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## Vancouver Foundation supports Kelowna non-profit

Despite a challenging financial picture in 2009, Vancouver Foundation continued to support important community projects throughout British Columbia.

The Foundation and its donors granted \$24,000 in funding for a unique project that addresses animal welfare issues in Kelowna:

### **The Responsible Animal Care Society (TRACS) in West Kelowna**

\$24,000 for the Compassion Fund Project, which offers direct assistance for homeless and at-risk animals, as well as to companion animals of low-income citizens. As funds permit, TRACS will pay veterinary bills (including the cost of sterilization) and cover food and emergency kennel costs in cases of urgent need. Since education is important for effective animal care, they also provide phone and e-mail advice, written resources, training opportunities and public and school lectures.

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