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Fifth Anniversary



A GALA TO CELEBRATE THE BC SPCA

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TONIGHT'S
Program

6:30PM

Cuddle Lounge

Cocktail Reception

Silent Auction & Raffle

7:45PM

Welcome Remarks

Dinner

Live Auction

Giving

Dessert

Closing



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Menu

First Course

Roast Baby Beet & Heirloom Tomato Salad (Vegan)

Blood Plum Vinegar, Avocado Emulsion, Wasabi Crystals, Shiso Leaf

Main Course

SPCA Certified Miso Yuzu Chicken

or

Oceanwise Miso Black Salmon

*Kaffir Lime Butter, Pea & Pod, Herbed Aioli Purple Potato,
Black Rice Cake*

or

Fregola Fricassee (Vegan)

*Candied Baby Vegetables, Romesco Sauce,
Pea Tip Salad, Crisp Basil Flower*

Dessert

Dark Magic

Chocolate Mousse, Caramelized Banana Cremeux, Macaron

or

Raspberry Panna Cotta (Vegan)

Blackberry Chantilly, Fresh Berries, Basil, Chocolate Tuile

Wines

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A MESSAGE FROM

Tracey Wade

OFFLEASHED GALA CHAIR

Welcome to the Fifth Anniversary of the Offleashed Gala. Over these past five years, Offleashed has truly been a labour of love for everyone involved and has raised much needed funds for the great work done by the BC SPCA. But more importantly to me, Offleashed has created a strong community of animal lovers engaged in learning more about the breadth of care the BC SPCA provides to animals and people. From hearing the heartwarming stories of happy new lives made possible by adoptions at local shelters, to seeing how Animal Protection Officers work to save animals in distress every day, to learning firsthand how — thanks to this event — Charlie’s Pet Food Bank now helps more people and pets living on the streets than ever, Offleashed is making a big impact!



Every year our kind sponsors and donors step up to make this evening possible and I would like to thank each person, company and foundation for these acts of generosity. Because of this, we are able to open our event to everyone. Look around, everyone is here. Moms and daughters, grandpas and grandsons, husbands and wives, colleagues, clients, friends. You. Me.

The BC SPCA has raised the standards for how animals are treated and considered in this province. It has been my pleasure over these five years to help create and grow such a fun and educational event that showcases all the BC SPCA is doing. The Offleashed Gala brings us all together so we can reach those animals who need help and save lives. Thank you for being here!

Wade | Tracey Wade



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A MESSAGE FROM

Craig Daniell

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BC SPCA

Welcome to the BC SPCA's Fifth Anniversary Offleashed Gala! What an incredible milestone. How fitting that tonight is our biggest crowd yet — 500 animal lovers strong! Whether you've been with us from the beginning or joining us for the first time, all of you are so important to us. Thank you for being here tonight to stand up for animals in need.



Tonight will be a wonderful evening. As always, we're eager to share with you how your generosity is changing the lives of animals across our province. I am especially excited for you to meet our Animal Protection Officers who are here with us tonight. Every day, these brave people on the frontlines educate, enforce, protect and save. Last year our officers responded to more than 8,000 calls and rescued more than 1,000 animals from dangerous or neglectful situations. I know that you, like me, are deeply affected by the stories of these animals, and I'm glad you will have the chance to meet and hear from the people doing this lifesaving work.

You'll also learn about horses we've helped since last year's Offleashed, where we raised \$50,000 to help these majestic creatures. You'll also hear about our programs for kids and how they gain tools to be ambassadors for animals. It's so inspiring to see young people use their compassion and empathy to make real change in their communities.

Thank you so much to our Gala Chair Tracey Wade, who has been part of Offleashed since the beginning and who has played an enormous part in our success. I also want to thank our Auction Committee, our 24 sponsors and all donors and friends with us tonight. We could not do our work without you.

From all of us at the BC SPCA, thank you for leading the way into a brighter future for animals in British Columbia.

Craig Daniell

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THE MAX ZIPURSKY BAND

Max Zipursky, a world-class musician and composer, and his bandmates are a fixture at Offleashed. Max is also the catalyst behind The Space Studios, a recording studio in East Vancouver built by musicians, for musicians, where Max and his friends make music magic.

Max is also an animal lover and shares his home (and often his recording space!) with two rescues: pup Nika and kitty Egypt. "The BC SPCA plays such an important role in caring for our animals. I'm honoured to be a part of this event each year and I hope to continue to be for years to come!" says Max.

Thank you to The Max Zipursky Band!



Horse UPDATE

This has been a momentous year for horses at the BC SPCA. Since the beginning of 2019, we have adopted out 75 horses – more than double the number adopted in 2017 or 2018!

In late 2018, we took in 27 horses from one property and in 2019 we took in 42 from another property. When that many horses come in all at once, it's all hands on deck! Our staff and volunteers stepped in to provide constant care and attention while our veterinarians assessed each horse's health and behaviour. These cases are tough, but when these horses start to heal, both physically and emotionally, it's a reward that can't be matched.

We are so grateful for the generous donors at our 2018 Offleashed Gala who gave \$50,000 to provide for horses around the province. Horses require a tremendous amount of resources while in our care, and we couldn't help them without our supporters.

Now many of these horses are living with their new forever families, enjoying health, happiness and love.



Adoption HAPPY ENDING

Senkō THE HORSE

In March 2019, a group of 42 severely neglected and malnourished horses were seized from an Interior property. The youngest of the horses, Senkō, was just six months old.

Having never experienced care or love from people, Senkō was extremely fearful. On top of his emotional suffering, his young body was fighting colic, intestinal parasites and a tick infestation.

Luckily for Senkō, help was on the way.

While the other horses in the group prepared to travel to foster homes, Senkō was still very weak and smaller than his friends. Concerned the trip would be too much for him, Kristi Kalke, a horse trainer and veterinary technician, offered to foster him herself.

"The first weekend was very difficult," says Kristi. "He was shaky, sweaty and had a pretty bad tummy ache. We checked on him every half hour, day and night." By Monday, after the long hours and a lot of worry, Senkō was out of distress. Kristi was amazed that by Tuesday she was able to pet him. "I was astounded that as starved, wild, scared and sick as he was, he still wanted to bond with me."

It was a victory for all when the BC SPCA was awarded custody of the horses. By then, Senkō had stolen Kristi's heart and she jumped at the chance to adopt him.



Today Senkō loves being pampered and he has learned to trust and feel safe around people. Kristi enjoys guiding him through many first experiences, like his first bath, blanketing and trailer ride.

From the hardest of beginnings to a life of love and the very best care, it's hard to imagine a better ending for this beautiful young horse.



Bolt THE PUPPY

Offleashed has a history of finding adorable pups their fairytale ending, and 2018 was no exception. Just before Offleashed, the husband of one guest, Heather, joked she'd come home with a dog, but she wasn't so sure. After losing her beloved Lab-Mastiff four years before, Heather wasn't sure she was ready. She knew it had to be the right match, and that was worth waiting for.



When she met the adorable Newfoundland-Border Collie puppies in the Cuddle Lounge, she felt an instant connection. When she met Bolt, it felt like the stars were aligning. "My girls had been asking about getting a dog, and they love the movie Bolt, so it felt like a sign," Heather says. "Plus, he and I share a birthday — that had to be fate!"

Heather visited the BC SPCA Vancouver branch that weekend, adopted Bolt, and brought him home to meet their daughters Blakely and McKinnley. Her husband Steve was away but upon arriving home met their newest family member. Although he's still young — just over a year old now — he's "such a chill dog," marvels Heather. "Steve thinks it's the training we've given him, but I just think I picked the right dog." Bolt isn't much of a guard dog (he calmly watched a bear walk through the backyard) but he watches the kids when they're in the pool and just loves to be near his new family.

The family loves life with their new addition and like every good guardian, they know that Bolt is "the best dog ever." Bolt's happy ending makes us wonder — who will find their happy ending tonight?



Winston THE CAT

When Winston was brought in as a stray to the BC SPCA Abbotsford branch, he had been living alone on the streets for weeks. He was hungry and scared with wounds across his body. The most severe of his injuries was a shocking wound stretching around his neck and all the way up the base of his ear. While Winston was a friendly cat who had obviously once known life indoors, his extended medical treatment, including surgery to close his wound, left him fearful and in need of rest.



To get the care he needed, Winston went to a foster home where he could rest outside of the shelter environment. Winston was fearful at first, but with a little care and patience, a whole new cat emerged. His foster home soon became his forever home and his new guardian, Garfield, loves to share his story. "While he was scared at first, after the first week he improved a lot, and after having him for a full month he really felt like one of the family. He was especially resilient when having appointments for his vaccines and to remove his stitches. His trust was amazing."

Although Winston is now very feisty and loves to play, Garfield says he is a model family member. "He knows not to use his full claws or bite us when we play, but he tears into his stuffed toys." Winston's happy ending has become Garfield's as well. "He's incredibly adorable, amazing, intelligent, totally loveable, excellent company and endless entertainment."



A raccoon IN NEED OF HELP

It's not only domestic animals who need a little help from their friends. Wild animals who are sick, injured, orphaned or distressed can find help at the BC SPCA's Wild Animal Rehabilitation Centre (Wild ARC). One raccoon came to Wild ARC this past July in desperate need of help.



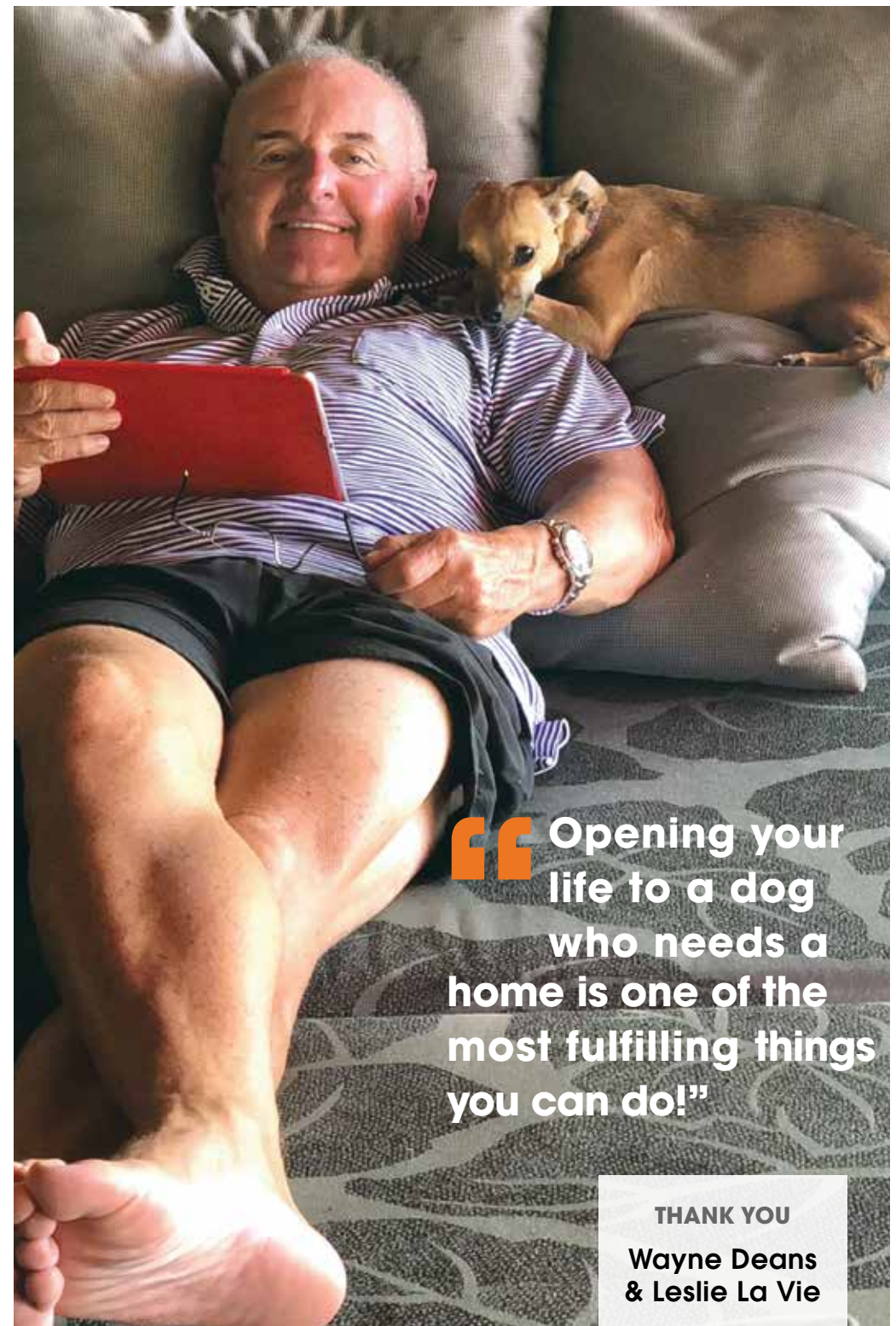
This curious creature found himself entangled in fish netting and in the urgent scramble to free himself ended up hanging from a second-floor balcony! He struggled to escape for an excruciating 24 hours, eventually unable to make a sound due to wearing out his vocal cords. A full hour of police assistance was needed to free the terrified animal.

The effort to free himself left the already-thin raccoon in an awful state, with deep cuts to his hands, neck, side, and chest. Besides the physical wounds, he also suffered a lot of stress.

This young fighter needed surgery to close up his wounds, then required constant care and medical attention as he recovered. After the risk of infection had passed, he was moved into an outdoor compound until staff determined he was strong enough to be released.

After a long road, this raccoon got the happy ending that every wild animal deserves, the chance to be free in their natural habitat.

Together Wild ARC staff brought the raccoon near to where he was originally rescued, and as soon as his carrier door opened he wasted no time scurrying into his new life.



“Opening your life to a dog who needs a home is one of the most fulfilling things you can do!”

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- Scott & Elizabeth
(and The Browns Mascots: Pupa, Olive & Olivia)



"The Pug is living proof that God has a sense of humour..."
- Margo Kaufman



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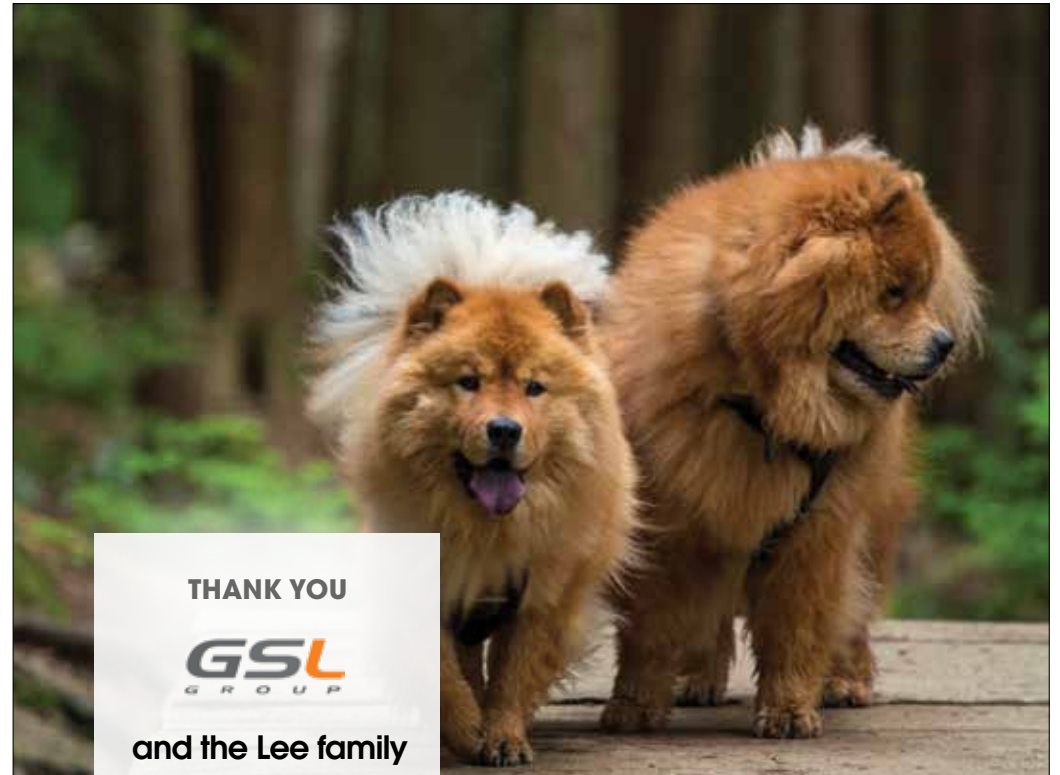


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— Lynn, RBC employee

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“When I look into the eyes of an animal, I do not see an animal. I see a friend, I feel a soul....”

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The BC SPCA's mission is to protect and enhance the quality of life for domestic, farm and wild animals in British Columbia.

Thank you to all our generous sponsors and donors for being with us tonight and for supporting our lifesaving work.

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2019 PET PROFILE

Sweet Kiwi



With a family of seven cats, there's no question that Randall and Amanda Burrell are cat lovers. But it wasn't always this way. In fact, they only adopted their first cat three years ago!

A few years ago, after Amanda developed some health issues, she and Randall decided adopting a pet would bring Amanda solace and comfort. They'd had dogs before, but after a visit to the BC SPCA Maple Ridge branch they came home with Kiwi, a "large and in charge" senior calico cat.

"She's kind of a mean old lady. But she's our mean old lady, and we love her," says Amanda. Kiwi is a big cat (18 pounds!) who's made a big impact. "It's true what they say - we rescued her, but really she rescued us," says Amanda. Kiwi brought them so much joy that they returned to the Maple Ridge branch to find another feline.

They adopted another senior, Casper, and then two years later returned to adopt Marshall. And it didn't stop there! Next was Tales, rescued while the Burrells were on vacation in the Bahamas. Randall adopted Gizmo while working in Portland, Oregon. Ed Sheeran joined the family from Katie's Place in Maple Ridge, where Amanda volunteers. The most recently adopted sibling is Ella, a sweet senior who has "turned into a kitten again."

It's a big family, and the Burrells wouldn't have it any other way. Their newfound love of cats is evident all over their home. "All my friends now get me cat decor. We even have one of those windshield stickers of us with seven cats," laughs Amanda.

One cat who needed a forever family was all it took to create a home that has given so much love to seven deserving cats - who have given lots of love in return.



WITH HELP FROM OUR GENEROUS DONORS, THE BC SPCA:

REUNITES

83,000 animals are registered in our BC Pet Registry, improving their chances of returning home safely when lost. In 2018 we reunited **3,255** lost animals with their anxious families.

EDUCATES

In 2019, a record-breaking **1,820** animal-loving kids across 21 BC SPCA summer camps learned how to become ambassadors for animals in their families, schools and communities.

SUPPORTS

400 low-income residents of the Downtown Eastside made **7,200** visits to Charlie's Pet Food Bank in 2018, receiving food, supplies and medical care for their treasured pets.

SAVES

Our 34 special provincial constables removed **1,087** animals from dangerous or neglectful situations in 2018, giving them a second chance.

The BC SPCA helped **47,776** vulnerable animals in 2018 through all our programs and services.

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