

British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

*Making B.C. Tenancy
Laws Accessible to All
Families*

Our Mission and Vision

MISSION: To protect and enhance the quality of life for domestic, farm and wild animals in BC

VISION: To inspire and mobilize society to create a world in which all animals enjoy as a minimum, **five essential freedoms:**

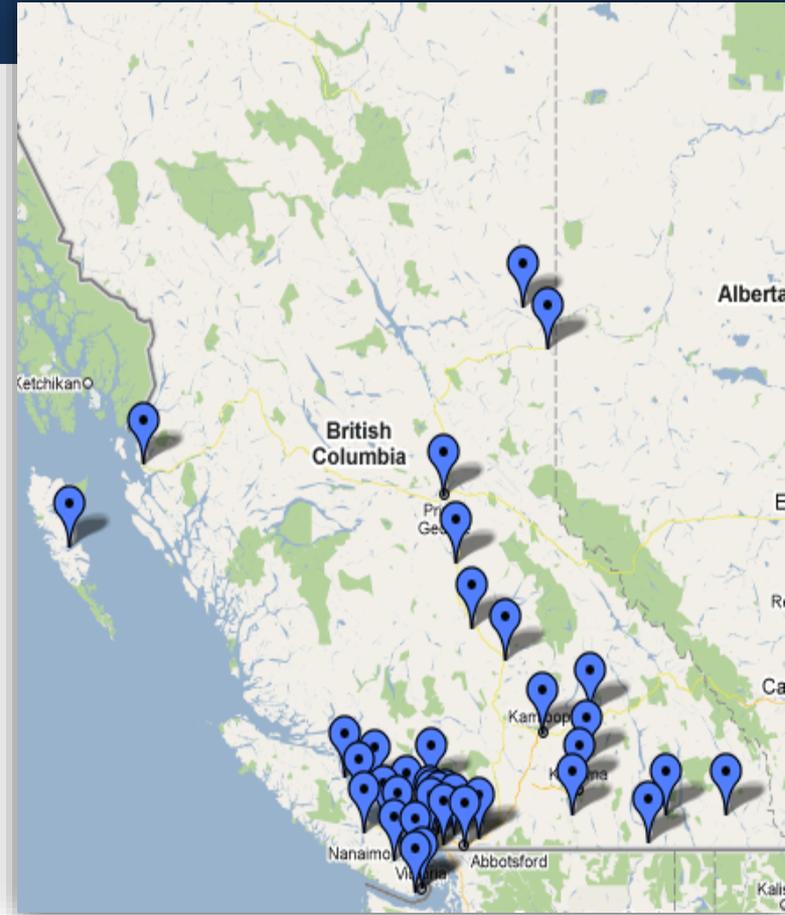
1. Freedom from hunger and thirst
2. Freedom from pain, injury, and disease
3. Freedom from distress
4. Freedom from discomfort
5. Freedom to express behaviours that promote well-being



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123 Years of Service

- Established in 1895 by provincial statute
- 44 locations that provide sheltering, veterinary, education and adoption services across B.C.
- Provided care and assistance for **48,946** animals in 2017
- 80,000+ donors
- A registered charity



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Animal Cruelty Law Enforcement

- 36 Special Provincial Constables across B.C.
- Mandated to enforce prevention of cruelty to animals legislation
- Our constables have police powers as granted in the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (PCA Act)
- The BC SPCA responds to 10,000 animal cruelty complaints each year



Broken Families due to Housing Issues

In 2017, **1706** animals were surrendered to the BC SPCA across the province because of housing related issues.

This statistic does not include animals found abandoned in rental units or animals surrendered to other organizations for similar reasons.

56% of Canadian households have at least one dog or cat (Perrin, 2009*)

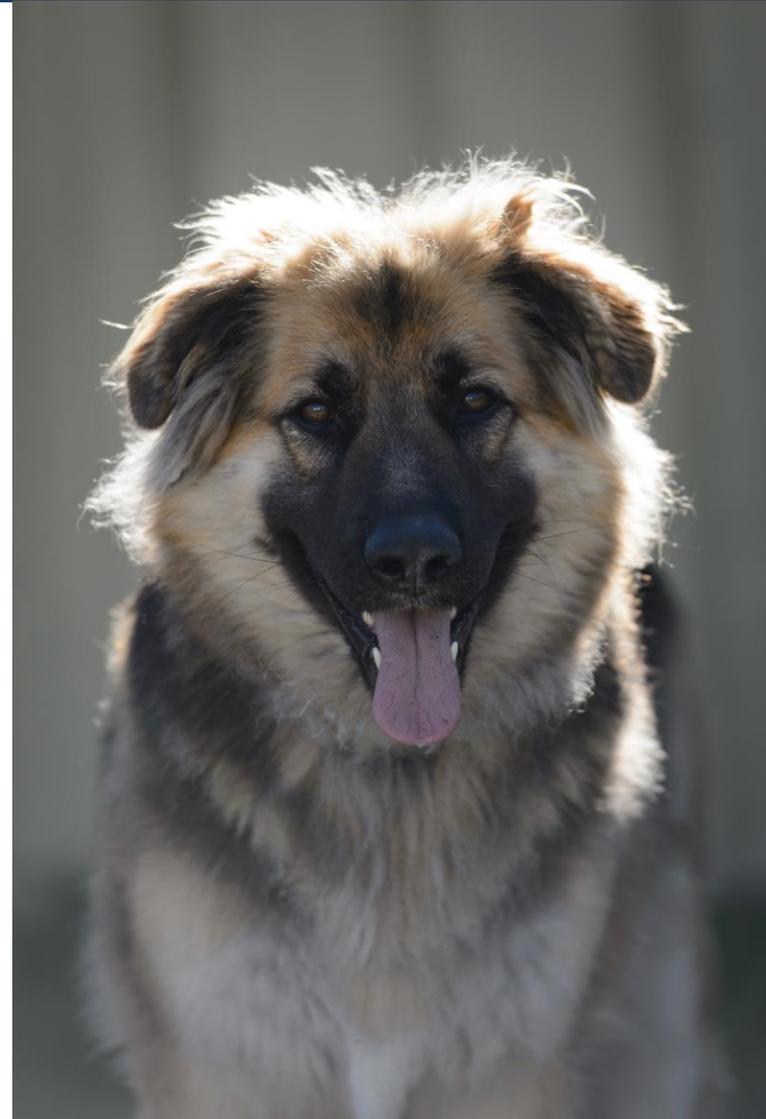


Successful Canadian Models

Alberta Model

To address concerns landlords have renting to people with an animal because they could be held liable if a dog bit someone.

- In the event of an incidents involving an animal on a rental property, the owner of the animal would be liable, not the landlord or the roommate.
- This was achieved through a provision in Alberta's *Dangerous Dog Act*.



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Ontario Model

Animals are considered a part of the family in Ontario. Discriminating against part of someone's family is explicitly prohibited in their Residential Tenancy Act (Section 14 & 76)

- A landlord is not allowed to deny someone housing because they have a pet.
- However, landlords also have protections under the law and can evict tenants if their animals poses a health risk or demonstrates dangerous or significant nuisance behaviour.



Thank you!



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