



FRASER VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

**2022
ANNUAL REPORT**

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Fraser Valley Humane Society is a registered charity. Our feline rescue and adoption center is located at 33103 N. Railway Ave, Mission, BC V2V 1E3.

2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- President**
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- Vice President**
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- Treasurer**
Joanne Butler
- Secretary**
Kaylee Gill

- Directors**
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Elizabeth Sywolos

2023 NOMINATED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Victoria Scharley
- Vice President**
Kaylee Gill
- Treasurer**
Dana Cole (interim in 2023)
- Secretary**
Darcie Code

- Directors**
Joanne Butler
Josie Atkinson-Smith
Jackie Nelson

Fluffy



Lily



Charlie



LETTER FROM OUR SHELTER ADMINISTRATOR

2022 was yet another challenging year! Most of our supporters know that we are in a building with no air conditioning or heat, so when the hot months hit a call was made to the community and we were blessed with so many fans to keep our fur babies comfortable. Then when the cold snap hit, again we were shown so much love by all the heaters received! I can not thank our supporters enough!

It was a slow start to get back into the public's eye, and host IN PERSON events but we did have a few, which was amazing. One of my favourites was being part of the downtown trick or treat time! My hope is that the life of Zoom fundraising, posts pleading for help, and the challenges of fundraising with little to no contact can be a thing of the past.

Making contact with our neighbouring pet stores was a goal that I had. Bree, our Feline Care Specialist, was more than happy to introduce herself to ensure Fraser Valley Humane Society (FVHS) would be on the list for receiving food and litter, not only the shelter, but for the food bank that we have for low income residents in the community.

Unfortunately, not all stories can be great. FVHS had some sad stories in 2022, which affects the staff tremendously when we can't help one of the fur babies that come to us. I would like to thank everyone who helped financially toward our kitties that needed more time and devotion than others.

Here's to going into 2023 in a positive way with more in person fundraising, FVHS being out in the public (with swag to give), and happy, healthy kitties that find their forever homes!

Lastly, I would like to thank the hard working staff, our dedicated volunteers, fosters, and supporters. FVHS could not do this without you.

Victoria Scharley
Shelter Administrator

FOSTER ROSTER

We would like to thank our incredible fosters: Norine, Bruce, Michelle, Ronnie, Carmen, Eileen, Bree, Tabitha, Jennifer, and Jenna. There are many reasons a cat or kitten might not be fit for the shelter environment and that is where fosters come in to save the day! This team takes in pregnant cats, orphaned kittens, injured cats, under-socialized cats and more, giving them love and care until they are ready to be adopted. A few of these fosters also take in our unadoptable cats (palliative care) and very senior cats (end-of-life care), spoiling them rotten as they live out the rest of their days.

We cannot even begin to describe how essential these fosters are to the success of the shelter. We are very lucky to have such an amazing team! Additionally, we are very excited to have Amy, Cindy and Damiana join us as fosters for the 2023 season.



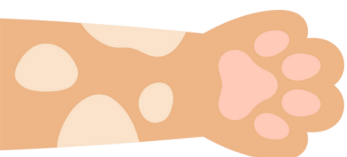
NOTES FROM OUR FELINE CARE SPECIALIST

I joined the amazing FVHS team on February 3, 2022. I am the Feline Care Specialist and a volunteer foster for the shelter. In my first year I had the joy of helping many cats and kittens find their forever homes. One of my greatest accomplishments is the growth in our foster program. We have had quite a few new fabulous foster additions to the team and have therefore been able to take on more pregnant mommas and kittens in need. One of the greatest challenges working at FVHS, and most animal welfare jobs, is dealing with loss. Saying goodbye the Ms. Maybel was definitely one of the hardest days of 2022. I am lucky to have a close-knit team who help each other through the hard days.

I was proud to organize the "SIP FOR..." fundraiser with The Penny (our go-to place for lunch here!) They designed some beautiful drinks for us and when they were purchased we received a portion of the funds. We also did a Litter Drive in 2022 that brought in quite a bit of litter. It went to good use for our kitties and our Pet Food Bank. In 2023, I am looking forward to meeting more members of the wonderful Mission (and Fraser Valley) community. I am hoping to increase the turnaround for our senior adoptions as they are the hardest age to adopt out and, therefore, reside in shelter the longest.

Thank you for everyone's support in 2022!

Bree McBride



VOLUNTEER TEAM

We would like to thank our superstar volunteers: Bruce, Catherine, Christine, Laura, Atiya, Leslie, Kate, Emily, Lyla, Tara, Kyle, Joshua, Suzanne, Katana, Cally, Darcie, Barbara, Manjot and Mckayla! This team has been indispensable to the shelter staff. They have been in early mornings cleaning enclosures, helping with office duties, socializing with the cats, assisting with fundraisers and more. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the support of our volunteers.

We thank you for all of your time and hard work!

CAT STATS

Fraser Valley Humane Society had **217** cats come through the shelter in the year 2022.

This included:

- **82** cats in the low income spay/neuter program,
- **6** lost cats who were thankfully reunited with their owners and
- **130** adoptions!

In total:

- 75 kittens
- 45 adults
- 10 seniors

found their forever homes in 2022!

OUR DEDICATED STAFF

Eileen Cooper - Senior Shelter Assistant

2022 was a busy year full of changes and new faces. I had the honour of meeting and working with some amazing new staff, volunteers, and fosters who have worked their butts off for the cats at FVHS, and continue their hard work into the 2023 year.

Summer of 2022 I was lucky enough to help out in one of the busiest kitten seasons we've seen in years. Who doesn't love emergency sleepovers with newborn bottle babies? Seeing so many dozens of little furballs grow up and find families was amazing, but greater than anything was seeing some formerly feral moms and dads of these kittens be successfully socialized and adopted into loving homes.

2022 also marks the year we got our Petfinder up and running again, increasing our visibility, and it brings me so much happiness to have seen some amazing pet parents come all the way from the Vancouver area to rescue so many of our seniors, semi-ferals, bonded pairs, and special needs cats. I have had a lot of fun working as the shelter's self-designated "kitty photographer" for this platform, and I hope that by capturing every cat's special "spark" in an image, they will continue to catch the eyes of some truly amazing forever homes.

I couldn't be prouder of the hardworking people who keep the humane society up and running, and of the cats who, despite all the twists and turns the world has thrown at them, still find it within themselves to trust new people and show off their amazing individual personalities.

Jenna Bertoncini - Shelter Assistant

In June 2022, I started working for Fraser Valley Humane Society. My amazing co-workers Bree, Eileen, and Victoria taught me the ins and outs of working at the shelter. We had lots of fun times together, planning and taking part in monthly fundraisers and events. Taking the time to socialize semi-feral cats and watch them become more trusting became the highlight of my days.

My greatest accomplishment at the shelter in 2022 was fostering my first kittens, Boba and Mochi. They came into the shelter as tiny, flea-ridden, orphaned kittens. I fostered them for two months, teaching them manners and making sure they grew into healthy young ladies. When they came back to the shelter, they quickly found amazing, loving homes. In 2023, I expect kitten season to be a busy one and am looking forward to fostering more kittens. I anticipate our senior cats and long term residents finding their forever homes and look forward to working with more semi-feral cats to find them great owners.



FUNDRAISING

Our 2022 fundraising activities included:

November 2021

Purdy's (Victoria)

January 2022

Betty White Challenge (Victoria) and Card Draw (hosted by Elizabeth)

February 2022

Bottle Drive (Rachel, Darcie, Victoria, volunteer Will)

March 2022

Lotto Cat (Joanne & Victoria) and Purdy's (Victoria)

May 2022

Garage Sale (Victoria, Darcie and Rachel with help from the staff: Bree, Becka & Eileen, and volunteers: Will & Russ)

June 2022

Beer and Burger (Rachel and Victoria), Oly's hosted Food Drive (arranged by our Royal Canin Rep Nicole Benes)

July 2022

Calendar Contest (Victoria)

September 2022

Krispy Kreme and Bottle Drive (Rachel, Darcie, staff: Bree & Eileen & volunteers: Atiya & Ashley)

October 2022

Paint Night (Kaylee), Epicure (Victoria) and The Penny Sip For (staff: Bree)

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As a registered charity, we depend on financial and in-kind support from our sponsors and community partners.

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