

ALERT NOTICE – QUARTERLY REVIEW



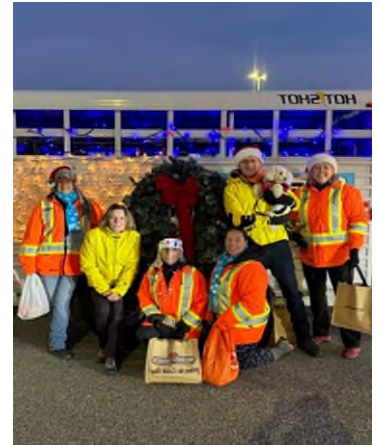
*December 2024,
January and February 2025
What have we been up to?*

ANIMAL LIFELINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



December 2, 2024

Thank you, Jordyn, Jan, Cindal and Naomi for selling Cyndy's outstanding crafts and representing ALERT at Grizzli Winery so well and letting the public know about our programs and upcoming training! Gitta and crew sandwiched in between the Penticton Fire Department and the RDOS Emergency vehicles. Sorry we are missing a bunch from photo. You did a great job in the cold! It was so nice to hear the cheers of support for what our team does. Already planning for next year!



December 3, 2024

Thank you to the Penticton Elks Lodge #51 for the enormously generous donation of \$3000. Today! Lily McDonald and Lorri Kidd from the Elks Charity Committee made the donation to our President, Daryl today. ALERT was just one of seven very grateful recipients. Elks in Penticton host a number of fundraising initiatives. From first-hand experience, we can recommend their Sunday breakfast or their weekly lunches! This was such a wonderful surprise!



December 7, 2024 – Bake Sale!

Another amazing success - our 20th ALERT Bake Sale! Special thanks to Daryl and her amazing Bakers, the purchasers, Volunteers and Lakeside staff. Line up started at 8:45 and we were sold out by 11:30. The selection and quality of cookies and squares was absolutely outstanding. From old recipes to new artworks, we are all so proud of the variety offered. DELICIOUS to boot! [Photos / Photos](#)



December 8, 2024

Grizzli Winery - what an incredibly beautiful place! For the Saturdays and Sundays in December, ALERT Volunteers joined crafters and vendors at the Grizzli Christmas Markets. ALERT Volunteers Lynn, Lori, Kim and Cheryl manned the table – selling dog or horse new LED collars, leash lights and lead rope lights for a donation of \$5.



December 12, 2024

What most people don't know is how many Level 1s ALERT responds to. 2024 was particularly bad and sad. On December 12 we had a fire in Penticton that destroyed everything a family had. They were ok and thanks to the amazing ESS Volunteers and the Red Cross, they have a safe place to stay for a few days with their 3 large dogs. When we respond, we include dog toys amongst the many other things they receive from us. But we are at the bottom of our toy barrel now. If you have any dog toys you are purging, large and small, or if you want to play Santa, we welcome a clean toy for these special evacuees. Donations can be dropped off to our Box 208 at the UPS Store 437 Martin Street, Penticton. Or email info@alertcanada.org to arrange a pickup.



December 13, 2024 – Fire Chief Appointment

The Town of Oliver announced the hiring of Ash Regner as Fire Chief for the Oliver and District Fire Department effective December 19, 2024. Mr. Regner has provided over 15 years of emergency response service in Oliver, BC. Within the Oliver and District Fire Department, Mr. Regner has served as a Firefighter from 2014-2019, Captain from 2019-2023, and currently is the Deputy Fire Chief responsible for Operations. “Council is pleased to appoint Ash Regner as Fire Chief,” Mayor Martin Johansen said. “Mr. Regner’s skills and extensive experience have significantly benefited the Oliver and District Fire Department and will continue to enhance the delivery of fire protection services in our community.” As Fire Chief of the Oliver and District Fire Department, Mr. Regner will lead a department comprised of 34 paid on call members. He will be responsible for the management and administration of the Fire Department, fire suppression, fire prevention operations and programs, and related emergency services. “It is an honour to accept the position as Fire Chief for the Town of Oliver,” Mr. Regner said. “I look forward to leading and supporting an amazing group of Paid on Call professionals as we strive to provide the residents of Oliver, the Oliver Rural Fire Protection District as well as the



Osoyoos Indian Band with the high level of service and care that they have come to expect and deserve.”

December 15, 2024

Our team at Grizzli were winding down. Thank you, Grizzli Winery for allowing so many of us to showcase our crafts and services. Nice to see so many people taking the time to actually enjoy the season. And today, Glenna, Jennifer, Carol and Cindal are at Orchard Park Shopping Centre wrapping gifts! Our reach out for dog toys has surpassed our expectations. The thoughtfulness in



the shopping tells us that these donors really know and love dogs. "Thank you" just doesn't express enough how we feel.

Photos



December 17, 2024

We put out the call for Dog Toys and YOU delivered in spades! Many toys were being shared soon and many kept for future fires. We had to purchase so many in 2024 and this allows us to say "THANK YOU" to all the donors for giving us this leg up. This was rather amazing!

December 20, 2024

Thank you Bosleys Summerland! Hannah and Gretchen led the charge for a Toy Run for ALERT and presented the toys to Ann M and Jennifer today. This Project really over-achieved! Not only have we been able to share with others, we have enough first-class dog toys for 2025! Our gratitude to all of you cannot be overstated. We are a dog-loving universe!



December 25, 2024 Christmas!



December 31 – In Memory of Betty White

We will always remember you, Betty! Thank you for all you did to help animals.



January 19, 2025

This weekend the RDOS arranged some special training in Summerland for ESS Volunteers, focusing on registering Evacuees. As part of our cross-training, ALERT Volunteers participated as well. Thank you everybody for your learning and for your empathy for those affected by disasters.



February 7, 2025



The very best thing about ALERT is our Volunteers! We have been around a long time, since 1994. Over these past few decades we have grown together, helped new Volunteers integrate into the emergency response world, trained shoulder to shoulder, mentored during responses, laughed a LOT, cried some and ALWAYS moved forward with respect and integrity. These ladies here: Jennifer, Louise, Lynne and Christi, are part of our Volunteer Recognition Committee. They are tasked with finding unique opportunities where we can honour our Volunteers, especially those with long-term service. Thank you for taking on this very special task!



February 16, 2025



We don't set lofty goals for ourselves. Sometimes, it's the little things that provide us with joy. Being able to see the top of our table and having room to sit around it for conversation brought smiles to Jennifer, Debbie and Cheryl the other day. Good job, ladies.



February 22, 2025 – Bob Graham Official Retirement



We should never have favourites but if we did, Bob would be one of them. He was the first Fire Chief to call us in for Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVAs) where animals needed help. There were too many of them. He gave us and our ESS colleagues such respect for the work we do and always welcomed us with open arms to train and meet at the OFD. He even took some of our training where he learned how to secure a loose horse. Bob understands the importance that animals are to people. He ensured we were safe and provided us with the information we needed to get our part of the response done. He can work a room better than anybody. His reputation for having OFD show up on scene so quickly was remarkable. He has been OFD's most amazing ambassador. We will miss his call-outs. Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement.

Box 208 – 437 Martin Street, Penticton, BC V2A 5L1

Email: info@alertcanada.org

Website: www.alertcanada.org

 Animal Lifeline Emergency Response Team Society [@ALERTCanada](https://www.facebook.com/ALERTCanada)

