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Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO)
1450 KLO Road
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Attention Mary Jane Drouin

RE: 2018 Report on MOU between RDCO and BCSPCA Kelowna

Greetings Mary Jane,

This report serves as an annual update to the Regional Board on the three programs the grant has covered: A Spay/Neuter program, an Animal Care Education Program, and an adoption service for dogs.

Community Spay Neuter Program

The BC SPCA branch operates a SNIF voucher system in conjunction with partnering veterinarians in the Central Okanagan. The Spay Neuter Identification Fund is made possible from the generous grant of \$55,000 from RDCO in 2018.

2018 Outcomes:

Redeemed vouchers resulted in the spay/neuter of 744 animals in Central Okanagan. There were 589 cats/kittens, 144 dogs, and 11 rabbits spayed and neutered as a result of the low-income assistance SNIF program in 2018.

Animal Care Education Program

Our Regional Humane Education Manager, Lily Churchill took over the helm in March 2018. Last year, our Humane Education outreach was made possible from the generous grant of \$20,000 from RDCO in 2018.

There were 10 school presentations, and 1 community event that we participated in with a reach of over 1,000 students. We provided 9 shelter tours/presentations where we welcomed over 185 students (school and youth groups). There were 8 birthday parties held in the branch's Humane Education building which had 67 children participating.

Additionally our school programs teach children key skills toward being safe and aware of animal needs. For instance, our Bite-Free training teaches practical skills about how to (and how not to!) approach a strange dog and how to be safe around dogs (Grades K-5)

and our Kindness Counts teaches children (grades k-2) empathy for both animals and people.

Our 2018 spring break and summer camps were well attended and fulfilled a fundamental advocacy point for us to reach youth with messages of empathy, compassion, and respect for animals. We had 8 children at the spring break camp in March, and over the course of 8 weeks in the summer, we hosted 145 campers. In October, on the ProD Day workshop, we held a 1-day camp with 12 students.

Adoption Services for Dogs

In 2018, we partnered with RDCO Dog Control in transferring dogs into our care and custody for the purposes of adoption and rehoming. The grant of \$17,000 toward this end assisted in the following outcomes:

There were 20 dogs that were transferred from RDCO Dog Control to BC SPCA for adoption in 2018 and 24 stray dogs that were transferred to DC. We also assisted, as were able, in support of cruelty investigation file and helping those animals get the support needed.

We are so pleased with the outcomes in 2018 that meant more animals received appropriate care and rehoming as well as children were given essential skills for their lifetime. Thank you to your board and staff that make our partnership one that makes a difference for so many animals and people.

Please let me know if you require further information.

In partnership for the animals,



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