



## WHAT ABOUT THE ANIMALS? – UPDATE & REQUEST #3

Dear Calgary Humane Society Supporter,

THANK YOU for the incredible support you have shown Calgary Humane Society during these unprecedented and challenging times. We are truly grateful for all your good wishes and generosity! We sincerely hope you and your loved ones have all remained healthy and safe over these past few months.

As the Alberta government enters Phase 2 of their provincial relaunch strategy, we see additional restrictions lifted and some public facilities re-open. However, for the safety of our staff, volunteers, foster families, members of the public, and of course our animals, Calgary Humane Society wants to take a very cautious approach with our own re-open plan. We will therefore remain closed to the public, but open for emergencies and by appointment, ensuring that the animals who need us continue to get the care they require. We have modified our programs and services in order to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and have put into place strict operational protocols that will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

I would like to thank you all for your patience as we do our best to manage this very fluid situation as best we can. I also want to send a huge shout out to the staff, volunteers and foster parents of Calgary Humane Society. The Management team continues to be in awe of their unwavering enthusiasm, commitment and passion to make sure each and every animal gets the care and attention they require. We are so fortunate to work with such a dedicated team!

### UPDATE:

We currently have 76 animals in shelter and 111 placed in various foster homes across the city of Calgary.

As we navigate our way through our re-open plan, we have carefully developed and implemented a number of key strategies to keep everyone safe, which include; physical distancing requirements, increased sanitation, promotion of hand hygiene, proper use of PPE, screening measures for people entering the building and increased cleaning protocols, particularly in high-touch areas of the shelter.

Calgary Humane Society has also made the following modifications to our programs and services:

- A new contactless adoption procedure was created to ensure animals continue to be adopted
- Virtual Behaviour Classes were launched so pet owners can still participate and learn with their dog
- Curbside pickup for Pet Gear store purchases was introduced
- A virtual version of our annual Dog Jog was created
- Volunteers have been gradually welcomed back into the shelter for animal enrichment programs
- Virtual pet segments commenced on Soft Rock 97.7, Global television and City-TV
- Animal intake increased to include non-urgent owner surrenders, transfers from other organizations, and vet clinic pick-ups
- We kept animal protection services operating at full capacity, seven days per week, throughout the pandemic
- Our modified “by appointment” adoption process has continued, but we now allow more than one family member to visit (please visit our website at [www.calgaryhumane.ca](http://www.calgaryhumane.ca) for a list of current animals available for adoption, which is updated daily with new animals)



**REQUEST:**

As the world slowly re-opens, the number of animals arriving at our shelter each day is growing, and your support has never been so important!

We sincerely appreciate that these are trying economic times for many, and a donation at this time might be difficult. Have you ever considered becoming a member of our [PAWS monthly donor program](#)? You would be joining a very special group of over 1,800 donors who provide Calgary Humane Society with a reliable source of funding to care for the animals every day, with a gift once a month.

The PAWS monthly donor program offers additional benefits for you and Calgary Humane Society such as:

- **Convenience** – Your monthly gift can easily be made from either your bank account, or credit card, should you like to collect points. Do not forget Calgary Humane Society has an affinity card available through BMO MasterCard, see [here](#) for more details.
- **Lower costs** – Monthly donations help reduce administrative and postage costs.
- **Greater Impact** – A small gift each monthly adds up quickly and helps even more animals. For example, \$20 a month is only \$0.66 per day, but adds up to \$240 a year. This amount could feed approximately three dogs and five cats during their stay in shelter.

To join the PAWS monthly donor program (via credit card) you can click [here](#). To have your gift withdrawn from your bank account, either send us a 'void' cheque to: PAWS Monthly Program 4455 – 110<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE Calgary Alberta T2C 2T7, or call us at 403-723-6000 with your banking information. To make a one-time gift, please click [here](#).

Thank you for thinking about the animals. Please stay safe and be well!

With sincere gratitude,

Carrie Fritz  
Executive Director  
Calgary Humane Society