

CONNECTING LIVES

Quillion

THE STORY OF
QUILLION'S JOURNEY
FROM HARDSHIP TO
HAPPINESS

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2024 Impact Report

5,025 VACCINES PROVIDED; 59,645 MEDICATIONS ADMINISTERED, AND 2,256 SURGERIES PERFORMED

Summer Camps

EMPOWERING FUTURE ANIMAL ADVOCATES THROUGH EDUCATION & COMPASSION

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Letter from the Executive Director

Carrie Fritz

The first couple months of 2025 have been unique to say the least! Our community, and our country as a whole, is spinning with confusion and uncertainty. I am sure many are experiencing a great deal of apprehension as to what the coming year will hold. However, despite the adjustments we may have to make as we start to feel the impact of this chaos in our economy, one thing that will remain steadfast - Calgary Humane Society's commitment to protecting the animals in our community and supporting those that love them to create a more humane world – one where all lives are treated with respect.

Our Continued Companionship suite programs is one of many ways we are demonstrating compassion and offering a sense of peace to animal families. innovative programming was launched in late 2023 and was designed to provide tools and resources to families struggling to manage the care of their animal. The ultimate goal is to keep an animal safely with the family they know and love and out of a shelter setting. In 2024, we saw the utilization of these programs increase 85%! 966 animals were provided with the care they needed in order to remain with their family, which means more space for the animals who truly needed our intervention!

As you scan these pages, you will read about some of this unique programming, which has only been possible thanks to the generous support of our donors. You will also read about some of the amazing events and programs that have become traditions at CHS like our annual Dog Jog and Kids Camps.

I sincerely hope you are inspired by the stories of our courageous animals, the new programming we are offering, and all that is happening at CHS in the coming months. But I also hope you feel assurance that despite what transpires in our current environment, the CHS team will do whatever we can to support our community – as we have done for the past 103 years! Today, more than ever before, it feels like this is such critically important work and I sincerely thank all those who have helped to make it possible. We could not do this without you!

Yours Truly,



Carrie Fritz
Executive Director





Calgary Humane Society Earns Dual Honors: Charity Intelligence Top 100 & Employer of Choice Award

Calgary Humane Society is proud to announce we have been recognized with two prestigious honors in 2024: a place on Charity Intelligence's Top 100 Rated Charities and the Nonprofit Employer of Choice (NEOC) Award. These distinctions highlight our commitment to both the animals we serve and the incredible team that makes our work possible.

The Charity Intelligence Top 100 Ratings serve as an invaluable resource for donors seeking to make informed decisions about their charitable contributions. These ratings emphasize transparency, accountability, and effective resource management, ensuring every dollar donated creates meaningful impact.

Being named among the Top 100 rated charities in Canada highlights the measurable difference we make for animals in need. It reflects the hard work of our team, the trust of our supporters, and the lives transformed by our programs and services. It assures our donors their contributions are being directed where they matter most – saving and improving the lives of animals. For every dollar donated, 86 cents goes directly to the animals we help and programs we run for the community.

We owe this achievement to the unwavering support of our compassionate community.

Your generosity, trust, and belief in our mission empowers us to rescue animals from abuse, neglect, and homelessness and provide them with the care and second chance they deserve.

In addition to this honor, Calgary Humane Society is also the proud recipient of the Nonprofit Employer of Choice (NEOC) Award. This recognition is awarded annually to nonprofit organizations that foster a culture of excellence, innovation, and inclusivity. This achievement is especially meaningful because it is based on direct feedback from our team members, who described CHS as a place where compassion, commitment, and collaboration thrive.

At CHS, we believe our people are the driving force behind our mission. We have cultivated a workplace where respect, trust, and curiosity are not only valued, but embedded in our daily routines. Every individual who joins our organization brings unique perspectives and strengths to help us achieve our shared mission: Protect animals. Support people. Create a more humane world.

Going forward, the prestigious NEOC award will allow us to attract, retain, and engage the best and brightest talent and we will be recognized as one of the best employers within the nonprofit sector—always striving to offer each team member an unforgettable experience as an employee of Calgary Humane Society.

Calgary Humane Society is incredibly proud to receive these two distinctions in 2024one recognizing the impact of our work, the other celebrating our culture—demonstrating Calgary Humane Society is not only a leader as a charitable organization, but also a top employer. As we look ahead, these honours will build the confidence of our supporters and the trust of our team, ensuring the best possible outcomes for the animals and communities we serve.

Thank you to our dedicated team, generous donors, and compassionate community for making this possible. Your support allows us to rescue, care for, and advocate for animals while fostering an environment where people and pets alike can thrive.

Calgary Humane Society Charity Intelligence Profile







A SPHYNX CAT'S JOURNEY TO HEALING

On October 20, 2024, a special soul arrived at Calgary Humane Society. Quillion, a Sphynx cat with remarkable resilience, was surrendered to our care due to significant health challenges. His journey of healing from his medical concerns to a loving forever home is a testament to the dedication of our Animal Health team, our Foster Team, our Volunteers, and everyone who crossed his path.

A DIFFICULT START

When Quillion came to us, it was clear he would require urgent medical attention. This brave little feline had a history of a melting ulcer in his left eye. Unfortunately, his condition had worsened, and his left eye—or globe—had ruptured. Dr. Howard, one of our most experienced veterinarians, recalls her first interaction with him: "Quillion was a lovely boy who, despite his medical concerns, was very tolerant and friendly for his initial examination."

In addition to his severe eye issue, a thorough examination revealed some dental and ear problems which would also be addressed by the Animal Health team.

THE MEDICAL JOURNEY

The first step in Quillion's recovery was an enucleation—the surgical removal of his damaged eye. While this procedure is lifechanging, it was necessary to eliminate his pain and prevent further complications. He also underwent an otoscopic examination and ear cleaning under anesthesia. An otoscopic examination is a thorough inspection of the ear canals using an otoscope, which is equipped with a light and magnification to allow the veterinarian to get a clear view of the ear canal and address any concerns. Quillion had a small hole in his left tympanic membrane (eardrum) and signs of infection, so he was started on antibiotics. Additionally, masses were found inside his ear canals, which will require lifelong monitoring and management to prevent future

ear problems. "The surgery went smoothly, and Quillion tolerated the loss of his eye without 'looking back'."

Quillion's dental procedure followed shortly thereafter. A comprehensive oral health assessment and treatment was performed with dental scale, polish, and with radiographs. In addition, he had five teeth removed allowing him to start healing his oral cavity.



FOSTER CARE

After his surgeries, Quillion's healing journey continued in a foster home. His foster parent described her experiences with this affectionate and resilient cat—"upon his arrival, Quillion made himself at home, curling up in warm blankets despite some noticeable stiffness in his front paws." His foster parent noticed his unique walk, likely due to arthritis, and adjusted his environment by moving his dishes to the floor to make them more accessible. Over the next few days, Quillion's affection shone through as he headbutted, purred, and sought constant cuddles. His foster parent observed minor postsurgery symptoms, such as a few sneezes and a little blood from his nostril, but these were managed with careful attention. Quillion's spirit never faltered, and as he began eating dry food and moving more comfortably, his foster parent realized she had fallen for him. "I'd love to be his little retirement home," she wrote. "He's such a sweet and affectionate boy."

The attentive foster parent ensured Quillion's comfort and helped him thrive during his recovery. "He's so very affectionate and just loves cuddling and purring away," she shared. "It's impossible not to fall in love with him."

FINDING FOREVER

On November 13th, less than a month after Quillion's arrival at CHS, it was made official: His foster parent adopted him. "I knew from the start that he was special," she said. "After everything he'd been through, he deserved stability and endless love. I couldn't imagine him being anywhere but with me."

Quillion's adoption marked the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. Today, he spends his days lounging in sunny spots, playing with his favorite toys, and cuddling with his new guardian. "He's brought so much joy into my life," she said. "He's proof that even the most broken spirits can heal with love and care."





A TEAM EFFORT

Quillion's story wouldn't have been possible without the collective effort of the Calgary Humane Society team. From the medical staff who performed his surgeries, to the volunteers who cared for him, and the foster team who supported his foster parent—every individual played a crucial role.

"Cases like Quillion remind us why we do what we do," said Anna-Lee Fitzsimmons, Director of Public Relations. "Seeing him thrive in his new home is the ultimate reward for all the hard work our team puts in."

Quillion's journey is also a reminder of the importance of community support. Donations to Calgary Humane Society help provide lifesaving care for animals like Quillion. "Every contribution makes a difference," Anna-Lee emphasized. "It allows us to give animals like Quillion the second chance they deserve."

A BRIGHT FUTURE

Today, Quillion is thriving in his forever home. His story has touched the hearts of everyone who met him, and he's become an ambassador for resilience and hope. The foster parent summed it up best: "Quillion may have been in need of help, but his spirit never wavered. He's my little warrior, and I'm so grateful to have him in my life."

As we celebrate Quillion's journey, we're reminded that every animal deserves a chance at love and happiness. Thanks to the incredible team at Calgary Humane Society, Quillion got his.



2024 Statistics

1038

Total Investigations

525

Seized Animals

192

Abandonment

13

Overcrowding

35

Hot Car

33

Inadequate Water

135 Physical Abuse

Malnutrition/Starvation

209

Medical Neglect

20

Inspections

Unsanitary Conditions

15

Grooming Neglect

179

Inadequate Shelter

Other

Report Animal Cruelty If you would like to know how to report animal cruelty, go to CalgaryHumane.ca/animal-protection.

Animal Cruelty Convictions

Clint BULL

Convicted under the Animal Protection Act of Alberta and sentenced to a \$1 fine and a 10-year animal prohibition order.

Christine SIMS

Convicted under the Animal Protection Act of Alberta and sentenced to a lifetime animal prohibition order.

Lawrence CHOW

Convicted under the Criminal Code of Canada and sentenced to a \$250 donation and a 4-year animal prohibition order.

Ashleigh LESTER and Brianna ASHAM

Convicted under the Animal Protection Act of Alberta and sentenced to \$1500 fines and 12-year animal prohibition orders each.

Kevin ACHICANOY

Convicted under the Criminal Code of Canada and sentenced to 5-months incarceration, 3-years probation and a lifetime animal prohibition order.

George MCMULLEN

Convicted under the Criminal Code of Canada and sentenced to 18-months probation and a lifetime animal prohibition order.

Jose GUERRERO

Convicted under the Criminal Code of Canada and sentenced to a suspended sentence and a lifetime animal prohibition order.

Mohammed MENHEM

Convicted under the Animal Protection Act of Alberta and sentenced to a \$2000 fine and a 10-year animal prohibition order.

Victoria EWASIUK

Convicted under the Criminal Code of Canada and sentenced to a 1-year peace bond and a 1-year animal prohibition order.

Charles DVOJMOC

Convicted under the Animal Protection Act of Alberta and sentenced to a \$500 fine and a 10-year animal prohibition order.

George SIMPSON

Convicted under the Animal Protection Act of Alberta and sentenced to a year of probation and a 10-year animal prohibition order.

IMPROVING ANIMAL WELFARE IN OUR CITY

Since 2022, Calgary Humane Society has experienced an alarming increase in puppies being admitted to the shelter, or even worse, born in shelter and starting their life without a home to call their own. We also continue to be consistently over capacity with a waiting list for those looking to surrender their animals at times hundreds of names long. This is leading to a staggering increase in abandoned animals and stray animals turned out into the cold because people are out of options.

Sadly, we are not alone. Shelters across the country are feeling the strain of our new reality, all working to manage:

- The aftereffects of the pandemic where breeding of animals ran rampant to meet the elevated demand.
- A challenging economic landscape where costs of having a companion animal can quickly become unmanageable.
- A veterinary shortage which makes it more challenging for families to find vet care when it is needed.
- A lack of pet friendly housing that exists within our community with a very constricted housing market.

These compounding factors have created the situation we are in, which is a shelter that is exceeding our capacity, and often times, with vulnerable puppies and kittens. With shelters full and waitlists to surrender unwanted animals long, there has, in turn, been an increase in the number of animals abandoned and found roaming stray with families simply giving up, leaving an animal alone, scared, and possibly suffering.

The mission at Calgary Humane Society is to Protect animals. Support people. Create a more humane world. As we work to create solutions in order to prevent animal suffering, we have also created programs to support pet loving families so they do not have to face that difficult decision to surrender their animal. In 2024, we helped 966 animals stay with the families that love them through our:

- · Spay and Neuter Clinics
- Wellness Clinics
- Seniors Program
- · Roscoe's Keep Them Home Program
- Pet Food Bank Program
- Pets and Renters Program

In December 2024, one City Councilor took action to create an even greater change. A Notice of Motion was introduced that has the potential to not only help with the overpopulation of puppies and kittens in our city, but also takes aim at puppy mills and the irresponsible breeding that continues to occur.

Ward 8 Councilor Courtney Walcott put forth a Notice of Motion that would ban the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits which would have Calgary join the growing list of municipalities that have already taken this step. Many pet store locations in Calgary, like Doodle Dogs, have already eliminated live animal sales from their operations and instead have opted to partner with local Humane Societies, SPCA's, and rescue groups that offer animals for adoption from shelters. Unfortunately, there are some who continue to remain reliant on mass commercial breeding for stock and as long as these storefronts exist, puppy mills will remain in existence.

This Notice of Motion does not prohibit responsible, ethical breeding. Those who do it right are not hiding behind a brick-and-mortar store front! These breeders invite their clients into their breeding space so they can see firsthand how their new pet was bred and raised. A responsible breeder will provide you with all the information you need on your new furry family member and will welcome questions in return. They will often also support the transition of the animal into their new home with spay/neuter clauses in their contracts and a return policy which does not include an exorbitant restocking fee.

Calgary Humane Society was pleased to see Calgary City Council vote 12-2 in favour of City Administration preparing a report assessing pet retail sales to be submitted by the end of 2025. This move will allow all those thinking of adding a companion animal to their family to do so responsibly, with full transparency regarding where their animal came from and what will be required to care for the animal for their entire life. We applaud this huge step that will hopefully lead to a change in the Responsible Pet Ownership bylaw, ultimately leading to fewer animals being surrendered to the shelter and an end to commercial breeding in our city. A move in the right direction to end animal suffering and improve animal welfare in Calgary.





All funds raised support
Calgary Humane Society's mission to end animal cruelty.

WHEN

Saturday
May 31st
2025

WHERE

North Glenmore Park

7305 Crowchild Tr. SW

SCHEDULE

10:00 AM Registration Opens

> 11:00 AM Walk/Jog

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Family Festival



Register Today!

Or visit CalgaryHumane.ca for more information.

Interested in Sponsoring?

Email Kaleigh.Goehringer@calgaryhumane.ca

BELLA'S STORY

I adopted Bella in February 2013 from Calgary Humane Society as a 2-month-old puppy. After bringing Bella home, I started following Calgary Humane Society on social media because of how great the experience had been. The following spring, I saw their post about Dog Jog and I decided to sign her up to see what all the fuss was about.

Our first Dog Jog experience was a rainy one. We were able to fundraise a small amount and the rain didn't stop Bella from finishing 5k, muddy and wet. It was amazing to see the turnout and learn how the event helped CHS as one of their top fundraising events. It inspired me to start trying to beat our fundraising amount from the previous year.

I'm proud to say year after year, we did just that. It was a huge accomplishment and helped us raise money for CHS to help end animal cruelty.

The following years, I began sharing the event on my social media accounts and spreading the word to my family and friends. In 2014, I rescued my other dog, Thor, who immediately joined Bella for every Dog Jog. Unfortunately, in 2021, Thor ended up needing four leg surgeries, which sidelined him while he recovered.

In 2024, I had signed us up for our 12th consecutive year participating, but as the date approached, we suddenly received Bella's cancer diagnosis. It pushed me even harder to fundraise, knowing it would be her final Dog Jog after 12 years. We smashed our goal out of the park. My supporters knew just how much Bella meant to me and how important Dog Jog was to us. She was given an award on stage to recognize her many years of participation and fundraising for CHS at Dog Jog.

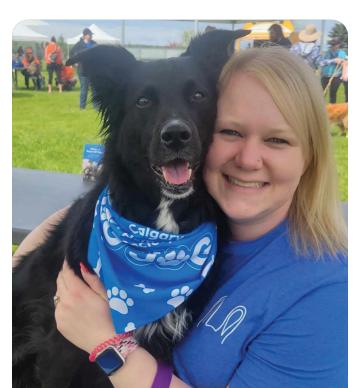
Now, as the years go on without Bella, I will continue fundraising for Dog Jog in her honour. The animals need us, and we need to be the voice for them as we fight to end animal cruelty. Over the last 12 years, I'm happy to say we raised over \$10,000! I'm so incredibly proud of Bella and thankful that Calgary Humane Society gave me my best friend to participate with in Dog Jog.

In honour of Bella, I loved you for your whole life and now I'll miss you for the rest of mine.

Stacey Webb, Bella's Mom











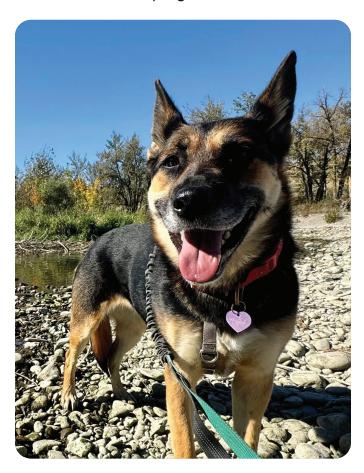


GET INVOLVED

FUR-LOW

From Shelter Stress to Confident Paws: The Magic of the Fur-Low Program

Each day, adoring shelter staff and volunteers shower our animals with love and attention. Our canine companions enjoy multiple forms of enrichment and daily walks—moments that bring as much joy to the people who walk them as it does to the dogs. Though Calgary Humane Society provides exceptional care, the shelter environment is still a far cry from the comforts of home that these animals truly deserve. This is where the Fur-Low program comes in.



The new Fur-Low programs gives individuals the opportunity to take a shelter dog out on a field trip. This could be a trip to the park, a hike, or even a couch surfing netflix day.

When we first introduced the Fur-Low program, something shifted. It wasn't just the dogs' behavior that changed—it was their spirit. They began to walk differently, wag their tails with more confidence, and even show curiosity that had been buried beneath the weight of shelter stress. These changes are heartwarming, but it's not just the dogs who benefit. The Fur-Low program also creates meaningful opportunities for volunteers to make a real difference.

Traditionally, shelters like ours have relied heavily on volunteers who can commit to longer-term roles, either within the shelter or by providing foster homes to animals in need. While these roles are vital to the shelter's operations, not everyone can make this kind of commitment. This is where the Fur-Low program has been a game-changer: offering a flexible way for community members to make an impactful difference in a way that fits into their busy lives.

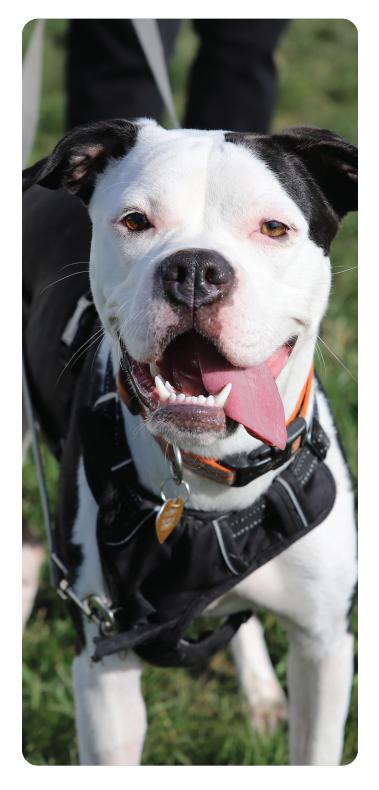
Though the program offers a more casual way for people to get involved, its impact is anything but small. By allowing dogs to experience the outside world and engage with different people, their stress levels decrease, while their chances of adoption increase significantly. Stelle is a dog that truly benefited from the new Fur-Low program. She was a beautiful rust colored mixed breed who had a tough time showcasing her true personality due to barrier reactivity. While she struggled to make a connection with potential adopters in the shelter, the Fur-Low program gave her the opportunity to build confidence outside of the kennel. As she spent time with volunteers, Stelle's true nature began to shine through, and her transformation ultimately played a key role in helping her find her forever home.

During our Home for the Holidays event, we ask our community to step up to offer shelter pups a home over the month of December. Many stepped forward to participate, offering shelter pups a loving, temporary home during the December holidays. One volunteer welcomed a terrified mom and her two pups into her home, showering them with the love they truly deserved.

In the fall of 2024, we had a dog named Maggie who struggled to get in and out of cars. To help Maggie face her fear, we turned to our Fur-Low volunteers, asking if anyone would be willing to donate their time and their car to help Maggie confront her fears. The outpouring of support was truly heartwarming, with people jumping at the chance to help Maggie learn that cars aren't so scary after all.

The Fur-Low program is a community effort that brings people together. Families, young professionals, retirees, and students—people from all walks of life—have stepped up to make a life-saving difference in the lives of shelter animals. By giving just a few hours of their time, they've helped socialize animals, raise awareness about shelter pets, and most importantly, show the dogs there's a world outside the shelter filled with love. The Fur-Low program has built a bridge between Calgary Humane Society and the community, making everyone feel like they have a part to play in improving the lives of shelter animals.

The Fur-Low program was new in 2024 and continues to grow. If you have ever wondered how you can make a real difference in the life of a shelter dog, like Stelle and Maggie, please check out our website or email foster.program@calgaryhumane.ca to get more information. Together, we can make their journey even brighter.



2024 IMPACT REPORT

Animals Helped

4,580 animals supported by Calgary Humane Society Admissions and Community Services programs

Foster Program

645 Foster Families provided support to **1,494** animals, decreasing their time in shelter by 38%

Protection & Investigation

1,038 investigations of animal cruelty leading to 525 animals removed from unsafe situations

Fund Development

16,924 donors supported Calgary Humane Society with 54,627 donations

Adoption

2,607 animals adopted into loving homes, including 241 puppies

Volunteer Resources

821 Volunteers donated 29,700 hours of time

Animal Health

5,025 vaccines provided; 59,645 medications administered, and 2,256 surgeries performed

Community Outreach

24,621 people reached through Humane Education & Outreach initiatives (29% increase)

Continued Companionship

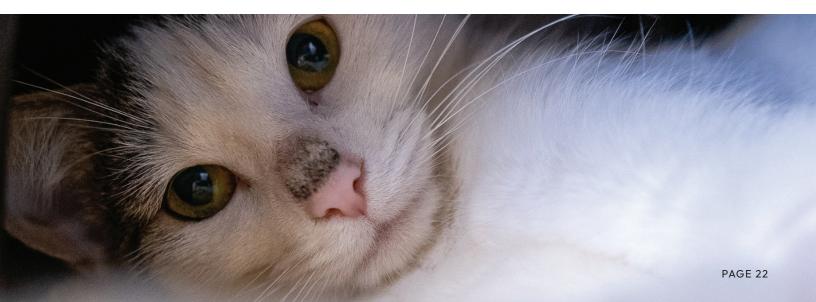
966 animals stayed in their homes with their families and out of the shelter through our Continued Companionship Programs (85% increase in programming utilization)



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April 12, 2025 at 10:00AM Calgary Humane Society 4455 110 Ave SE Calgary, Alberta

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COMMUNITY FOSTER FUNDRAISING

MY BIRTHDAY FUNDRAISER TO HELP ANIMALS

By Olive Unsworth

I was turning ten and I heard about the birthday fundraising idea where you can pick a fundraising cause, and instead of getting presents your friends could donate to that cause. I looked at some different causes and I decided on the Humane Society because I love animals, and every animal deserves a good place to live. I loved that idea, and it inspired me to take it one step further.

The next day I started making some posters to put up around my neighborhood. My mom helped me design them online and laminate them. I also put some up at my school and I asked some people to put them up around their neighborhoods too. By then I had about thirty posters up. My goal started out as five hundred dollars, but in about one and a half weeks I was at five hundred and fifty dollars, so I raised it to one thousand. After that I had to raise it again to one thousand five hundred dollars. Eventually I had to raise my goal to two thousand dollars



What do you call a dog who i getting older? Grandpaw...

and by the end I had raised two thousand and nine dollars. My name kept moving higher and higher up the list of top third-party donors, ninth, fifth, second, and then first!

The Humane Society invited me to tour their building. Some of the dogs reminded me of my dog, playful and sweet. Seeing all those adorable but sad faces was just another motivator to keep going. I met a kitten that had a sickness like a human cold. I was happy to see that it looked like all of the animals were well taken care of, especially when I saw their laundry room which had piles of clean blankets, toys, and beds everywhere you looked. Afterwards it felt really good to know that an animal is getting helped right now because of my donation.

HOST A FUNDRAISER

Hosting a third-party event is a fantastic way to support Calgary Humane Society and make a positive impact on animal welfare. By organizing your own event, you can raise funds and awareness for our cause.

Whether it's a charity walk, bake sale, online fundraising campaign, or any creative idea you have, your efforts will help us continue our vital work in rescuing, rehabilitating, and finding forever homes for animals in need.

Register below or email community.outreach@calgaryhumane.ca







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