

Cochrane & Area Humane Society Philosophy– Public Statement

The Cochrane & Area Humane Society is an open door animal shelter. Because we turn no animal away, sometimes animals arrive at our shelter in poor physical condition or with serious behaviour issues. Through the generosity of our donors and volunteers, we are able to provide extensive medical care and behavioural rehabilitation to animals in our care.

Since the CAHS opened its doors in 1998, we have managed to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home over 90% of the animals that come to our door annually. Euthanasia is considered only after exhausting all other viable options & resources, and when it is either the most humane option or the only reasonable option to ensure staff or community safety. No animal faces a predetermined time limit. Some animals have special needs and are fostered by volunteers for extended periods of time to ensure a suitable home can be found to meet their unique needs.

One of our main priorities is to educate the public about responsible pet guardianship, including the importance of spaying/neutering animals to prevent unwanted births and overflowing shelters.

What can you do to help the Cochrane & Area Humane Society?

We can all help reduce the number of pets at the shelter by being responsible pet guardians. We have far too many homeless dogs and cats! Spay or neuter ALL your pets. Also, make sure your pet has proper identification so they can be returned to you quickly if they become lost.

You can also support the shelter by helping ensure that we have enough resources to care for every animal that comes to our door. We receive only 4% of our funding from grants, and we rely heavily on volunteers. You can help by:

- Becoming a foster home for our shelter
- Volunteering at the shelter
- Donating to the shelter or supporting our fundraisers

If you have any questions about Cochrane & Area Humane Society's policies and practices, please contact:

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