

BC SPCA Community Services Coordinator Community Update



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BC SPCA in Vernon

- Following the closure of the BC SPCA Community Animal Centre in Vernon, we created a new position to maintain our presence and services in the Vernon area
- Nicholas Weeda joined the BC SPCA team as our **Community Services Coordinator** in February 2024.



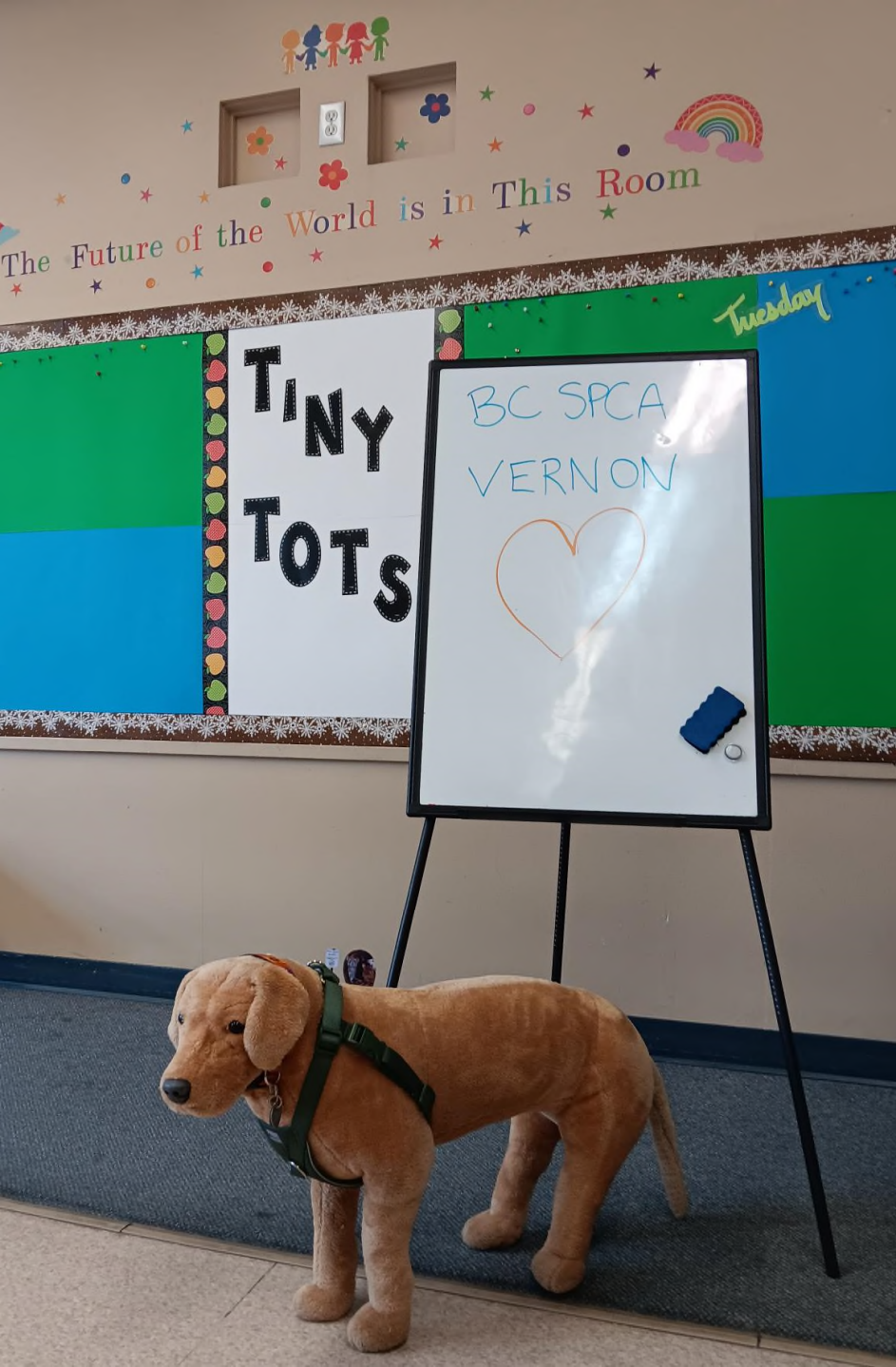
Coordinator's Role

To maintain and ensure the successful delivery of BC SPCA programs and services in the Vernon area, including:

- Pet food bank
- Animal transfers
- Volunteer coordination
- Veterinary partnerships
- Relationship-building



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Community Engagement

- Communicating with community members via:
 - Vernon BC SPCA Facebook page
 - Local media sources
- Attending **Sunshine Festival** on June 15
- Hosting a community **Open House** on June 22

Volunteer Coordination

- Hosted a **Volunteer Appreciation Event** on April 14 to celebrate and re-engage with local volunteers
- Created a new Community Ambassador role for volunteers
- Welcoming new volunteers and grateful for **84** current volunteers
- spca.bc.ca/ways-to-help/volunteer



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BC SPCA Pet Food Bank

Maintaining existing relationships and fostering new ones:

- Armstrong Food Bank
- Enderby Food Bank
- Lumby Food Bank
- Upper Room Mission
- Individual pet food drop-offs in the community
- Donations from local pet stores and other retailers

Veterinary Partnerships

Working to strengthen relationships and engage with local veterinarians:

- Creekside Animal Clinic
- Central Animal Hospital
- Sunridge Veterinary Clinic
- Mills Veterinary Services
- Silver Star Animal Care Clinic



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Animal Care Services

Facilitating and helping to coordinate:

- Animal transfers from the Vernon area to nearby BC SPCA Community Animal Centres
- Emergency and compassionate boarding requests
- Animal surrenders

Thank you!

Nicholas Weeda

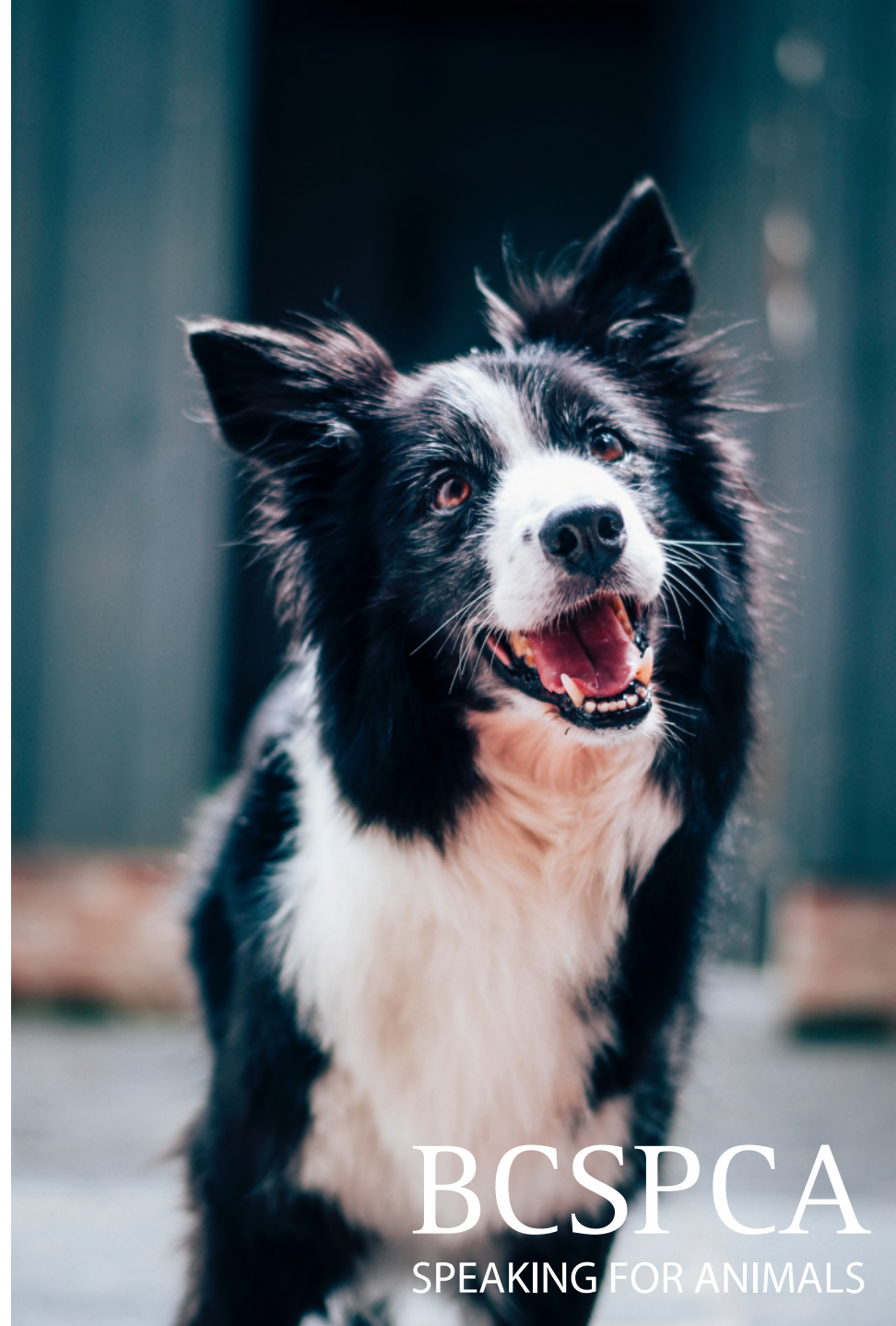
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