

Volunteer Nanaimo



December 2023

Dates to Remember

We are CLOSED
Friday December 22
to
Sunday January 7
for the holiday season.

Re-opening
Monday, January 8



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<http://www.volunteernanaimo.ca>

Hours of Business:

Mon. to Thurs. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Member of the Month:

BC SPCA Nanaimo and District Community Animal Centre

The BC SPCA Nanaimo & District Community Animal Centre is part of the provincial BC SPCA organization.

We moved into a brand-new purpose-built facility in 2016, with new animal care facilities, outdoor dog runs, two dog parks which the community can join and use, a community-accessible dog wash indoor space, a barn for caring for farm animals in need and a multi-purpose room which can be rented by community groups.

The Nanaimo Animal Care Centre is open from 12:00-4:00pm Tuesdays through Sundays. We can be reached at 250-741-0778 or by email at nanaimo@spca.bc.ca.

We are one of 42 BCSPCA locations across the province serving sick, neglected, abused and homeless animals. Whether you are looking to adopt a new furry friend into your family or would like to know more about how you can make difference for animals in our community, we are here to help.



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Member of the Month cont. BC SPCA Nanaimo Cont.

The BC SPCA is a not-for-profit organization which relies primarily on community donations through a few different fundraising activities during the year, to help animals in need.

We also truly could not do the work we do without the help of our wonderful volunteer team.

If you would like to volunteer with us, please go to the following web page and choose Nanaimo as the location you would like to volunteer with. You will be contacted by our regional volunteer lead to start the volunteering onboarding process.

<https://spca.bc.ca/ways-to-help/volunteer/>

We would love to see you join our volunteer family. We have opportunities in everything from fostering to cleaning to animal enrichment to fundraising and community outreach activities!

Phone: [250-741-0778](tel:250-741-0778)

Emergency phone: [250-741-0778](tel:250-741-0778) (During operating hours)

After hours: call your local police or RCMP

Animal Helpline (toll free): [1-855-622-7722](tel:1-855-622-7722)

Address: 154 Westwood Rd Nanaimo.

BCSPCA
SPEAKING FOR ANIMALS



Volunteer Nanaimo Ongoing Programs



Our Watchdog Tech Team helps with your technology challenges and matches non-profit groups and individuals with used or refurbished tech equipment.

Contact us at 250-758-7121.

Want to make a difference for a senior in our community? Join our **Hand in Hand Intergenerational Storytelling Project.**



Volunteers visit with seniors to help them share and record their life stories, anecdotes and memories to share with family and friends.

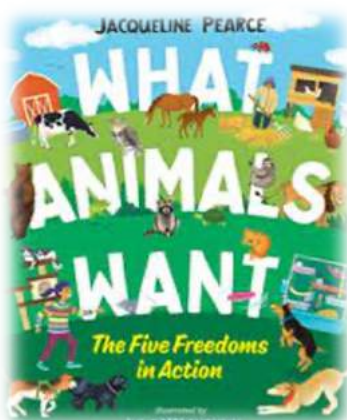
To volunteer

contact Gwen at 250-667-1803.

Would you like to record your memories, and have a copy of your story to share with family and friends?

To sign up for this opportunity contact Michelle at 250-713-9630.

The perfect gift for animal-lovers on your list



The BC SPCA and Orca Book Publishers present

What Animals Want: The Five Freedoms in Action.

Written for youth ages 8-14, this engaging animal care book incorporates the internationally recognized Five Freedoms of animal welfare, helping readers understand that animal care goes beyond providing the basics of food, water, shelter and veterinary care; it must also include animals' emotional and behavioural needs.

The book provides readers with the tools to recognize the needs of animals kept in human care – pets, farm and wild animals. This unique non-fiction animal care book was written by B.C. children's author Jacqueline Pearce, and illustrated by Julie McLaughlin.

Purchase through the BC SPCA website at <https://shop.spca.bc.ca>. \$24.95



Lucky winners in our November Craft Sale draw

MANY THANKS to the vendors and shoppers who helped us raise \$900 for our programs.

The Christmas Angel Program helps make Christmas a little brighter for individuals, families and seniors in our community.

YOU might choose to help by:

- ▶ With friends, family or colleague, adopting a family or individual youth or senior.
- ▶ Providing items on our Wish List, below.
- ▶ Making a financial donation to help fulfil the specific needs of our clients, via eTransfer to vnanaimo@gmail.com, in person at our office or by calling 250-7587121.

Christmas Angels

Wish List

- Toiletries
- Gift cards of \$10 for groceries or restaurants
- Dish towels
- Umbrellas
- Fuzzy blankets
- Turkey vouchers
- Puzzles & puzzle books
- Adult gloves
- Socks

No donation is too small!
THANK YOU!

Western Coast Insurance and Western Financial Group have partnered with Volunteer Nanaimo to be a

“Christmas Angel”

From November 1, 2023 until December 15, 2023, we will be collecting monetary donations and items for gift hampers for people who are less fortunate.

Items can be dropped off at any 4 of our Nanaimo locations

- Aulds Road Branch
300-6581 Aulds Rd.
- Port Place Branch
105-648 Terminal Ave.
- Bowen Rd Branch
20-2220 Bowen Rd.
- University Village Branch
202-550 Fifth St.



To learn more about the program, visit volunteernanaimo.ca/christmas-angels-2023/



You can also drop off donations at:
Fitness World, Country Club Mall
The Moose Lodge, 1356 Cranberry Drive
Nanaimo Assoc. of Community Living
96 Cavan Street, #201
Volunteer Nanaimo, E3148 Barons Road
(Mon. to Thurs. 9am – 3pm)

Volunteer Nanaimo Youth Making a Difference!



Join Youth 20/20 Can in spreading warmth and joy this holiday season!



Coats for Christmas 2023

We are excited to announce our annual **Coats for Christmas** donation drive in Nanaimo.

On December 8th and 9th, we'll be at Maffeo Sutton Park, ready to collect new & gently-used coats, hats, gloves, and socks for women, men, teenagers, and children. **We will be at Maffeo Sutton Park on Friday, Dec. 8th from 3-7pm and on Saturday, Dec. 9th, from 11-3pm.**

Your generous donations will directly benefit community members experiencing homelessness and children in need. Let's come together to ensure everyone stays warm during the winter.

'Tis the season to volunteer!

It is the season of joy and gift giving. And one of the greatest gifts you can give is your time. At Volunteer Nanaimo we offer two youth programs: Youth NetWork and Youth 20/20 Can.

Youth aged 11 to 17 are welcome to join our Youth NetWork program and volunteer with other youth at events and projects in Nanaimo. **For a more hands-on opportunity**, Youth 20/20 Can is a youth-led project for ages 15 to 29. Youth volunteers share ideas about projects and activities that matter to them. Then youth work with community partners, to turn their ideas into reality. Our youth volunteers participate in free workshops, build connections, gain employment skills, have fun, meet new friends, and lead change.

If you are a community group, non-profit organization or business and want to partner with Youth 20/20, contact us – see below.

Turning bottles into donations!

We have a charitable account at the Regional Recycling Depot Nanaimo.

1. Return your bottles to the Bottle Depot
2. Mention our charitable account name: **Volunteer Nanaimo Youth**
3. Proceeds will go directly to YouthNetwork and Youth 20/20 Can

Follow our Instagram and Facebook pages

@youth2020cannanaimo

@volunteernanaimo.youthnetwork.

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