

TO: CITY MANAGER 1998 January 28  
FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE File: A53  
SUBJECT: S.P.C.A. YEAR END REPORT  
PURPOSE: To provide information to Council.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information.

REPORT

This report outlines various activities undertaken by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (S.P.C.A.) in Burnaby in 1997.

In 1995 December, Burnaby and the S.P.C.A. entered into a three year contract for the operation of Burnaby's Animal Shelter and the enforcement of the Burnaby Animal Control Bylaw. Contract increases are tied to the Consumer Price Index for the Vancouver area. For 1998, the contract cost to Burnaby will be \$354,217. This represents an increase of 0.2% over the cost of 1997's contract services.

The services listed below are provided to the community by the Burnaby S.P.C.A.:

- enforcement of the Burnaby Animal Control Bylaw
- operation and administration of the Burnaby Animal Shelter at 3202 Norland Avenue
- investigation of reported dog bitings and savagings of persons or other animals
- care and disposition of impounded animals
- sales of dog licences and the annual door-to-door summer dog licence canvass
- removal of dead and of injured animals from City streets and public areas
- operation of the animal crematorium.
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The Burnaby Animal Shelter is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Animal Shelter is closed on statutory holidays.

Shelter staff provide a general community patrol, as follows:

Monday	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday to Friday	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Hours of the summer park and beach patrol alternate between 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in a random cycle that provides coverage from April 1 to September 30.

Each year the S.P.C.A. undertakes a door-to-door canvass to promote compliance with the Animal Control Bylaw's requirement that dogs in Burnaby be licenced. In 1997, South Burnaby was canvassed, while 1998 will focus on North Burnaby.

The S.P.C.A. participated in the Heights Merchants Association annual Hats Off Parade this past year.

Statistical information about Burnaby S.P.C.A. operations are provided for the information of Council as Attachment 1.

### URBAN WILDLIFE

Over the past year, the S.P.C.A. assisted the Wildlife Rescue Association, a provincial conservation officer, the R.C.M.P. and staff in dealing with illegal leg-hold trapping of raccoons in and around Forest Glen Park.

The S.P.C.A. provided funds for a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for the unauthorized trapping of parkland animals.

At this time, we have received no further reports of inhumane trapping in Burnaby.

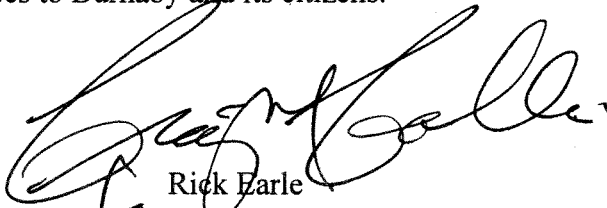
### CRITTER'S CORNER TELEVISION PROGRAM

Rogers Cablesystems has cancelled the popular Critter's Corner television program. Critter's Corner was a locally produced community television program that featured Burnaby S.P.C.A. inspectors discussing the requirements of Burnaby Animal Control Bylaw, such as the licencing of dogs and standards of maintenance for dogs and other animals, initiatives such as the Cat Spay Rebate Program, and general tips on pet care. The program also provided an opportunity for viewers to see the various cats and dogs available for adoption at the Shelter.

Staff have learned that as part of a move to network-style television programming, locally produced television presentations such as Critter's Corner are not being produced by Rogers.

As an alternative to Critter's Corner, staff will investigate the production of Public Service Announcements (PSA's) for late night use on Rogers Community television. We also understand that Rogers may include S.P.C.A. features in their new style of television programming.

The S.P.C.A., through its operations at the Burnaby Animal Shelter continue to provide effective Animal Control Services to Burnaby and its citizens.



Rick Earle  
DIRECTOR FINANCE

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cc. Animal Shelter Superintendent

**BURNABY ANIMAL CONTROL OPERATIONAL STATISTICS**

	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
Dogs adopted	203	294	253	276	286
Cats adopted	580	676	671	701	537
Injured dogs rescued	183	187	208	214	216
Injured cats rescued	124	164	133	155	218
Other injured animals rescued	51	40	44	65	47
Complaints recorded	2018	2081	2047	1993	1893
Cruelty investigations	396	411	279	238	260
Dogs and other animals impounded	673	554	618	592	610
Dog bitings and savagings investigated	65	79	91	91	83
Violation tickets issued	119	85	58	51	14
Impounded dogs and other animals redeemed	382	319	374	334	261
Impounded dogs euthanised	10	4	12	7	25
Impounded cats euthanised	426	354	203	357	371
Dead animals removed from streets	223	254	262	256	186
Dogs euthanised at owners request	175	159	187	184	129
Cats euthanised at owners request	124	180	221	220	184