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Dear Volunteers, Members and all Supporters of Royal City Humane Society:

We wish to advise you of a change in our scope of operations effective October 30, 2019.

As most of you are aware, we have been fortunate to have had a donated cat shelter space in New Westminster since the spring of 2006 and hundreds of volunteers to donate their time and efforts to give so many cats the care they deserve until we were able to place them in homes. And now -- to coincide with the completion of the new City of New Westminster shelter on Boyne Street in Queensborough -- we have closed our cat shelter as of October 30, 2019.

Some history:

In 2013, the City of New Westminster announced that planning of a modern and larger animal shelter was in the beginning stage and RCHS members attended a city council meeting to read a letter of support and ask that we be given opportunity for input.

In the summer of 2015, directors were invited to participate in the New Westminster Animal Shelter committee planning meetings along with the architect and city managers, and in anticipation our board of directors toured Surrey Animal Resource Centre and Delta Animal Shelter, the two most modern animal shelters in our region, to get an idea of what we would expect of our new shelter.

Lorrie Williams, a founding member of RCHS and city council member, was a driving force behind the scenes to get the best shelter features for the animals within the allotted budget and we were pleased when the final design plans emerged.

We at RCHS have anticipated the opening of the new shelter to provide the animals of New Westminster a modern and comfortable place with safeguards and space to prevent outbreaks of disease which were, unfortunately, lacking at our shelter.

Finally, that day has arrived, and it's time to hang the *closed* sign on our shelter door and modify the focus of our society as follows:

- We will continue to provide veterinary assistance for companion animals of low and fixed income residents of New Westminster as well as maintaining our low cost spay/neuter program to prevent the proliferation of homeless cats and kittens.

- We currently have 60 plus special needs and senior cats in foster care that we will continue to support for the duration of their lives and we will provide foster homes from time to time, as the need arises.
- Our volunteers will continue to trap and care for feral cats and kittens in New Westminster and adjacent areas.
- RCHS will participate in community outreach events and provide food and pet supplies as well as veterinary care as required.
- In order to maintain our community services we must continue to do fundraisers on a regular basis and we are always open to ideas and volunteers for projects to raise money to support our causes as indicated below:



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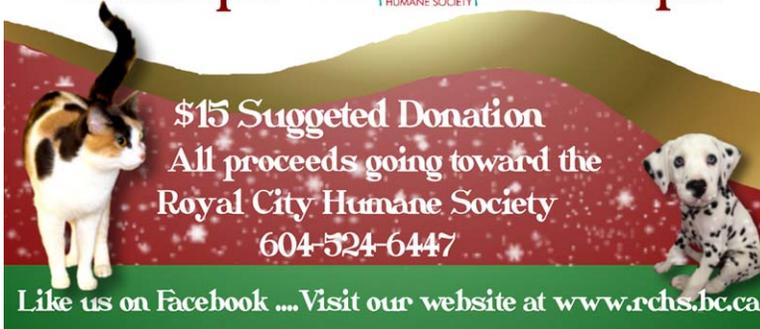
Royal Square Mall
8th & McBride, New Westminster
604-524-8933

All Beloved Pet Family,
Family & Friends
are invited to join us for
Pet Photos with Santa

Saturday
November 30th
11am to 4pm



Sunday
December 1st
11am to 4pm



\$15 Suggested Donation
All proceeds going toward the
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Finally, we wish to thank you for your love of animals reflected in the support we have received from you over the past decades and we look forward to your continued support of our cause. We'd also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year!

Regards



Doreen Stocks
Chairman