

Helping animals ... and their people



William Shakespurr

RAPS CAT
SANCTUARY

2022 Annual Report





Speaking for Animals

REPORT FROM
THE PRESIDENT



It is difficult for me to believe the number of years I have been involved with RAPS. The organization has been saving and improving the lives of animals more than 27 years now, and I have been part of it since almost the very beginning.

To say that it is with pride (and a little bit of awe) to see what has become of a group that began as a tiny, deeply dedicated volunteer team is an understatement. I think it is safe to say that there could not have been one of us in those days who predicted what we would become.

We operate Canada's largest cat sanctuary – a model for the sector worldwide and a destination for local families and for international experts who come to see how we do what we do.

We operate an animal shelter that is unencumbered by human-made geography, accepting animals from jurisdictions where they face euthanasia – because we believe that *where* an animal lives should not determine *whether* an animal lives.

We operate a growing chain of thrift stores, social enterprises that meet our mission not only by raising funds that help in our lifesaving work, but that also play a big role in nurturing a healthy environment by diverting tons of materials from landfills. This makes the planet better for every animal and person.

We educate and advocate, reminding ordinary people and those in positions of power that animals make our lives, households, neighbourhoods and communities safer, healthier and happier.

In 2018, we opened the RAPS Animal Hospital, truly a jewel in the crown of our quarter-century of work. This community-owned facility eliminates the profit motive from vet care, helping to ensure that no one is forced to make life-and-death decisions for their pets based on ability to pay.

In these pages, you will find the specific accomplishments that RAPS proudly achieved this year. As you read this report, please remember that everything we have achieved has been possible because of the support of devoted animal allies like you.

While you will meet a small number of animals in these pages, know that for every one you read about, hundreds more have been helped because of your kindness.

And the great dreams we have for an even more impactful future depend on you too!

Thank you!

FEARN EDMONDS

FEARN EDMONDS, PRESIDENT

Sprocket & Smithy

RAPS CAT
SANCTUARY



Buck

RAPS ADOPTION
CENTRE



REPORT FROM
THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Pets & Pickers



In the course of my work, every day is a new day. When you work with hundreds of animals, as well as an amazing team of staff and hundreds of volunteers, you never quite know what the fresh morning will bring.

I have often wished that I could bring you, our friends and supporters, along with me to see the impact created by your choice to support RAPS.

This year, in the most spectacular way imaginable, I got my wish.

The TV show *Pets & Pickers*, on Discovery Canada and now streamed online (Google it!), is already in production for its second season!

This heartwarming, funny, inspiring and often emotional series shares stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things for animals.

Pets & Pickers follows our organization from the RAPS Thrift Stores, which raise crucial funds to care for animals at the RAPS Animal Hospital, RAPS Cat Sanctuary and RAPS Adoption Centre. In the process, you not only meet the veterinarians and support staff who perform what sometimes seem like miracles, you also meet the animals and their people who share such a bond of love that imbues the docuseries with such power.

But the emotional power of the TV series is not just from the stories of the animals and people we help. It is magnified because of the intuitive understanding the viewer has of the unbreakable bond between the animals and people we see on the screen – which mirrors the bond we share with our own animal companions. In so many ways, the stories shared by *Pets & Pickers* are *all of our stories*. These are stories of individual animals and their people, yes. But they are stories of the larger reality of the bond between species, a bond that I get to witness every single day at this privilege I call my job.

Pets & Pickers is sharing the story of RAPS with the world. If you haven't seen it yet, you really must. (Again: Just Google "Pets & Pickers"!) As much as this is a story about RAPS, it is a story about you: The allies who make possible every life we save.

Thank you for making the RAPS story possible.

EYAL LICHTMANN, CEO

GOOGLE "PETS & PICKERS"!

RAPS Cat Sanctuary



***The RAPS Cat Sanctuary is where the organization began.
We have grown – even more this year! – but this is where it all started.***

Our Promise ...

Cats come from all over the province (and beyond) to live out their lives in our “Kitty Club Med.” This has always been a place of refuge, because at the heart of RAPS is our no-kill promise:

Under our care, no animal is ever euthanized due to lack of space, treatable illness, physical defect, age, behavioural or socialization issues.

Too many cats in Canada are euthanized because they cannot find forever homes. We are that forever home. We know that feline leukemia, FIV (“feline AIDS”), diabetes or many other health conditions do not preclude a long, happy life. Sadly, with the abundance of kittens and cats without medical conditions who are available for adoption, the likelihood of these animals finding a family are remote. That’s why we say the residents are “mostly unadoptable” – sometimes they find a special person who takes them home, but, for the most part, they will live out their lives surrounded by the love and care they need at our Sanctuary.

There is no oversight body defining the term “no-kill.” So it is left to organizations themselves to define the term. At RAPS, we adhere to a definition close to Canada’s definition for medical assistance in dying for humans:

The animal must have a serious illness, disease or disability, be in an advanced state of decline that cannot be reversed, and be experiencing (or likely to experience) unbearable physical or mental suffering that cannot be relieved under conditions considered acceptable.

Some other animal agencies that call themselves “no-kill” say they do not euthanize healthy animals. RAPS does not euthanize *unhealthy* animals, unless these stringent conditions are met. For us, the deciding factors are always the well-being of the animal – not the capacity of our organization.

A Place for People ...

The RAPS Cat Sanctuary is a place of refuge for cats, of course. But it is also a refuge for people. We were so elated to be able to welcome the public back to this magical place after the easing of pandemic restrictions. For people with physical, developmental or other disabilities, the Sanctuary is a special place. Here, families, seniors and young people find joy and meaning as visitors and volunteers. In a hectic world, the RAPS Cat Sanctuary is a place to escape and find laughter, wonder and amazement amid the hundreds of residents – every one of whom has their very distinctive personality!

Always Improving ...

This year, the RAPS Cat Sanctuary saw the continuation of important, ongoing upgrades. Hundreds of cats and their attendants can wear a place down! There is a constant need for routine maintenance. This year, we have seen new pens completed and fixes to the inevitable wear and tear that hundreds of active feline residents perpetrate on the facilities. (If you have one or two cats, you know their destructive power. Imagine multiplying that by hundreds!)

Mostly unseen improvements, such as upgraded electrical and septic infrastructure, have been completed this year. Cameras have been installed to increase security for the animals.

In addition, we are accommodating ever-growing interest and the needs of human visitors. We have expanded and improved the parking area and are always upgrading the visitor experience.

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RAPS CAT SANCTUARY





CAT LITTER
75,000
LBS PER YEAR



CAT FOOD
350-500
CANS PER DAY



TOP NOTCH
VET CARE
\$450,000
PER YEAR
ON RAPS CATS



FLEA
TREATMENTS
380+
CATS PER
MONTH



CATS WITH
FELINE AIDS
33

REQUIRING EXTENSIVE
MEDICAL & DENTAL CARE
DUE TO WEAKENED
IMMUNE SYSTEMS



CATS WITH
FELINE LEUKEMIA
15

NEEDING DAILY
REVIEW OF MEDICAL
CONDITION



DENTAL
TREATMENTS
75-100
CATS PER YEAR



HYPER THYROID
MEDICATION
8
PER DAY

SUPPLEMENTS FOR
SUPPRESSED IMMUNE
SYSTEMS
12
TWICE PER DAY

SUB-Q FLUIDS
15
PER DAY

ASTHMA PUFFERS
2
PER DAY

ANTI-ANXIETY
8
PER DAY



MEDICATION
15-25
BLOOD, LIVER, METABOLIC
ISSUES / PER DAY

MEDICATION
10+
FOR ALLERGIES OR
CHRONIC PAIN /
PER DAY

MEDICATION
10+
FOR ARTHRITIS
/ PER DAY



ANTIBIOTICS
20-40
FOR EYE ISSUES, UPPER
RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS,
PUNCTURES, ABSCESES,
AND OTHER ISSUES



INSULIN
5
TWICE PER DAY



BLOOD WORK
20-30
TO MONITOR KIDNEY
DISEASE / EVERY
3-6 MONTHS

DAILY CAT SANCTUARY CARE

Alliances with extraordinary corporate partners have improved the quality of food we are providing to the residents. They are nourished with some of the finest pet products on the market today. These community relationships and in-kind contributions, which we are constantly enhancing, reduce the costs of critical needs like food and litter, which means that donor dollars can be allocated to further enriching the facilities and the lives of the animals.

We have streamlined medical systems and processes, with routine and emergency veterinary services delivered in the timeliest manner by our in-house doctors from the RAPS Animal Hospital. Upgraded computer systems, files and software are managing and tracking cats' health, ensuring that the most up-to-date data is on hand so caregivers and doctors can deliver the treatments residents need when they need them, even better than before!

RAPS Adoption & Education Centre

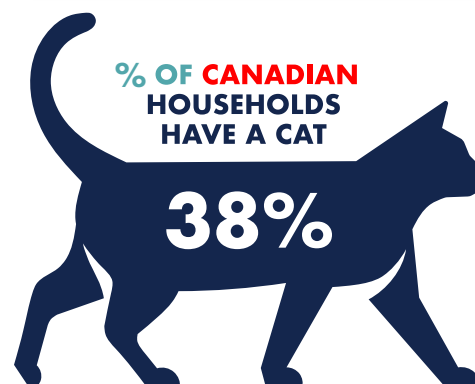
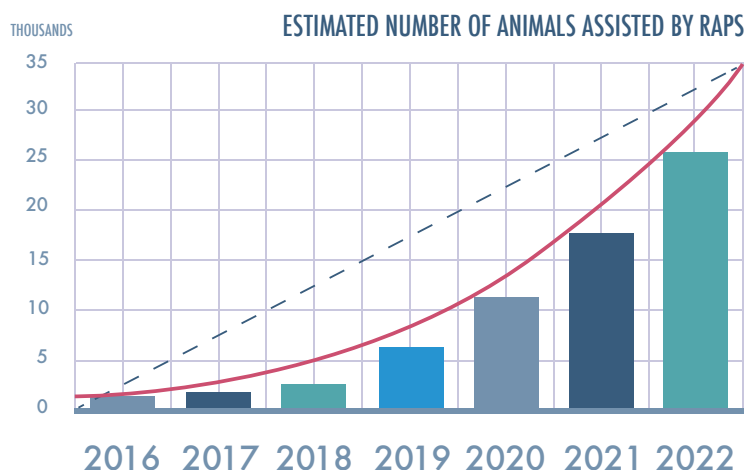


Our facility on Number 6 Road has truly become an animal care campus. This year, we opened the RAPS Adoption and Education Centre adjacent to the RAPS Cat Sanctuary.

Thanks to an outstandingly generous gift from longtime animal allies Irene Scarth and Carol Dillman, the new RAPS Adoption and Education Centre opened in February. This is where animals meet their forever families and we anticipate thousands of happy connections here for years to come!

The location of the Adoption and Education Centre on the Sanctuary property helps boost the power of our work. Visiting veterinarians and support staff can care for the animals in one location. Deliveries of supplies are centralized. When necessary, staff and volunteers from one branch of RAPS can be quickly deployed to aid the team in another area.

This centralizing of our animal care delivery is part of an ever-developing strategy of maximizing the impacts of our work so that we can squeeze every penny from a donated dollar.



ISLAND RESCUE



We rescued a group of cats with FeLV (feline leukemia virus) from Vancouver Island. Cats can live long and healthy lives with this condition, but in too many jurisdictions, they would face euthanasia. The RAPS Cat Sanctuary is a special, welcoming home for cats with FeLV – and we welcome them from all over because we believe that *where* an animal lives should not determine *whether* an animal lives.



“Great, super helpful people. Very invested in the health of their animals. My favourite no-kill rescue.”

“Fantastic place ... the staff and volunteers are passionate about animal rescue and care.”

– GOOGLE REVIEWS

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 **Movora**

MedVant

GoPaws!

Vancity
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RAPS Animal Hospital



INNOVATION IN ACTION

We are immensely proud of the RAPS Animal Hospital. Less than five years old, the hospital is already one of the largest not-for-profit facilities of its kind in Canada.

Having an in-agency hospital was a long-held dream for the people of RAPS. Now it's a reality. We have almost entirely eliminated hundreds of thousands of dollars in external veterinary expenses annually. And our services to the public generate revenue that is reinvested to save and improve the lives of less fortunate animals.

Best of all, we are able to assist animals and their people, ensuring that no one is forced to make life-and-death decisions for their pets based on ability to pay.

**DR. MARIUS
VASILESCU
CONSULTING
VETERINARY
SURGEON**

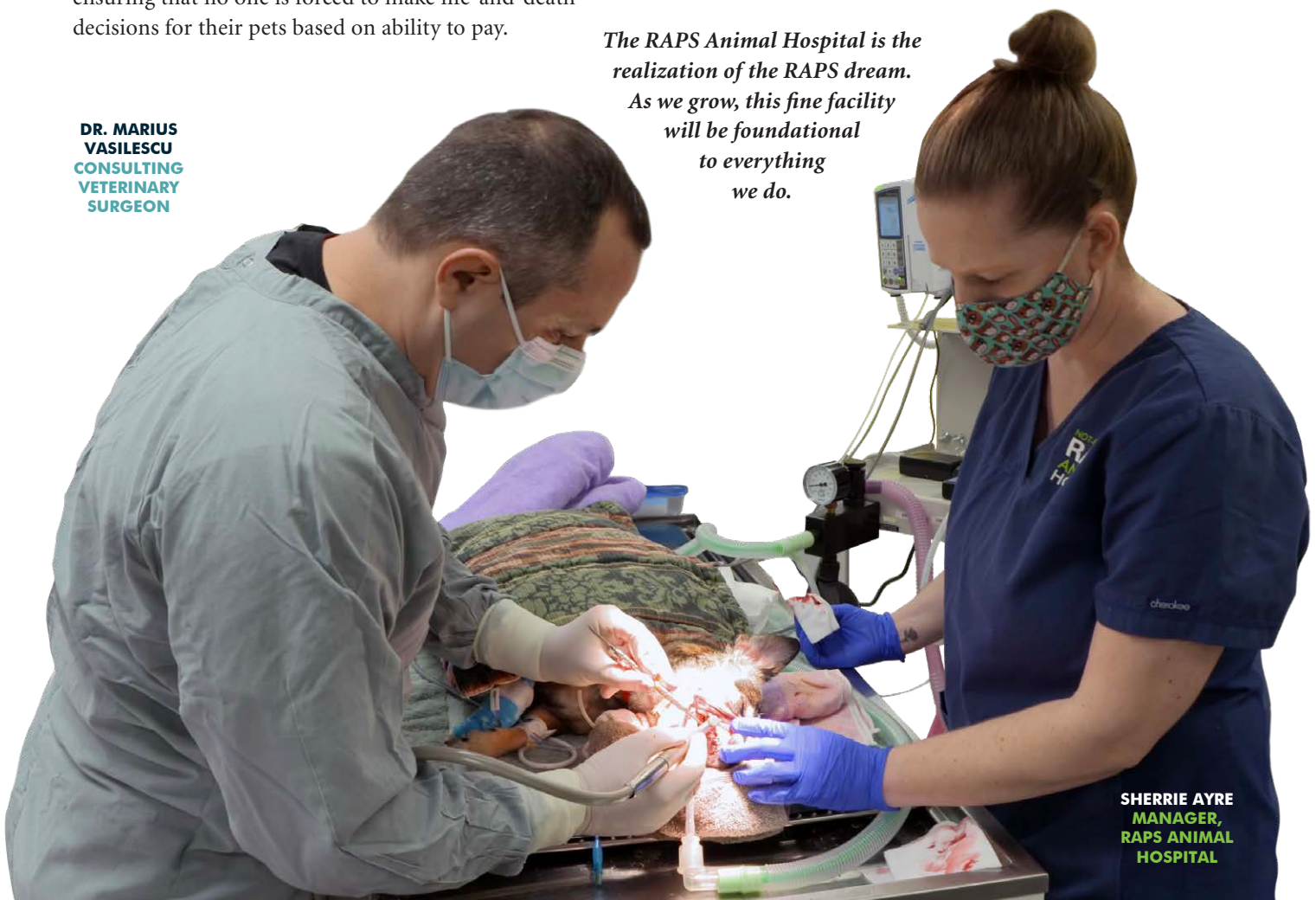
COMFORT IN THE SADDEST MOMENTS



We are honoured to now offer at-home euthanasia. This compassionate service is offered to help reduce the stress of that final journey, allowing the pet and their people to say their goodbyes in the place that is most comfortable for them.

We offer B.C.'s only no-interest payment plans and we have provided more than \$4 million in partially and fully subsidized care to animals in the community since we opened.

The RAPS Animal Hospital is the realization of the RAPS dream. As we grow, this fine facility will be foundational to everything we do.



**SHERRIE AYRE
MANAGER,
RAPS ANIMAL
HOSPITAL**

MAKE MIRACLES HAPPEN



The RAPS Animal Hospital can provide more affordable and accessible overnight emergency veterinary care to the people of BC., simply by being open 24/7. It will provide timely access to veterinary care and save BC residents millions of dollars in healthcare costs. But that takes a onetime investment of \$1.2 million. If RAPS can attract **2,000 donors willing to give \$50 a month** (for a tax-deductible receipt) **for one year**, we can raise the **\$1.2 million** needed to save BC residents approximately \$10 million a year and help thousands of more rescue animals. **That is all it takes –\$50/month for one year.**



ONLY 
46%
OF CAT
PARENTS IN
CANADA
TAKE THEIR
PETS TO
THE VET

**DR. REGAN
SCHWARTZ
VETERINARIAN**



**DR. VICTORIA
CRUZ-MENDEZ
VETERINARIAN**

**DR. JOSEPH
MARTINEZ
VETERINARIAN**

Urgent Transport Unit ...

RAPS has just launched an Urgent Transport Unit. Our priority is eliminating barriers to accessing veterinary care. We know that getting animals to the doctor can be a challenge for a range of reasons. Single parents cannot always find childcare to rush an animal to the vet. Shift workers cannot conveniently make appointments. People without access to a vehicle face challenges taking animals on public transit.

Our Urgent Transport Unit, made possible through the generous support of **Applewood Auto Group**, **Pet Valu's Companions for Change program**, and a grant from **The Leo & Frances Longo Fund** at the **Vancity Community Foundation**, addresses these issues.





DR. VICTORIA
CRUZ-MENDEZ
VETERINARIAN

% OF
CANADIAN
HOUSEHOLDS
WITH
DOGS

35%

ONE-IN-THREE
CANADIAN
HOUSEHOLDS
ARE HOME TO

5.9
MILLION
DOGS

TUMBLEWEED



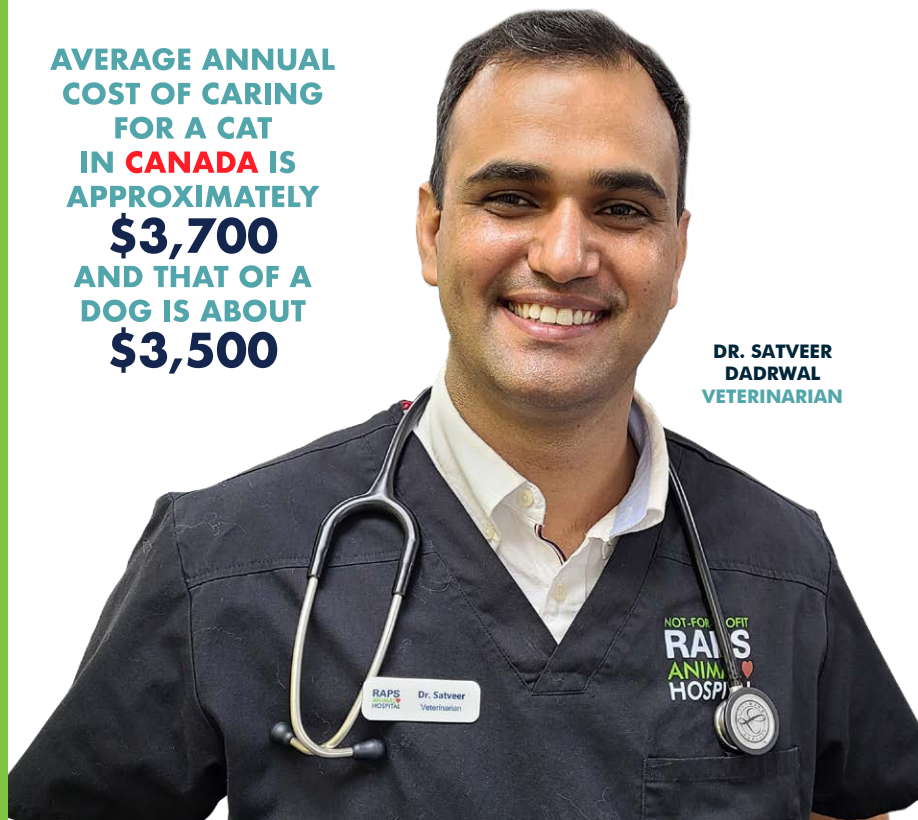
Perfectly named Tumbleweed has a condition from birth known as Cerebellar Hypoplasia. This affects movement and balance, and means Tumbleweed staggers and careens as he moves around. After he was brought to RAPS from a fellow rescue on Vancouver Island, we discovered he needed major dental work. There is nothing we can do about his Cerebellar Hypoplasia – that’s something Tumbleweed manages with resilience – but to live the happy life he deserves, he needed significant dental work, which we delivered, thanks to the skilled team at the RAPS Animal Hospital.



“RAPS hospital and team are truly amazing and compassionate about treatment of your beloved fur baby! Their compassion is not limited to one thing or the other; RAPS cares about both animals and people, and tries to help both!”

– GOOGLE REVIEW

AVERAGE ANNUAL
COST OF CARING
FOR A CAT
IN CANADA IS
APPROXIMATELY
\$3,700
AND THAT OF A
DOG IS ABOUT
\$3,500



DR. SATVEER
DADRWAL
VETERINARIAN

HYPERBARIC INNOVATION!



Ruth, who has faced far too many health challenges, exceeds life expectancy after therapy.

Ruth, a nine-year-old Staffordshire, has had more than a lifetime's worth of medical challenges. Her first major health crisis was when she experienced laryngeal paralysis, which left her gasping for air and passing out when she exerted herself. While recovering from the surgery that corrected that issue, she wasn't getting the routine exercise she needed and so, one day at the park, she tore her cruciate ligament and she went in for TPLO surgery.

"She'd been through so much, I thought she can just start living her life now and enjoying herself and we're hopefully through this mess of the last four years of surgery and recovery," recalls Ruth's person, James.

But, sadly, doctors soon discovered a high-grade mast cell tumour. An oncologist gave her three months to live, at best.

Ruth's veterinarian recommended that James consider hyperbaric oxygen therapy. Used for decades in human medical care, veterinary use of hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) is fairly new. It is available in a few dozen of the most advanced vet hospitals in the United States. In Canada, HBOT is available only at the RAPS Animal Hospital.

HBOT works by placing the patient in a pressurized environment of pure oxygen. The higher ambient air pressure allows the body to absorb considerably more oxygen than under normal conditions. The pressurized environment allows for much greater absorption of oxygen, increasing oxygenation of all organs, tissues and body fluids.

HBOT is often suggested in cases of severe skin and tissue damage, including burns and skin grafts, fracture healing, infections, inflammatory conditions like pancreatitis, nerve damage, paralysis and a long list of other conditions.

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy, along with conventional treatments and diet, have helped Ruth fight the tumour – and she is loving life long after doctors warned she would no longer be around!

RAPS Animal Hospital is the only place in Canada where cats and dogs can access hyperbaric oxygen therapy. For animals like Ruth and the people who love them, HBOT can be a powerful component of treatment.

RAPS Animal Hospital is an innovative facility that exemplifies the RAPS commitment to advance cutting-edge ways of saving and improving the lives of animals. This is what you support when you choose RAPS Animal Hospital for your pet's healthcare.





**KAREN KAMACHI
MANAGER,
RAPS THRIFT STORES**

Good value. Good values!

RAPS Thrift Stores



The RAPS Thrift Stores are more than just a source of revenue for our organization – although they are that, and a hugely important one!

Our thrift stores are a vital part of the economy and the environment. Every year, we divert thousands of tonnes of materials from landfills. The environmental impact of a single T-shirt is enormous. Giving it second (or third) life makes a surprisingly massive difference in the world. Now extrapolate that difference by the huge volume of items we sell!

British Columbia is one of the costliest places in the world to live. Providing (incredibly) affordable clothing, housewares, school supplies and furnishings to households at every income level is a vital source for so many families to help meet their monthly budgets in challenging times. The prices at the RAPS Thrift Stores are unbelievably low. People often suggest we raise more money by upping our prices. But we have a proven model – volume! Our high turnover keeps customers coming back. That brings revenue in, aids households with low incomes and has the maximum benefit for the environment!

“Great prices and money goes to a good cause.”

– GOOGLE REVIEW

In addition, although we are an animal-serving organization, we know that helping animals means helping their people too! The RAPS Thrift Stores have offered free furniture, clothing and more to households that have experienced emergencies, whether through fires, flooding, domestic violence, unemployment or other challenges. We are here for our community – whether they have four legs or two!

This year, we have reorganized and upgraded our merchandizing, making the shopping experience more pleasant and efficient.

New security and fire prevention systems are improving safety. New storage onsite and off allows us to store and sort stock to ensure the ideal range of products to meet demand. New and growing partnerships with corporate animal allies are bringing high-end items that are almost unknown in the thrift sector and thrill savvy shoppers.

We aim to expand our chain of thrift stores, amplifying the powerful impacts we are having on the economy and the environment!



*"Awesome staff, great finds
for low costs, and a mission to
help animals and their people.
An awesome organization."*

– GOOGLE REVIEW



Above, from left to right:

SHENA NOVOTNY
MANAGER,
RAPS ADOPTION
CENTRE & CAT
SANCTUARY

MANDY LICHTMANN
VOLUNTEER &
COMMUNITY
OUTREACH
COORDINATOR

KATI DEGRAAF
VOLUNTEER,
RAPS FOSTER
PROGRAM

“RAPS literally saves lives. When Coco was found in distress by Nanaimo Animal Control on Vancouver Island, she needed significant surgery to repair her jaws, which could not be done on the island. RAPS stepped up and provided her surgery pro bono. Coco’s case required coordination between several agencies who teamed up to rescue her, and RAPS could not have been more caring, generous, and willing to help. Please support this amazing agency.”

– GOOGLE REVIEW



Education and Advocacy



More than half of Canadian households include a companion animal. Yet there is **no formal curriculum** in any education system teaching young people about the joys and responsibilities of interacting with animals. This falls to organizations like RAPS. It is an obligation we take seriously.

Our staff and volunteers educate thousands of people every year – especially the young – about safe interactions with animals and about responsible pet guardianship. We visit schools and welcome tours from youth-serving organizations. Our volunteer opportunities provide hands-on learning for people (of all ages) and the joy of interacting with animals whether they are able to have pets or not.

While RAPS is a direct service organization helping animals and their people, we are also an advocacy agency. We educate and advocate with governments at all levels, the public, influencers, media, other agencies and bodies and the public around issues affecting animals.

This year, RAPS issued a major report on “**economic euthanasia**,” not merely outlining the tragedy of animals that are dying because their people (or the rescue organizations caring for them) lack the resources to meet their veterinary or other needs, but identifying tangible, actionable steps that can be taken by individuals, employers, insurers, regulatory bodies, veterinary clinics, governments and others to address this crisis.

RAPS is advocating for everyday Canadians to access affordable animal healthcare.

We are a voice for animals and their people. RAPS is advocating with the Federal Government to make veterinary costs tax deductible and for private corporations to add veterinary care to their extended medical benefits. This three-way partnership of not-for-profit vet care, government tax benefits and private extended healthcare can revolutionize veterinary care and save more animals. [Read our White Paper.](#)

READ THE RAPS WHITE PAPER ON ECONOMIC EUTHANASIA



RAPS' white paper, “Economic Euthanasia: Causes and Resolutions,” is a public document with extensive recommendations for all Canadians to address unnecessary euthanasia, reduce or manage the costs of care and recognize the social, health and economic benefits of companion animals.

Read the entire report at: bit.ly/3TX1fzn



A New Dream: RAPS Dog Sanctuary

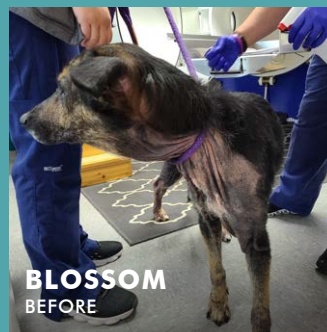
54% OF MILLENNIALS VIEW
THEMSELVES AS "PET PARENTS."

Blossom was one of the worst cases of neglect the RAPS team had ever seen. The German Shepherd-Lab mix was found running loose by a Good Samaritan and brought to RAPS more than two years ago. She was severely underweight, she was suffering from horrific mange and almost all her hair was gone, except for on her back, head and neck. Her body was covered in scabs, she was bleeding in places and she was chewing on herself due to the extreme discomfort. She smelled awful.

It took lots of veterinary care and tender attention to get this sweet, resilient girl back to health. With the support of our community and a patient, devoted foster home, Blossom bloomed into a happy, affectionate dog! She used to recoil from human touch because her skin was so sore ... now she can't get enough rubs and scratches.

This year: Blossom's happy ending! After being nursed to health, Blossom is now with her forever family, enjoying every moment and surrounded by love.

We have depended on a network of stellar foster families to care for the dogs who come to us, as well as cats who need special socializing and other animals who will thrive better in a home than at our Sanctuary or Shelter.



Now, we hope to create a state-of-the-art RAPS Dog Sanctuary & Adoption Centre. Here, dogs with severe physical or behavioural issues will receive all the care and socializing they require from teams of experts in every field until they are ready for their forever homes.

The sad reality is that, in far too many locales, a dog like Blossom would have been euthanized because the animal organizations did not have the capacity to deal with her needs for as long as it took to guide her recovery and find her the perfect forever home. The RAPS promise is that we will nurture these special animals for as long as it takes. You allow us to keep this promise.

The RAPS Dog Sanctuary is the next dream for RAPS. As always, everything we achieve is possible because of the support of animal allies like you. Please visit www.dogsanctuary.ca for more information.



56%
OF DOG
PARENTS
ACQUIRED
THEIR
DOG AS
A PUPPY

LASSIE 

Lassie (left) is a beautiful Rough Collie who came to us with a broken femur likely caused by grievous violence. We provided her with the surgery she needed, nursed her back to health and found her the most outstanding home imaginable, with a family that is teaching her to trust again.

Where an Animal Lives Should not Determine Whether an Animal Lives!

Animals do not recognize human-created boundaries. While most of RAPS' work takes place in our own vicinity – our facilities remain proudly centred in Richmond, the place we began – we are honoured to serve the province of British Columbia. In fact, we have helped animals from even further afield. This year, we helped rescue a cat at YVR who escaped into a hole in the airport wall while travelling between China and California!

Since we opened the RAPS Animal Hospital, less than five years ago, we have been able to extend our help exponentially across B.C. We are helping individual families. But, even more impactfully, other animal rescue organizations are reaching out to us when they face challenges they can't handle.

Sweet cat **Elvis** was discovered roaming the streets of Bella Bella, on Campbell Island up the central coast of the province. His injuries suggested he may have been hit by a car. He was transported for care to Port Hardy, on Vancouver Island, and then transferred on to the Mainland and RAPS. After diagnostics, surgery and dental work, Elvis is a loving and loveable cat! Were it not for RAPS he might never have had the chance to recover.

Buck, a lovable gentle giant from northern B.C., came to us when his people could no longer provide the care he needed. Too young for the surgery he will need on his back legs, Buck was put on joint supplements and pain meds. He's doing great – and he's found a forever home that is perfect for his 100+ pound self to lounge around in! Without RAPS' intervention, Buck's future would not be so bright.

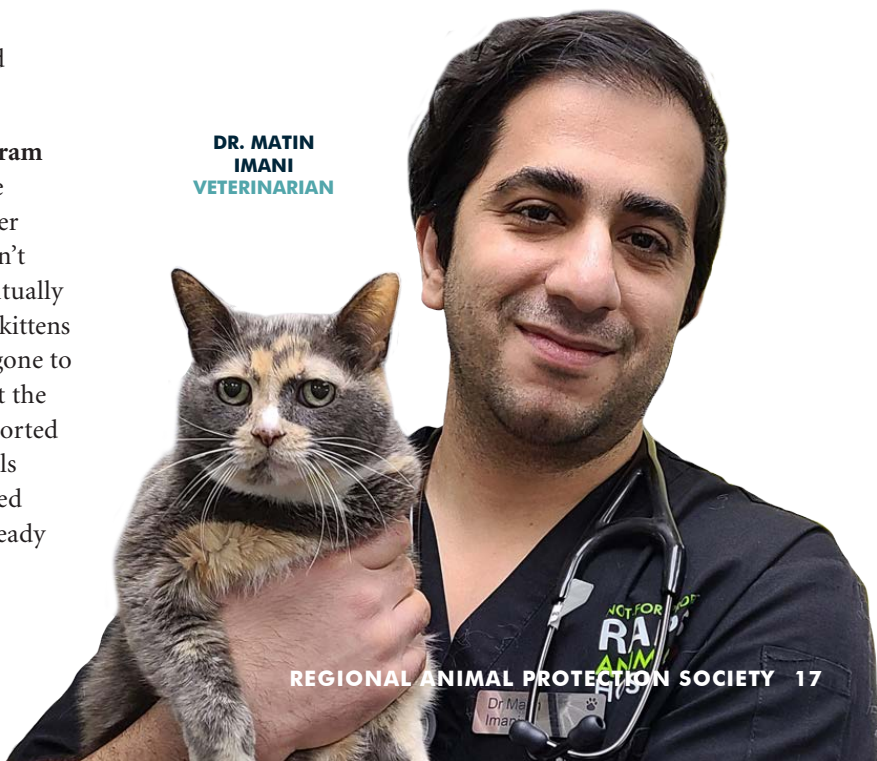
Our friends at the **Kootenay Animal Assistance Program** trapped a huge colony of (mostly) ragdoll cats in the southeastern region of B.C. They reached out to other rescue groups around the province because they didn't have the capacity to handle the numbers. RAPS eventually welcomed 12 cats, who quickly expanded to 20 when kittens were born! Some of the more sociable have already gone to forever homes, while others will live out their lives at the RAPS Cat Sanctuary. The RAPS Cat Sanctuary, supported by the RAPS Animal Hospital, is able to assist animals like these because we have the support of a committed community of allies who ensure we are strong and ready to answer when calls like this come!

Another group, **CatNap Society**, on Vancouver Island, reached out to us after they trapped a feral colony of cats, many of whom tested positive for feline leukemia virus. FeLV can cause anemia or lymphoma and, because it suppresses the immune system, it can predispose cats to deadly infections. However, cats with leukemia can also live long and healthy lives if they receive the care they need.

RAPS Cat Sanctuary is one of the only places in Canada with a community specifically for FeLV-positive cats. That means groups like CatNap contact us when they find a feral population with the virus. We're happy to help because we have the expertise and the capacity. We can do it because we have your support.

These are just a few examples of the work we are doing throughout the province, living out our belief that *where an animal lives should not determine whether an animal lives. More than ever, RAPS is serving animals no matter where they originate.*

**DR. MATIN
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VETERINARIAN**

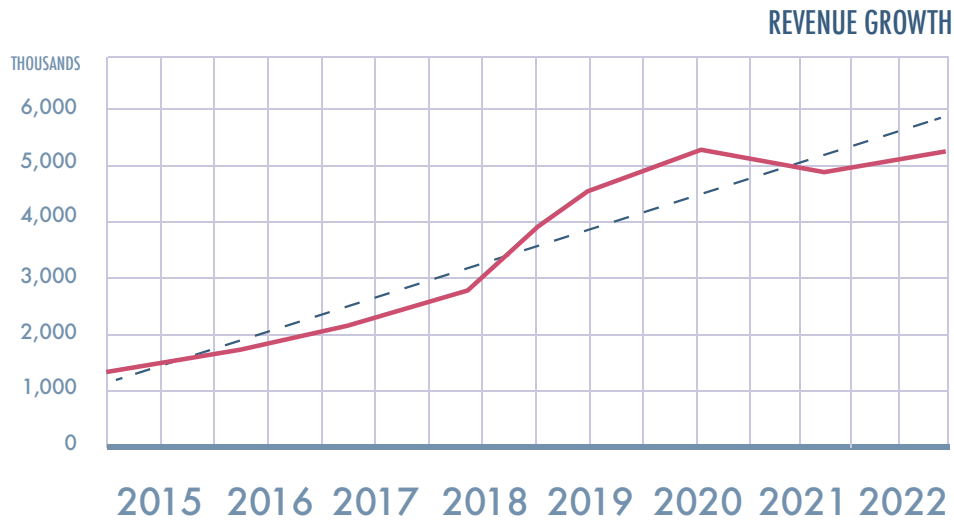


REGIONAL ANIMAL PROTECTION SOCIETY

Statement of Operations

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	City Shelter Operating Fund	Cat Sanctuary Operating Fund	Animal Hospital Fund	Adoption Centre Fund	2021	2020
Revenues						
Hospital charges	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 2,620,203	\$ –	\$ 2,620,203	\$ 2,057,52
Donations	493	1,223,692	–	1,455	1,225,640	1,506,224
Thrift store revenue	–	544,655	–	–	544,655	269,852
Grants	–	169,202	–	–	169,202	254,200
Loyalty recovery	–	–	164,999	–	164,999	–
Miscellaneous income	4,103	35,196	35,018	13,052	87,369	131,487
City contract	42,276	–	–	–	42,376	691,510
Acoptions revenue	1,905	2,313	–	36,417	40,635	55,875
	48,877	1,975,058	2,820,220	50,924	4,895,079	4,966,676
Expenses – Schedule 1	85,226	2,077,921	2,721,883	498,536	5,383,566	5,201,917
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year before other income (expenses)	(36,349)	(102,863)	98,337	(447,612)	(488,487)	(235,241)
Other income						
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy	–	130,330	–	–	130,330	790,400
Rent Subsidy	–	8,120	–	–	8,120	1,636
	–	138,450	–	–	138,450	792,026
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ (36,349)	\$ 35,587	\$ 98,337	\$ (447,612)	\$ (350,037)	\$ 556,785



RAPS has grown 400% over the past six years to become one of the largest animal rescue agencies in Canada.

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Everything you have read in this year's report to our community has been possible because of YOU.

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RAPS is all about the animals. But everything we achieve is possible because of a community of animal allies who provide the funding, volunteer hours, passion, individualized care and everything animals need to live the best and longest lives possible.

Take pride in what you have just read. YOU are the reason RAPS saved and improved these and so many more lives this year.

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