The Royal City Humane Society (RCHS) was formed in the early 1990's by a small group of dedicated individuals concerned by the plight and suffering of the many homeless and abandoned animals in New Westminster. Cats made up the majority of these unfortunate creatures and colonies of semi feral and feral cats and kittens had sprung up in all areas of New Westminster and beyond!

In 1994 RCHS was incorporated as a non profit animal rescue society and early in 1995 RCHS received registered charity status (Registered Charity #89683-2532-RR00001).

Throughout the twenty plus years of RCHS existence we have rescued, trapped, spayed, neutered, vaccinated, tattooed and found adopters or fosters for thousands of cats, kittens, dogs, puppies, rabbits, guinea pigs, rodents, birds and fish in a sustained effort to reduce the over population and suffering of so many unwanted, homeless animals.

The RCHS maintains a small cat shelter for senior and special needs cats in transition prior to their being placed in adoptive or foster homes.

The RCHS currently supports about ninety cats in foster homes where food, supplies and veterinary care is provided if required. The majority of those fostered are elderly, have chronic medical conditions or are lacking in social graces.

Young, healthy and adoptable cats are referred to New Westminster Animal Services.

All intake animals to RCHS go directly to a veterinary clinic where they are assessed, examined, tested for disease, treated for any existing medical problems and spayed or neutered, vaccinated, tattooed or micro chipped as required before entering our re homing programs.

Feral cats may be released where trapped (post veterinary care) and provided with an ongoing source of food and shelter.

RCHS is gradually evolving from a "cat centric" shelter and adoption operation to a community outreach, education and support service for all animal related concerns. It is the goal of RCHS to be proactive in our community to prevent the proliferation of unwanted and homeless animals, especially cats by providing and promoting low and no cost spay and neuter programs.

RCHS works in conjunction with New Westminster Animal Services to promote and ensure positive human-animal co-existence in our city and to this end RCHS will provide an auxiliary animal support service as the existing New Westminster Animal Shelter is replaced by a new improved facility by 2018.

The RCHS runs solely on volunteer power. Financial support is provided by grants from Government of BC (Gaming Commission) and the City of New Westminster plus the ongoing generosity of numerous groups and individuals, many of whom have supported RCHS since its inception.

Various fundraisers are held throughout the year. All funds are spent on the welfare of animals.

For more information about RCHS and animals to adopt or foster please visit our website at www.rchs.bc.ca, to email us go to the contact us menu on our website or call 604-524-6447.
I spoke to Doreen about a kitten I adopted from her about 5 years ago. We had a lovely conversation and I offered to forward some pictures and a little write up about her.

I adopted Tiny from Doreen about October of 2010. From what I understand Tiny had been a young kitten herself in rough shape, and was brought into the Royal City Humane Society (RCHS) with her one baby. Her baby was adopted before Tiny found a home. I had been to the RCHS in New Westminster about three times and couldn’t quite decide which cat I connected with. The third time I came in I saw Tiny curled up in a little basket, while other cats roamed about freely. She truly looked depressed; Doreen told me that she had just been returned from a home adoption that hadn’t worked out. I connected with Tiny right away, and decided to adopt her. She was nervous and restless at first. Tiny had a health problem; she had blood in her urine but the Vet (Dr. Singh) could not detect an infection in her blood work. Dr. Singh tried a round of antibiotics and to my relief the condition cleared up.

I have another kitty, her name is Mia. They are great buddies and equally matched at playing and wrestling. Tiny may be small, but wow, she stands her ground! She loves to play and will tease Mia, sneaking up on her and just when a fight could ensue she rolls on her back to show her belly. She has many toys, such as: a crinkle tube, a roller ball circle, a kitty tent... and plays with them every day! Tiny has turned out to be a playaholic. I began to call her Tiny Bubbles. The neighbour children just love her, they call her Bubbles. Tiny has been with Mia and myself for 5 years, and will now let me hold her for awhile and will come and cuddle on my lap. She is very active, I change her toys around frequently or else she gets board. If there is a loud bang, Tiny will run to see what it is, and Mia will hide under the bed.

Tiny Bubbles is in her forever home. I love her completely!

Thank you Doreen for your shelter, and the opportunity it gave me to find a wonderful pet. Leslee J Picton

Powder came to us after he was found by a woman who has rescued cats before. She has a white cat of her own and when she saw this guy she thought her cat had escaped but no, this poor dirty, thin old guy was a homeless stranger. He’s very friendly, very sweet, quite calm and loves to play. He has hyperthyroidism so will be on medication for life.

These two sisters first came to RCHS in November 2008 when their human went to hospital and realised he wasn’t going to be able to care for 2 busy kittens. They were adopted in about 10 days but now the woman who adopted them is too unwell to care for them. Franny and Freda are extremely lovely, precious, loving, playful, affectionate kitties and are a bonded pair so will only be adopted together into a new forever home.

Chester was diagnosed with Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) when he first came to RCHS and went to a foster home where had been so happy and well for 4 1/2 years but sadly his foster mom got an aggressive form of cancer and died one month after her diagnosis. He’s a real sweetheart, kinda shy, very loving and loves to be petted, really enjoys a shoulder scratching too! He needs to be an indoor cat only and preferably an only “child”.

Leslee J Picton
My name is Emma. I’m a black and tan Yorkie Mix Terrier and I weigh 7 pounds. My birthday is September 11th and I’m seven years old. My owners loved me but due to an illness in the family they couldn’t take care of me. I was surrendered to Jaromey, a friend of the family.

I was very scared on the drive over to her place and I didn’t know what to expect. Jaromey put her calm and loving hand on me and assured me things would be fine. When I arrived, I met Charlie Brown, a Shih tzu Plus dog she rescued years ago. Charlie didn’t expect me to stay more than a few hours or at most a day or two. Surprise, Charlie Brown, I’m still here.

After a few days, my Foster Mom, Jaromey told her friend, Melody about me and I suddenly had two Foster Moms who adored me. Melody would come every morning and I would roll over and wiggle around, being very submissive. She scooped me up, loved me up and then we all went for walks. I didn’t want to go out, unless I had both Foster Moms and Charlie. I wasn’t used to going outside regularly for walks or to go to the bathroom because I went on doggy pee pads in the house. Charlie tried to understand when I took all of his toys, his beds, personal space and his Mom’s time. Sometimes I nipped him behind the legs because I wanted everything to be mine and to be the one and only.

One day I was romping around in the dandelions in Central Park having a great time when I was stung by a wasp. I yelped and went into shock. Jaromey rushed me to a vet finding out I was allergic to bee stings and I almost died. My Foster Mom Jaromey realized that I had health issues. Jaromey and Melody took me to Hastings Veterinary Hospital for a bladder infection and then discovered that I needed spaying, shots and extensive dental work. Unfortunately the vet bills were going to be very expensive. As a senior with limited funds she didn’t know how she would pay for the bills.

With the aid of the Royal City Humane Society and the Hastings Veterinary Clinic contributing financial support and medical care, I could become healthy and be adoptable to a forever home.

I was not used to going for walks, but with their patience, I walked a little bit and then they carried me. I was really happy being carried like a Princess. They wanted me to learn to enjoy walking, sniffing the outdoor smells and become a happy dog. They took me to the park every day and I started to feel secure. I walked in front of them, and then I started carrying my leash in my mouth, and then I wouldn’t leave house without my favorite teddy bear that I took from Charlie.

My Foster Moms started interviewing people that would love me and indulge me as the angel that I was destined to be. After many interviews, a couple in Victoria were selected as they fell in love with me through numerous emails, pictures and telephone calls. When I met Kory and John it was love at first sight.

I now live in a lovely three bedroom house with a yard, two cats, Boris and Penny, two parents who work shifts. My new Mom is a nurse and someone is home with me at all times so I have no separation anxiety. I have a personal groomer that makes me look beautiful, a therapist who helps me with my patella problems and a holistic vet.

My new Dad is a gentle giant that folded me into his loving arms and I knew this was my forever home. I dance with my Mom to the song “Hit Me With Your Best Shot” by Pat Benetar.

I want everyone to know how happy I am. I enjoy walking with my new parents and with my favorite teddy bear in my mouth. Every morning I go to the bathroom outside and then I come back in and snuggle with my Dad under the blankets with just my nose and eyes out from under the blankets. I never use pee pads anymore.

Thank you everyone who helped me get better and healthy so I could be adopted to a Forever Home. I want everyone to know, that everything you do, whether it is a donation, fostering, or anything at all, means you help save a life, and give second chances to animals that need your help.

With Love and Gratitude,  
Miss Emma  
a.k.a. Little Dog

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