

Calgary Humane Society

Animal Limits Within the City of Calgary

Position:

Calgary Humane Society does not support a companion animal limit within Calgary city limits. As an enforcement agency, CHS believes the term “responsible pet ownership” incorporates the expectation that pet owners demonstrate the knowledge and training required to ensure the proper welfare and well-being of their companion animals. This also includes adhering to all provisions of the *Animal Protection Act*. (For complete details on the *Animal Protection Act*, see <http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/acts/a41.pdf>).

CHS believes limiting the number of animals in a home does not address the core issues demonstrated in cases of over-crowding and/or hoarding and may result in otherwise responsible pet owners not licensing their pets or seeking veterinary care if the household is in excess of an imposed limit.

See CHS position statement, “Keeping Companion Animals as Pets” for guidance on what responsible pet ownership encompasses.