

2. Re: 1971 Annual Report of The Society For The Prevention
Of Cruelty To Animals.

In 1970, the Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals completed its first full year of operation in Burnaby. The aim of the Society in that year was to rigidly control the running of dogs at large through aggressive enforcement of the applicable bylaw. In 1971, the control of trespassing dogs continued to be of primary concern, but greater emphasis was placed on public relations in the form of direct personal contact with owners of animals. The Society is now placing more concentrated effort on specific problem areas and providing a broader service in terms of general animal control.

The 1971 Annual Report (attached) contains comparative statistical information for the year 1970. Explanatory remarks for three report items are presented below.

1. Number of Complaints Received.

1970	1,548
1971	<u>2,700</u>
	+ <u>1,152</u>

There are two basic reasons for the increase in the number of complaints in 1971:

- (a) In 1970, complaints reflected the number of incidents involving attacks by dogs on humans, dogs running at large and similar specific complaints involving canines. In 1971, the License Department instructed the Society to report all complaints concerning animal control. These included, in addition to complaints involving dogs, those pertaining to cats and other house pets such as gerbils, skunks, hamsters, etc.
- (b) In 1970, several complaints concerning the same animal, including all subsequent investigations and follow-up, were recorded as a single incident. In 1971, each complaint on the same animal was recorded as a separate incident.

2. Number of Dogs Impounded.

1970	1,547
1971	<u>1,285</u>
	- <u>262</u>

There are three basic reasons for the decrease in the number of dogs impounded:

- (a) Severe weather conditions in 1971 (95.5 inches total snowfall as contrasted to a normal annual snowfall of 20.6 inches) hampered impounding activities. Animals are generally more closely confined to owners' homes and yards and less likely to trespass and wander on streets when snow and cold weather conditions prevail.
- (b) The Pound was not operational for approximately eighteen days in 1971, as compared to five days in 1970. The eighteen days of total and partial inactivity was caused by sewer and heating malfunctions and one outbreak of distemper which required a complete decontamination of the facility.
- (c) More verbal warnings were issued in 1971 than in the previous year. This practice was an outgrowth of the shifting emphasis on public relations that was initiated in 1971.

3. Annual Mileage.

1970	39,038
1971	<u>25,706</u>
	- <u>13,332</u>

Severe weather conditions and the closure of the pound for eighteen days were the primary reasons for the decrease in the total number of miles travelled by enforcement officers in 1971. Also, more thorough investigations and the policy of establishing and maintaining better public relations to some extent reduced the need to patrol areas as extensively as was necessary in the previous year.

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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 5

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

VANCOUVER REGIONAL BRANCH

1971 Annual Report for The Corporation of the District of Burnaby

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Complaints received	1,548	2,700
Number of dogs impounded	1,547	1,285
Number of dogs claimed	970	697
Number of dogs destroyed	161	194
Number of dogs carried forward	14	12
Number of dogs turned over to S.P.C.A.	402	382
Mileage covered	39,038	25,706
License fees received (total S.P.C.A. & Burnaby) *\$28,048.75		*\$29,942.00
Impounding fees received	\$11,165.00	\$ 8,350.00
Board fees received	Nil	Nil
Tickets issued	Nil	Nil
Number of charges under Pound Bylaw	2	5
Number of dead animals picked	445	723
Number of dogs destroyed (upon request)	405	890
Number of cats destroyed (upon request)	912	2,247

Total Annual Payment to the S.P.C.A. for Services Rendered

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Basic contract fee	\$29,750	\$29,750
* 25% rebate on license fees collected	<u>1,505</u>	<u>1,501</u>
Total annual payment	<u>\$31,255</u>	<u>\$31,251</u>

* The S.P.C.A. receives 25% of the total revenue that it collects from the sale of licenses to the public.