

Foster Love at the SPCA Kelowna Branch



Our BC SPCA Kelowna branch cares for many varieties of animals including kittens, cats, puppies, dogs, rabbits, gerbils, and even the occasional reptile. Each year, approximately 1,500 animals come into care at our branch in the Lower Mission, and we strive to provide the highest level of animal welfare everyday through teamwork. So far this year, our volunteers have given over 10,000 hours of their time to help animals in Kelowna.

Trained staff and volunteers work together ensuring all animals receive food, water, shelter, play, and enrichment appropriate to their individual needs. Of course, not all the animals come to us ready for adoption and a brief time in foster care is necessary to prepare for their forever homes.

Foster homes are the number one volunteer need at our Kelowna branch. Kittens, especially ones younger than 3-months old, benefit from more hands-on work provided in volunteer foster homes. Sometimes we also need foster homes for dogs that may do better in a home environment while waiting for or recovering from surgery. Whatever the need, we always provide all the supplies, training, and information to be a successful fosterer; all you need is the love, space, and time to give.

If you think you could help out by fostering, we would like to hear from you. Here are the steps to become a foster volunteer.

1. Send an email to our volunteer coordinator, Enjulie Bedi, at volunteerkelowna@spca.bc.ca with your stated interest in fostering
2. Apply online at www.spca.bc.ca/volunteer
3. Attend an orientation and information session so we can all be on the same page about expectations.

You may still be interested in volunteering with us, just not as a foster family. This is not a problem as we have many roles working with and working for the animals. We are currently seeking people with administration experience able to assist with filing, phone calls, and customer service support.

No matter how you choose to help out as a volunteer at the BC SPCA Kelowna branch, you can be assured that you will be joining a group of people dedicated to making a difference in the lives of animals our branch helps. Training and ongoing support is provided by our passionate staff. You'll be paid well with high paws and tail wags!

Volunteers are at the heart of our mission work to protect and enhance the quality for domestic, farm, and wild animals in British Columbia. If you are looking for a way to give back to our community through volunteerism, we hope you will contact us today.

To learn more about our work, visit www.spca.bc.ca

Our branch is located at 3785 Casorso Road, Kelowna, BC, V1W 4M7, open daily noon-4:30pm. 250-861-7722 kelowna@spca.bc.ca

VOLUNTEER PHILOSOPHY

Through shared leadership our volunteers are an extension of our organization, promoting a collaborative model of humane communities. Our volunteers are ambassadors, helping us build positive momentum for social change.

Through volunteerism we create mutually respectful relationships and together we make a difference.

