

## Calgary Humane Society Reopens Today

On Monday May 1st, Calgary Humane Society is reopening its doors following its closure due to recent parvo cases brought in during a large seizure from a property in Southern Alberta. The seizure was brought in by Alberta SPCA and involved a number of dogs, cats, rabbits and turtles.

After thoroughly disinfecting the shelter and conducting a risk assessment, CHS is in a position to reopen its Adoptions, Reception and Store areas.

As a precaution, CHS veterinarians continue to test the isolated dogs that came in with the seizure to ensure no other cases develop. CHS will also continue to divert the intake of surrenders or strays to nearby vet clinics or the City of Calgary and is making alternative plans for behaviour classes to ensure the continued safety of not only the animals in its care but also those in the community.

All of the dogs from the AB SPCA seizure were quarantined upon intake therefore the risk of the disease spreading to the rest of the animal population or outside community is low.

CHS would like to graciously thank the public for their patience during the closure and for the overwhelming number of towels, sheets and blankets brought in during the recent call-out. CHS is no longer in need of these supplies at this time.

Dr. Drew Van Niekerk of Calgary North Veterinary Clinic will be available for media interviews at 11:00am at Calgary Humane Society regarding parvovirus, CHS's decision to close, as well as any questions surrounding the reopening and parvo in the community. Media will also be invited to tour the reopened areas to allow for photos and video.

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