



Calgary Humane Society

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Calgary Humane Society Reminds Public about Emergency Boarding Program for Pets Affected by Alberta Fires**

CALGARY, Alta. (May 15, 2023) – As wildfires begin ravaging parts of Alberta, Calgary Humane Society (CHS) is reminding the public to prepare, have an evacuation plan for their companion animals and contact the Society if they need support through the Emergency Boarding Program. This program provides temporary shelter for pets whose owners have been affected by an emergency such as a fire.

CHS works with Humane Societies and SPCAs across the province to ensure there is always somewhere safe for animals to go during these traumatic situations.

"We understand the devastating impact wildfires can have on both people and pets," says Carrie Fritz, Executive Director at Calgary Humane Society. "Pets are family members, and we want to do everything we can to help ensure they are safe and cared for during an emergency. Once the crisis has passed, reuniting an animal with their owner is such a privilege and something the team truly cherishes."

Albertans can prepare for emergencies by putting together evacuation plans for their household and building emergency kits for themselves and their pets. Leaving carriers and emergency kits equipped with food and medication near an exit can make a big difference for pet owners who must evacuate quickly and calmly. For a complete list of what to prepare, visit the CHS website for their emergency checklist.

In addition, please consider becoming a Foster Parent to assist in these emergent situations. CHS relies on their strong network of Foster Parents to support the Emergency Boarding Program. The shelter is encouraging new individuals to apply in preparation for what could be a summer of fires. Please visit [www.calgaryhumane.ca](http://www.calgaryhumane.ca) for more information.

For more information on the emergency boarding program, visit:  
<https://www.calgaryhumane.ca/services/emergency-boarding/>

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