



Richmond Animal Protection Society (RAPS)

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Application for Membership in the Richmond Animal Protection Society

The membership of a society (such as RAPS) represents the official supporter base for the society. Membership rosters are used to apply for grants with the Province of British Columbia as a means to show the legitimacy of the society.

According to the British Columbia Society Act [RSBC 1996] Chapter 433¹, a Society must keep a list of members and must keep the following information on each member:

- 1) the full name and resident address;
- 2) the date on which the person is admitted as a member;
- 3) the date on which the person ceases to be a member;
- 4) the class of membership, if provision is made for classes (Note: not applicable to RAPS).

The Society's failure to comply with these requirements of the Society Act is an offence. In addition, the Society must provide each member a copy of the Society Constitution for a cost not exceeding \$1 *upon request by the member*.

According to the CONSTITUTION of the Richmond Animal Protection Society², a member of the society is defined by and must comply with these bylaws:

- 3) The members of the society are the applications for incorporation of the society, and those persons who subsequently become members, in accordance with these bylaws and, in either case, have not ceased to be members.
- 4) A person may apply to the directors for membership in the society and on acceptance by the directors is a member.
- 5) Every member must uphold the constitution and comply with these laws.
- 6) The amount of the first annual membership dues must be determined by the directors and after that the annual membership dues must be determined at the annual general meeting (AGM) of the society.

For further information on membership, please see the RAPS Constitution.

To apply for membership to the Richmond Animal Protection Society, please read, understand and sign the membership application on the reverse of this page.

¹ Society Act can be found at http://www.bclaws.ca/Recon/document/freeside/--%20S%20--/Society%20Act%20%20RSBC%201996%20%20c.%20433/00_96433_01.xml

² RAPS Constitution, Part 2 – Membership (excerpt)

Date: _____

To: Board of Directors
Richmond Animal Protection Society (RAPS)
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From: Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

(An email address is needed for low cost communication with members. This address will not be shared with anyone.)

Re: Application for membership to the Richmond Animal Protection Society

Dear Directors of the Richmond Animal Protection Society:

I, _____, would like to be considered for membership in the Richmond Animal Protection Society. I am a current and ongoing supporter of the Society. I have been a contributor to the Society since _____ (year). If applicable, I have included further information regarding my contribution to the Society below.

I understand that I must pay an annual membership fee of \$ 0.00 to remain a member in good standing with the Society, and that the amount of this annual fee can be changed in accordance with the Society Constitution upon approval by the current membership.

I understand that the Society will contact me with confirmation of my membership status within two months of my application and will supply me with a membership number.

Signed: _____