

**Gifts of Stock:** a great option for you and the animals!

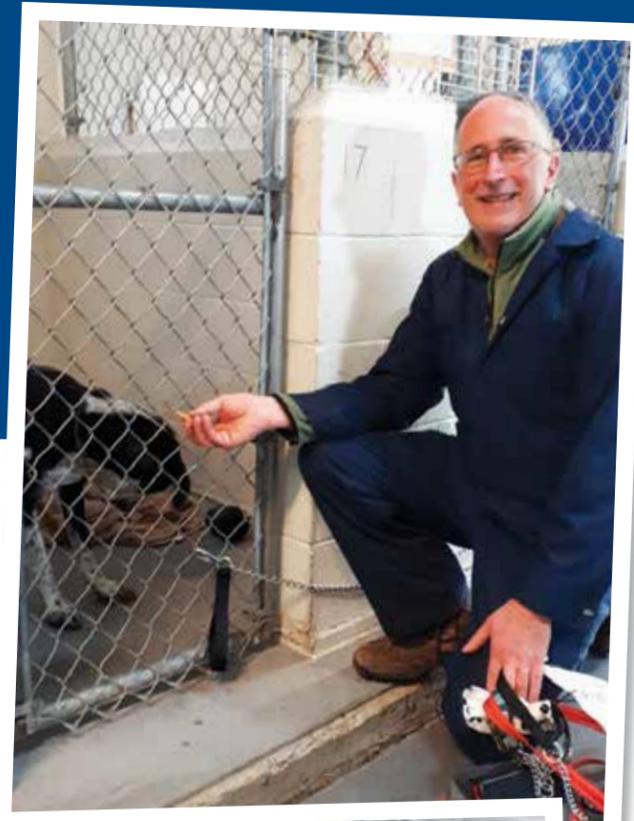
## A conversation with Mark Montemurro.

You give so much to the animals, and we love and appreciate you for that! We like to show that you're in good company here by highlighting some of our other generous friends.

**Meet Mark Montemurro.** Mark is a passionate dog lover who lives with four dogs, including a "foster fail" from the BC SPCA named Bella! Mark started volunteering for the Vernon BC SPCA as a dog-walker back in 2015. He experienced first-hand the many joys and the many challenges involved with caring for the vulnerable animals who come into the BC SPCA, and was inspired to do whatever he could to help.

Mark says, "I saw that staff sometimes had to make tough choices about veterinary care because of limited funds, so I asked to direct my donations towards medical care."

While he gives in many ways, Mark recommends you investigate the option of making a gift of stock. "Everyone's financial situation is unique, and for me it was a way in which I could maximize the donation value to the Society by leveraging tax credits from the donation and not having to claim any capital gains on the gifted stock."



# Your PAWSOME Report

BCSPCA

How your loving care is rescuing and saving animals

Summer 2022

## YOU saved these three helpless kittens, left in a dumpster to die.

Thanks to your compassion and generosity – these adorable fluffballs now have the chance to live long and happy lives filled with love! Read the full story about these sweet babies, who were sadly found in a dumpster, in your enclosed letter from Craig.



Mark says that giving securities has been "easy and seamless." Gifts of stock are a great option if you want to save vulnerable animals and help out your income tax bill at the same time!

If you'd like more information on this way of giving, please visit [spca.bc.ca/securities](https://spca.bc.ca/securities).

Thank you, Mark, and to our kind friends like you, for doing everything you can to ensure animals are safe and loved!

# Your compassionate voice protects exotic animals too!



Did you know that, in the past few years, we've seen an increase in the number of exotic animals entering our care? It's true. Many come to us from cruelty investigations, found living in poor conditions, lacking proper food, water and veterinary treatment.

As a compassionate animal lover, you can understand why it's so important to push for more regulations. Laws around exotic animal welfare protect these animals from harm. Thank goodness B.C. has some of the most restrictive exotic animal legislation in the country, but there is still more work to be done.

**Your kind-hearted gifts speak out for exotic animals. That includes serval cats, kangaroos, zebras and many species of snakes, who still fall outside of current regulations.**



Thank you for lovingly standing by our side as we assist municipalities in creating **stricter exotic animal bylaws**. Thank you for being there as we strengthen our membership in groups dedicated to **ending the global wildlife trade**.

**You're paw-some! Thanks for doing everything you can to protect all animals.**



## Did YOU hear?

The **Jane Goodall Act** was reintroduced into parliament this past March! The bill includes a phase-out of elephant captivity as well as greater protections for big cats, captive great apes and other wild animals. **"If this bill moves forward, it will mark a very significant victory for Canada's most vulnerable exotic and wild animals in captivity,"** says Dr. Sara Dubois, the BC SPCA's chief scientific officer.



## Otterly grateful to You!

**It's thanks to you that this injured young river otter was rescued, rehabilitated and released.**

Found huddled in the back of a delivery truck, the small otter was looking for a place to rest after what we assume was a fight with an older otter. He was skinny and scared and covered in puncture wounds. Thankfully, the driver was a caring animal lover, just like you, and knew to call Wild ARC. Soon, staff arrived on scene to help out.

Once he arrived at Wild ARC, the otter was quickly sedated for his own safety and the safety of our staff (wild animals will often bite because they don't know we're trying to help them!) His wounds were cleaned, and x-rays thankfully showed no broken bones.

His first days in care were quiet as he got some much-needed rest, with the help of pain medication and antibiotics. Once his wounds were healed, the otter was given access to Wild ARC's specialized pool pen, so he could practice all his natural behaviours and regain his strength.

**The young otter perked up very quickly with the compassionate care your gifts provided!** It's amazing what a few days of specialized nutrition and professional care can do.

It wasn't long before this rough-and-tumble teen was ready for release. It was a quiet day and the water was calm. He took his time leaving the

kennel, but once he did, there was no turning back! Staff watched him eagerly wander off and swim confidently back out into the wild near where he was found.

**You're giving emergency care to injured wild animals so they can heal and get back to their natural habitat! That's otterly amazing. Thank you.**

Remember to call the **Animal Helpline** at **1.855.622.7722** if you find an injured animal.

## ADVOCACY UPDATE: Your voice in ending dog debarking



Thank you to everyone who signed our petition to end dog debarking in B.C.! Because you lovingly spoke up against this inhumane practice, the College of Veterinarians of B.C. has let us know that they are going forward with a review, which will include consultation with stakeholders and member veterinarians. This is the first step in considering changes to regulations, and a huge step forward in ending dog debarking! **Thank you so much for standing up for dogs in B.C.**