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[TURTLE GARDENS ANIMAL RESCUE SOCIETY](#)



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Turtle Gardens Animal Rescue (TG) was founded on April 8, 1988 to meet a desperate need for an animal shelter in northern BC. TG is a no-kill, stand alone shelter serving more than 30 communities. . .

April 29, 2008

Exert from: [Turtle Gardens Diary](#) — Yvette @ 7:03 pm

. . . Today was a busy day to meet people. A couple of days ago we received a phone call from Lou and his wife who were vacationing in Bella Coola and found four skinny dogs. Three were male and one was a female. They seemed friendly and he wanted a safe haven for them. He had called all the rescues on the BC Rescue web site. No one could help. I told him we would help if no one else came forward. Today he called from Vanderhoof - he was on his way here. . . .

**April 30, 2008** [Turtle Gardens Heroes](#)

The Bella Coola 4 were rescued by Lou and Bonnie from ALBERTA who were vacationing at Bella Coola. When they found the Bella Coola 4 they didn't just say "Somebody should do something about that dog running around town. Somebody should do something about that starving dog that those people who moved, left behind. Somebody should do something about the puppies that nobody wants. Somebody should do something about the four starving dogs and then walk away. They did that something to help.

They found a safe haven for them and then drove them seven hours out of their way (from Prince George which is where they would turn to go home), transporting 4 strange dogs in their own vehicle – a suburban, bought them collars and leashes and food. They are Somebody and heroes in my eyes. Thank you for showing me an extreme animal lovers' soul. And they are cat people – they have precious cats at home – no dogs!! King, Bella, Spring and Chinook thank you too.

And Turtle Gardens' everyday heroes are our veterinarians Dr. Martin and Dr Kye and all their staff. Without their care and compassion we would not be able to continue our work at Turtle Gardens. Your support, words of wisdom and encouragement when days seem so bleak and never ending is so appreciated. Without you there would be no Turtle Gardens.

Then Lou and his wife arrived with the four Bella Coola dogs. And what a sad sight they are. These are four of the saddest scraps of canine fur you can imagine. Lou has named them so here they are:



Bella - the very pregnant female!





Chinook - a very nice boy!



Spring - "Can I really eat?" He also went to the vet as he is soooo thin. He too needs rest before worming and then all the food he can eat.



King - the leader of the four and he went from Lou's suburban right into the TG Bus to the vet. He has a broken femur that is almost healed - he is starting to walk on it. It is healing straight so it will continue to heal on its own. He was too thin to vaccinate -so he needs a few days of rest and all the food he can eat - Thank you VAS for the premium dog food - we really appreciate it!! Then he will be dewormed and his rehabilitation will begin.



The reunion when the two came back from the Veterinarian. Thank you for giving us the time to examine them without an appointment we really appreciate all you do for us and all the rescue animals in Burns Lake and beyond.