

## Who we are

Spirit's Mission Healthy Dog Clinic's collaborative team is made up of volunteers from Big Heart Rescue, Veterinarians, Dr. Snyder, Dr. Paul, and Dr. Egar, local First Nations, the Raincoast Conservation Foundation, the Rural Area Vet Services and the Summerlee Foundation.

All members of this team share a similar passion and goal - to provide sterilization services to under-served First Nations communities whose animal companions have no access to vet care.

Funding for this project has been provided by the World Society for the Protection of Animals, the Summerlee Foundation, the Raincoast Conservation Foundation and Big Heart Rescue.

For further information on these organizations, please visit their websites at:

*Big Heart Rescue*  
[www.bigheartrescue.com](http://www.bigheartrescue.com)

*WPSA*  
[www.wspa.ca](http://www.wspa.ca)

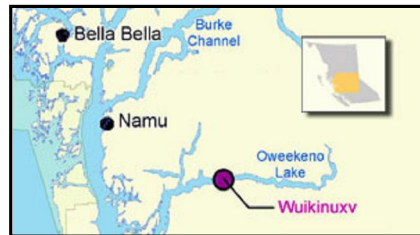
*Summerlee Foundation*  
[www.summerlee.org](http://www.summerlee.org)

*Raincoast Conservation Foundation*  
[www.raincoast.org](http://www.raincoast.org)

*Rural Area Vet Services*  
[www.ruralareavet.org](http://www.ruralareavet.org)

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## Spirit's Mission Spay & Neuter Clinic

*Changing the lives of  
companion animals*



## Our Goals

To provide isolated First Nations communities with *free or low cost sterilization* and *basic veterinary services*, including vaccinations, de-worming and parasite control, for the community's companion animals.

To provide *humane animal welfare education* on dog *bite prevention*.

To provide *education* that will enhance the lives of *community animals*.

To nurture the *human/animal relationship* and encourage responsible guardianship for dogs and cats.



## Did you know???

An unspayed female dog, her mate, and all of their puppies and their puppies' puppies, if none are ever spayed or neutered, add up to:

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| 1 year.....  | 16     |
| 2 years..... | 128    |
| 3 years..... | 512    |
| 4 years..... | 2,048  |
| 5 years..... | 12,228 |
| 6 years..... | 67,000 |

*\*\* Information obtained from Spay USA \*\**



## Why Spay & Neuter?

Animals live longer, healthier lives. Female dogs have reduced uterine, ovarian and breast cancers. Male dogs have reduced risks of prostate cancer and disorders. Altered animals make better, more affectionate companions.

Spaying and neutering is a humane form of animal control and reduces the large packs of roaming dogs that can put community members at risk, especially the children who can be mauled or bitten.



## Important guidelines for a Spay & Neuter Program

Target one area that has an animal overpopulation problem and provide sterilization services;

Conduct grass roots, large volume, high quality sterilization programs in isolated communities;

Provide volunteer veterinarians, health technicians and support teams with the surgery equipment necessary to complete the project;

Facilitate humane animal welfare education to further reduce unwanted litters.

