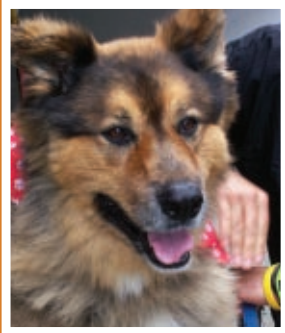


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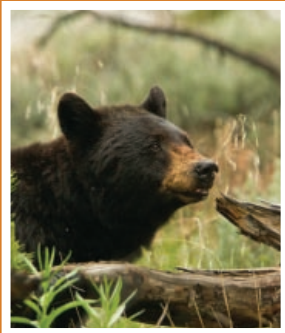
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Tim Hortons pressed to act on animal welfare

47,000 SIGN VHS'S PETITION ASKING TIM HORTONS TO "STOP SUPPORTING ANIMAL CRUELTY"

In preparation for Tim Hortons' Annual General Meeting (AGM) this past May, VHS launched an online petition on **Change.Org**, (the international petition website) urging the iconic restaurant chain to eliminate the battery cage confinement of egg-laying hens and gestation crate confinement of pigs used to supply its pork.

The huge support for our petition, along with the social media activity it generated, caught the attention of Tim Hortons. One week prior to the AGM, Tim Hortons announced it would work with the pork industry to develop a timeline to phase out gestation crates and would source 10 per cent of its eggs from enriched hen housing systems.

"Although this decision was a step in the right direction," said VHS Director Leanne McConnachie, "it still means that 90 per cent of hens would remain in battery cages, 10 per cent will live in slightly larger cages, and, without a clear timeline, 10 per cent of sows could suffer for another decade."

VHS continued to push for a more significant commitment, and more signatures. The result: We delivered over 47,000 signatures at the AGM!

Thank you to all who signed!

Clearly Tim Hortons was listening, as the company made a ten minute presentation about animal welfare at the meeting, and fielded several shareholder statements encouraging the company to move beyond its present commitments.

After the AGM, CEO Paul House was quoted as saying: *"With the egg situation, it is an increased cost factor, but it's a cost factor we can manage. These issues are not going to go away."*

Tim Hortons
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CAGES

Cage-Free Conversions

TWO LOCAL BUSINESSES HAVE JOINED THE CAGE-FREE MOVEMENT

The Oakwood Bistro

The **Oakwood Canadian Bistro** is the latest Vancouver restaurant to eliminate eggs from caged hens from their menu, and choose certified organic free-range eggs instead. The Oakwood already serves Oceanwise seafood, and meat that is local, organic and free of antibiotics and hormones.

Regarding their switch to cage-free eggs, owner Mike Shea said, *"We want to be consistent in what we are providing our customers, whether they are joining us for brunch or dinner. We feel really good about this decision."*

If you go for dinner, be sure to try their vegetarian warm kale salad (can be made vegan too). It is simply divine! Check out The Oakwood Bistro on West 4th near MacDonald, or online at www.theoakwood.ca.



Electronic Arts

VHS is happy to report that **Electronic Arts** (Burnaby location) has become one of the first companies in Canada to adopt a cage-free egg purchasing policy for its employee cafeteria. VHS first met with EA in the late fall of 2011, and by January of 2012, they had switched all their whole and liquid egg products to cage-free, free-run and free-range eggs.

The staff cafeteria is managed by **Dana Hospitality Services**, a boutique food services management company that is committed to operating in an environmentally responsible way.

Dana's Director of Food Services for the EA location, Melanie Desrosiers, said the switch was easy to do, and a huge success. "Everyone is on-board and loves the new choice, saying the eggs taste better and they are glad the company is doing the right thing".

Posters are up throughout the 'campus' promoting the new cage-free option. Desrosiers said they did have to increase the price of each meal containing eggs by 25 cents, but everyone agrees it is worth it!

Youth encourage compassion toward animals

In March, some compassionate West Vancouver school students visited VHS to gather information for a presentation to classmates on animal welfare issues. Topics included factory farming, animals in research and animals in entertainment. We were thrilled to help younger people learn about the need to fight animal suffering. Pictured left to right: **Madison Gorwill, Audrey Todd, Audrey Liu** and **Blake Bunting**.





Run (or walk) for the animals!

SCOTIABANK CHARITY CHALLENGE - SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2012

By the time you receive this newsletter, we'll be days away from our 2nd annual Scotiabank Charity Challenge! This has become one of our most important fundraisers of the year. This year we need your support more than ever!

If you would like to donate to support one of our runners on the Vancouver Humane Society Chicken Runners Team, just go to: <http://tinyurl.com/6sq6t4j>

Please help us reach our goal of \$20,000 so that we can keep all our important programs running.

The VHS is dedicated to the ethical treatment of ALL creatures. **We're running for animals!**



Help us end calf-roping at the CALGARY STAMPEDE

In July, VHS will again be campaigning for an end to calf-roping at the Calgary Stampede and raising awareness of animal abuse at rodeos.

Over the past three years we have drawn national and international attention to the animal deaths and cruelty at the Stampede rodeo, forcing Stampede officials to make a number of changes to the events. We don't think these changes go far enough to protect animals. Last year, two more horses died in the chuckwagon races, showing that the race is still not safe enough. (More than 50 have died at the Stampede since 1986.)

We want the Stampede to at least end calf-roping, perhaps the worst of all rodeo events. Every year, three-month-old calves are chased, roped and thrown to the ground for the sake of entertainment.

To urge the Stampede to drop calf-roping, letters can be sent to:

Vern Kimball, Chief Executive Officer

Calgary Stampede
Box 1060, Station M, Calgary, Alberta T2P 2K8
Or email: vkimball@calgariystampede.com

You can also write to the Mayor of Calgary, who sits on the Stampede board of directors:

Mayor Naheed Nenshi, City of Calgary

P.O. Box 2100, Stn. M., Calgary, AB T2P 2M5
Or email: themayor@calgary.ca

Telecommunications company Bell Canada remains a major sponsor of the Stampede rodeo. **Write to Bell's chief executive:**

Mr. George Cope, Chief Executive Officer, Bell Canada

1 Carrefour Alexander Graham Bell, Verdun, Quebec H3E 3B3
Or email: bcecomms@bce.ca



CITY CRITTERS

Wildlife in the Urban Jungle

NICHOLAS
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City Critters A GREAT GUIDE TO LIVING WITH URBAN WILDLIFE

Almost every day there are news reports about wild animals in urban areas. There seems to be an endless stream of stories about coyotes, bears, raccoons and other animals interacting (sometimes clashing) with humans, as we encroach on their habitats. While some animals adapt well to urban life, our co-habitation with them can still be difficult. That's why it's vital that we learn about these animals and understand why we are increasingly sharing the same space. It's also why VHS is pleased to recommend a timely new book that can help us do just that.

City Critters: Wildlife in the Urban Jungle by Vancouver author Nicholas Read, provides a welcome and comprehensive introduction to the incredible range of animals North Americans can find, sometimes literally, on their doorsteps.

Described by one reviewer as *"meticulous and rich with fascinating anecdotes about various human/wildlife encounters"*, City Critters is ostensibly aimed at younger readers but animal lovers of any age will appreciate it.

City Critters: Wildlife in the Urban Jungle
Orca, \$19.95

Clipped, clean & happy!

CHOPPER WAS A NEW DOG AFTER HIS GROOMING

It's not something that VHS would normally do, but when we were approached by a Good Samaritan asking us to help out with a dog who needed grooming, we made an exception.

The dog in question is **Chopper**, who belongs to Bill, a man down on his luck and without the resources to pay for a long overdue grooming for Chopper. Bill can be seen most days sitting on the sidewalk in front of Waterfront Station in downtown Vancouver, with a cupful of loose change from a few generous passersby. He and Chopper are a popular fixture at the station, known to local businesses and watched over by friendly police.

The caring person who contacted VHS had engaged Bill in conversation and, with his agreement, set in motion a plan that eventually involved the **Aussie Pet Mobile** grooming service, the **Vancouver Police Department**, **Global Television** and **VHS**.

In addition to her co-ordinating efforts, she also brought Bill food (including his favourite: mashed potatoes). VHS agreed to cover the cost of the grooming. On May 8, everything came together and Global TV's Mike McCardell covered Chopper's big day.

After nearly two hours of grooming, Chopper emerged a new dog, looking and obviously feeling great. Bill was over the moon to see his pal clean, clipped and happy.

VHS usually restricts funding help to animals in emergency medical need but we were so impressed that one individual (who wishes to remain anonymous) would take the time to befriend and help someone like Bill and his best buddy Chopper that we decided we had to help.

In the end, the generous people at **Aussie Pet Mobile** donated their services, so everyone has come out ahead!





McVitie Fund saves lives



HAPPY ENDINGS FOR COMPANION ANIMALS WHO NEED OUR HELP!

Thanks to the \$20,000 challenge from the **Irene Joy Stewart and Florence Maud Shedden Endowment for Domestic and Wild Animal Welfare**, the **McVitie Fund** has been there for dozens of dogs and cats belonging to people on disability or limited incomes. We've raised \$6,000 and hope to reach \$10,000 by September, so please think about donating today. A **\$50.00 donation will cover a spay, tattoo and shots for a needy companion animal**, and because it will be **DOUBLED**, another animal will benefit!



KATTY

Katty belongs to a family on a severely limited income. When he came home one day with a dislocated hip after apparently being hit by a car, his family was devastated. They had hardly enough to eat, never mind any extra funds to take Katty to a veterinarian. They quickly considered their options, including euthanasia, when a family friend suggested they call VHS. Now Katty is back at home (and kept inside), healthy, safe and sound. "With your help, we saved a part of our family and we couldn't be more grateful!"



ELVIRA

Elvira was a happy-go-lucky kitten, but needed to be spayed. Her guardian, due to medical costs and a strict student budget, could not possibly afford the surgery. After calling nearly fifteen different veterinarians to try and find someone who could help, it was suggested that she call VHS. Of course, we were happy to lend a hand. Now Elvira is back to her energetic, playful self and won't be contributing to pet overpopulation.



BRITTLE



FRED



TOOTSIE

SURREY SPAY / NEUTER FUND

Brittle, Fred & Tootsie are three cats that are being helped by the **Jamie and Punky Fund**, generously supported by VHS donor Jamie Lee in memory of her first cat, Punky.

Brittle and her kitten, Fred, were dropped off in the middle of the night in a trailer park. One of the low-income residents took them in, only to find that Brittle had a terrible rash. VHS's Punky Fund went into action! Brittle was taken in for medical treatment, and now her rash is completely gone. Brittle was spayed and Fred was neutered, and are happy with their new guardian. Tootsie belongs to a resident in the same trailer park, who is on a disability pension and suffering from cancer. Tootsie needed to be spayed, and we were happy to help. Now she won't add to the number of unwanted cats in the area and she's deeply loved and appreciated. **Thank you, Jamie Lee!**

DONATIONS & THANK YOUs

Without our donors, it would be impossible for us to accomplish what we do for animals.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO SUPPORT VHS!

THANK YOU TO,

Eden Conservation Trust, for their support of our farm animal programs;

Humane Society International/Canada, for their support of Chicken OUT!;

Finlandia Pharmacy for carrying our donation boxes. Since 2010, you have raised over \$2,000.00!!

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Brandon Bell, for his donation through the United Way;

Urban Impact, for their donation of recycling services;

Kama Natural Soap, for their donation;

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Karmavore, for carrying a VHS donation box;

Aussie Petmobile Grooming for donating a groom for a homeless dog;

Vancouver Sun & Province for the adoption ad for Nelson;

Bill Hasell for his help with our computer network;

Sue McFarlane, for her graphic art talents.

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PMC – Sierra Ltd.;

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Trophy hunting and bear-baiting are wrong

BEARS ARE SENTIENT BEINGS, NOT TROPHIES

This article by VHS communications director Peter Fricker was printed in the Vancouver Sun on May 22, 2012.

Vancouver Canucks player David Booth recently stirred-up some off-ice controversy when he killed a black bear in Alberta and used Twitter to post photographs and video of the kill.

What has angered many people is Booth's use of bait (a barrel of oats and molasses) to lure the bear into the range of his cross-bow before shooting it. Bear baiting is illegal in B.C. and a number of U.S. States, but is still legal in Alberta.

In addition to the baiting issue, Booth's actions have ignited a debate about trophy hunting. His tweets boasted about the size of the bear's skull, which he had measured at 21 inches. This was clearly not about hunting for food.

While animal rights advocates and hunters are unlikely to ever agree on what constitutes the ethical killing of an animal, this case has outraged even some in the hunting community.

And so it should. The principle of "fair chase" supposedly observed by hunters who consider themselves ethical, requires the hunt to take place "in a manner that does not give the hunter an improper advantage" over the animal. It's difficult to see how baiting could ever conform to this principle. Former Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura (not exactly a tree-hugger)

described bear baiting this way: *"Going out there and putting jelly doughnuts down, and Yogi comes up and sits there and thinks he's found the mother lode for five days in a row—and then you back-shoot him from a tree? . . . That ain't sport—that's an assassination."*

It is even more difficult to find a moral justification for trophy hunting – the killing of an animal to satisfy human vanity. There is a moral difference between killing for food and killing for pleasure. While an ethical vegetarian might argue that both are unnecessary, the latter plumbs the depths of immoral human behaviour through its selfishness, trivializing of nature and disregard for life.

Some might ask, why single out David Booth when others engage in the same practices? For one thing, Booth deliberately drew attention to his actions through social media. (The video he posted of the bear kill is part of a cable television hunting program, suggesting this is all about a rather cynical PR exercise.) Secondly, Booth, as a professional hockey player, is a public figure – one who has made no secret of his predilection for killing wildlife. Take, for example, his comment to Muscle & Body magazine on alligator hunting: *"I'm strictly a bow hunter, so you have to stick the alligator with an arrow with a line attached to it, then reel it into the boat. Then you shoot the alligator in the head with a gun."*

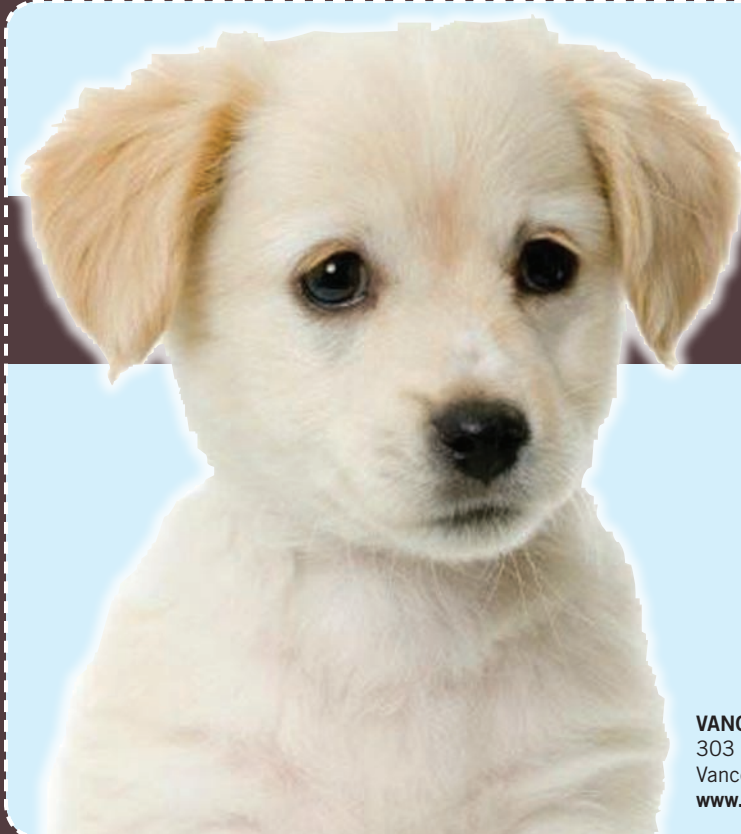
Not only are NHL players

public figures, they are also role models. Kids look up to them as heroes. Is David Booth's attitude toward wildlife one that most parents would want their kids to emulate?

Contrast Booth's actions with those of another hockey star, former NHLer Scott Niedermayer. Niedermayer recently lent his support to the campaign to save the **Great Bear Rainforest**, speaking out about the need to protect grizzly bear habitat. *"It's tremendously important to me to be a Canadian for the Great Bear,"* he told media. *"The amazing places we have in our country are part of what it means to be Canadian."* That's how celebrity can be a force for good. That's how real heroes set an example, not just for kids, but for all of us.

David Booth is a self-professed, devout Christian – a fact he has also brought into the public realm through interviews with the media. He no doubt sincerely believes that his bear-baiting trophy hunt is not at odds with the Christian values of mercy, kindness and respect for Creation. Perhaps some genuine soul-searching would tell him otherwise.





CHARLIE
looked healthy.

**But the
breeder LIED!**

**In fact, Charlie was gravely ill.
He needed help and we were there.**

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Nelson desperately needed a home!

This sweet little tabby boy is typical of the animals that VHS helps. He was found in a back yard, starving, and his ears were full of mites. Although he's estimated to be around five years old, he wasn't neutered! No wonder he kept getting into trouble with the neighbourhood cats.

He's was fostered by a VHS director but needed a permanent home. Thanks to VHS supporters, he was neutered, vaccinated and treated for ear mites. He had an FIV test which, thankfully, was negative. We noted that he was litter-trained, playful and loved to give head butts! Who could resist him?

Thanks to a donated ad in the Vancouver Sun and The Province, Nelson found a forever home!



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