This year, LAPS was honored to receive multiple Estate gifts from generous supporters.

Remembering LAPS with a planned gift is a way of giving that is thoughtful, generous and supports our broader mission of saving animals and serving communities.

We remember the lives whose generous gifts will continue to support vulnerable animals for years to come, including: Heather Alden, Geraldine Moseley, Patricia Frick, Lydia Gaskill, Susan Hall and Helen Van Vliet. The funds they provided will be wisely invested to help us grow our community impact and develop new resources for animals and families in need of support.





Make a Difference for an Animal in Need.

\$150 feeds one dog in our care

\$300 spays one feral cat

\$500 vaccinates one litter of puppies

\$1500 provides extended dental care for one pet

\$5000 can fund a life saving surgery

Be a hero and donate at lapsbc.ca



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