Calgary Humane Society

Animals Used for Veterinary Education

Position

Calgary Humane Society (CHS) is committed to the welfare of all animals in its care and recognizes the vital role of veterinary education in advancing animal health and well-being. The Society maintains a collaborative partnership with accredited institutions to support the education of future veterinary professionals. This partnership is grounded in shared values of compassion, respect, and ethical treatment of animals and CHS does not provide companion animals for research or for the unsupervised practice of medical procedures.

Through structured and supervised programs—including spay/neuter clinics, shelter medicine rotations, and practicum placements—CHS provides learning opportunities that benefit both the animals and the students. These experiences are designed to improve access to veterinary care for underserved populations while ensuring that all procedures are performed with the highest standards of animal welfare.

Rationale

While CHS does not participate in or support medical research involving shelter animals, it recognizes the importance of education in advancing animal welfare and veterinary medicine. By providing structured, humane learning opportunities under professional supervision, CHS helps train future animal care professionals while ensuring that all interactions prioritize compassion, safety, and respect for the animals.