



Since 1912, the Bucks County SPCA has rescued and re-homed animals in need from Bristol to Springfield and everywhere in between.

In the early years, Bucks County SPCA (BCSPCA) founder Knickerbacker Davis and Agent Walter Tyron (top right) crisscrossed the county by motorcycle responding to emergencies and investigating reported cases of animal cruelty. BCSPCA was founded as an independent animal welfare agency in 1912 with an operating budget of only \$2,000.

In the depths of the depression, the BCSPCA was counting new members and receiving help from the community for its work. The 1930s saw the addition of a new animal ambulance (middle right) and establishment of a new facility in Lahaska in the center of the county. The work expanded to include sheltering and placement of animals. Intake of unwanted and abandoned animals peaked in 1977 with close to 15,000 animals brought to the Lahaska shelter, mostly dogs and puppies.

By the 2010s, effective spay and neuter efforts led to far fewer litters of unwanted puppies. Cat overpopulation has become the bigger challenge across the county and in much of the Northeast. Last year, 767 cats were sterilized through BCSPCA's two public spay/neuter clinics. All shelter dogs, cats and rabbits are sterilized prior to adoption, making the BCSPCA a smart place to adopt a new pet.



Bucks County SPCA founder L. Knickerbacker Davis and Agent Walter Tyron keep a watchful eye out for animal cruelty on patrol in 1914.



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