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HELPING ANIMALS IMPACTED BY WILDFIRES

The wildfires have impacted Alberta's animals in many ways, and our staff has been there to help ensure pets and livestock are not in distress.

Alberta SPCA Peace Officers and staff worked hard to help animals impacted by wildfires in Alberta this spring. Team members operated in Drayton Valley and Brazeau County, at the request of the municipalities, feeding animals in their homes; pets that were not able to evacuate with their families. Teams of Peace Officers, staff members, and locksmiths entered homes with the permission of the animal owners to check on the welfare of the pets and ensure they had food and water to last several days. Peace Officers also helped escort residents into the communities to pick up and remove their pets from the evacuation zone.



Puppy rescued from a northern community

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COMPASSION - NOW MORE THAN EVER

Pets enrich our lives, offer non-judgmental companionship, and for some, create a daily sense of purpose. For many, their animal is the most important being in their lives. This is why it is heart-breaking to see so many people struggling to care for their pets during these unpredictable times.



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PROHIBITION ORDER COMES INTO EFFECT

Following her third conviction for allowing animals to be in distress, a lifetime prohibition against owning equines has come into effect for Patricia Moore.

On April 8, 2023, a court imposed prohibition order against owning equines came into effect against Patricia Moore of Parkland County. On year prior, Ms. Moore was convicted on April 8, 2022 on four counts of allowing animals to be in distress. Following the convictions, Ms. Moore filed a notice that she intended to appeal the convictions. The appeal was dismissed by Justice N. Whitling of the Alberta Court of King's Bench in January of 2023, and the prohibition against owning horses took effect this past April. The prohibition order reads; Patricia Lynn Moore shall be on a lifetime ban from owning, caring for or being in possession of any equine animals.

While Ms. Moore's prohibition was originally suppose to come into effect in May of 2022, the imposition of the prohibition was delayed while Ms. Moore sought to appeal her convictions. Once the appeal application was dismissed in January of 2023, the prohibition came into effect in April of this year.

This is the second time Ms. Moore has been subject to a prohibition against owning equines. She was previously convicted of allowing animals to be in distress in 2012 and received a five-year prohibition.

DIANA BOCHAR

On March 2, 2023, Diana Bochar of Smoky Lake County pleaded guilty in provincial court to one count of allowing an animal to be in distress under the *Animal Protection Act (APA)*. In October 2022, the Alberta SPCA received a public complaint of animals in distress at the rural property. Alberta SPCA Peace Officers found more than 40 dogs on the property that presented numerous welfare concerns. Ms. Bochar was subsequently charged with three counts under the APA of allowing an animal to be in distress 2(1), failing to provide medical care to an animal that is sick or wounded 2.1(b), and failing to provide adequate food and water 2.1(a).

As part of her sentence, Ms. Bochar was given a prohibition from owning animals for 15 years. The order states Ms. Bochar shall not own, possess, control, board, breed or live in a residence with any animal including, but not limited to, dogs, cats, ferrets, or birds, with the exception of two pets that must be licensed, spayed or neutered, for a period of 15 years. She must comply with and allow the Alberta SPCA, or their designate, access to such residence to review the living conditions, and conditions of such animals, and the ability for the Alberta SPCA to remove any excess animals or any animal that is not excess but whom the Alberta SPCA deems to be in distress, without warrant.

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The animals that received visits included a wide range of species, from cats and dogs, to rabbits and mice, and reptiles such as snakes and geckos. After each visit, the home was secured in the manner it was found before the visit. Pets that were deemed to be in distress or at risk were taken into the care of the Alberta SPCA.

Additional members of the Alberta SPCA team spent considerable time helping transport resources to other parts of Alberta, including delivering food and litter to animals that had been evacuated to the Hinton area. Alberta SPCA Peace Officers received permission to travel past road blocks on the Yellowhead Highway to make the deliveries.

In the far northern part of the province, Peace Officers transported food and supplies to High Level for animals that had been evacuated from a number of communities. With the permission of the owners, our Peace Officers also brought a number of puppies and kittens back to the Edmonton area, animals that had lost their mothers in the fires and required new homes.



Peace Officer Stevenson feeds a cat in Drayton Valley in May



Peace Officers Stevenson & York in High Level in May

With so many fires in Alberta this spring, and so many evacuation alerts in place, the Alberta SPCA remains ready to help any municipality that requests our assistance and expertise in managing animals during an emergency situation.

NEW DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES APPOINTED

The Alberta SPCA is pleased to welcome Andrew Grainger as our new Director of Animal Protection Services. Andrew brings an extensive background in both law enforcement and animal welfare to our organization.

Andrew grew up in rural Alberta where his family had a mixed farm - cow/calf, hay and grain. After spending some time working in the oil patch, Andrew moved to northwest Alberta where he owned and operated a ranch with 350 head of cattle.



Andrew Grainger

In 2006, Andrew joined the RCMP where he eventually achieved the rank of Corporal. He spent time working as a general duty police officer, as well as a livestock investigator in northern Alberta for the RCMP. Andrew joins our Animal Protection Services team after retiring from the RCMP in January. Andrew replaces Ken Dean who retired from the position in March of this year.

Andrew, his wife and two children, along with a family cat, live on an acreage west of Edmonton. Welcome to the team Andrew!!



COMPASSION

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AGGIE DAYS VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT!

The Alberta SPCA attends Calgary Aggie Days every spring to play an educational animal race game with students and the public. Meet our committed volunteers who help lead the activities, who without, this event would not be possible.

Emma is studying science at the University of Calgary and enjoys spending time with her cat and creating art in her spare time. She leads the 'Where Do I Belong' game with children under five. Emma loves to see how excited the children get while playing the game and enjoys knowing that she is sharing important information about animals.

Alice is a zoology major at the University of Calgary and enjoys doing a variety of things in her spare time including birding, taking pictures of insects, playing video games and writing. Alice enjoys volunteering at Aggie Days year after year because she is able to help clarify misconceptions people sometimes have about their pets such as giving cats milk to drink (fresh clean water is best!) or releasing your pet rabbit to the wild if you don't want him anymore (do not do this!).



Jad, Alice & Emma

Jad is a biological anthropology and psychology student at the University of Calgary. Being fascinated with human and animal biology, Jad's schooling allows him to appreciate the nature people occupy and all the intricacies of evolution that has shaped the world. Like Alice, Jad enjoys challenging misconceptions involving animals while leading the animal race game. One favourite memory that Jad has from his years of volunteering, was engaging with two teenagers who were interested in animals and were sharing their own animal facts. Jad encouraged them to investigate animal biology as a potential future career!

ALBERTA SPCA LAUNCHES HUMANE EDUCATOR'S TOOLKIT



600 Toolkits were handed out at teachers' conventions this winter

A survey of Alberta teachers conducted in 2020 revealed that teachers see themselves playing an essential role in teaching young people about animal welfare. However, they identified certain barriers to including animal welfare education in the classroom, such as a lack of resources and professional development. In response to the results of the survey the education department created a Humane Educator's Toolkit. This toolkit aims to provide teachers with information and resources to bolster empathy and respect for all living things in the classroom, explain its importance, and remain in alignment with curricular outcomes.

The education department collaborated with different individuals and organizations, including an Indigenous educational consulting firm, Birch Tree Educational Consulting Services and One Health at the University of Calgary, to bring different perspectives and expertise to sections of the toolkit.

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Our One Family Welfare team is regularly contacted by people looking for help caring for their animals. Our programs, Pet Safekeeping and Crisis Care, are intended to offer temporary care for pets while their owners manage a crisis situation; circumstances such as fleeing domestic violence or the requirement for emergency medical care. Unfortunately, many people who call our department face a difficult or challenging situation, but one that does not meet the requirements for assistance from our organization. This does not mean the pet owner's situation is not dire, we know people are suffering and when people suffer, so do their animals. Our programs are intended to help after all other options have been exhausted as we are a non-profit and have limited funds at our disposal.

So where does this leave the animals that are at risk because their people are in a precarious situation? There are no easy answers but what we do know is that a healthy dose of compassion and kindness is needed from society as a whole. As an organization we understand that often the best place for pets is to remain with their owners. Finding new homes for animals is challenging, and most pets do much better staying with familiar people and surroundings. This means we must find ways to support pet owners so their animals can stay with them.

Alberta SPCA Peace Officers have access to food that they can offer pet owners who just need a little bit of help getting through a difficult time. And our One Family Welfare team is well-versed on the programs available to animal owners in Alberta, whether it be subsidized veterinary care, or affordable housing that allows pets. We do our best to ensure pets can stay with their people, and those people can access services and programs to help care for their animals even during uncertain times. However, everyone can play a part in creating a caring community.

Neighbours and family members can check in with people who might be at risk to ensure everyone, including animals, is alright. And when checking in, Albertans can ensure they're doing so in a compassionate and non-judgmental manner. Few are in an ideal situation these days, so approaching people with concern or an offer to help should come from a place of kindness and compassion.

Of course, there will be those people whose animals are in distress due to their circumstances, whether it be mental illness, domestic violence or economic challenges. If animals are in distress, a call to our Animal Protection Line - 1-800-455-9003 - is in order. Our staff understands there are numerous underlying reasons why animals may be in distress, and they approach owners with compassion and respect. Yes, we are tasked with helping the animals first, but we also do our best to ensure animal owners get the help they need as well.

Client Spotlight - Melissa's Story

A past client, Melissa (not her real name), was referred to the Pet Safekeeping Program by the Edmonton Police Service's Domestic Abuse High Risk Team after Melissa's abuser was unexpectedly released from prison. Melissa had used the program the previous year when she required care for her two cats while she went into a protective women's shelter. During the second term in our program, Melissa's two cats were with us for only a short period of time, just over two weeks, while Melissa found a new home for her family in a location unknown to her abuser.



ALBERTA SPCA ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

Doug Sawyer was elected President and Chair of the Alberta SPCA Board of Directors at the society's annual general meeting held March 25, 2023.

Doug and his wife Carole run a beef farm near Pine Lake in central Alberta. Doug has over 20 years of experience working within the livestock industry, as well as serving in various capacities on industry-specific boards and committees. Doug is a producer who stays up-to-date with current industry animal welfare trends and impacts. He has a strong history of identifying and implementing advanced strategic practices and policies, and has an extensive background in engaging and collaborating with a wide range of stakeholders. He has proven experience within many facets of the beef production sector, including both cow/calf and small scale feedlot operations. Doug first joined the Alberta SPCA Board of Directors in 2014.

Dr. Duane Landals moves into the role of Past President after serving five years as President of the Alberta SPCA. Andrea Edwards has been elected as Vice President and Treasurer.

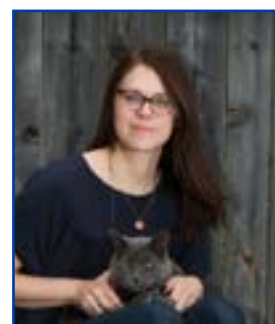
Joining the Alberta SPCA Board for two year terms are Kris Rooney and Julie Brewster. Bonnie Weiss has retired from the Board after serving for the past nine years.



Doug Sawyer

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION ELECTED PRES. HUMANE EDUCATION ASSOC.

Director of Education, Melissa Logan, has been serving on the board of directors for the Association of Professional Humane Educators (APHE) since April 2020. She has recently been elected to a two-year term as president. APHE is a membership organization that provides professional development, networking opportunities and resources to humane educators. Membership spans across Canada, the United States, with members in Europe, the United Kingdom, and Australia.



Melissa Logan & Neville

Melissa is looking forward to leading APHE, while striving to promote empathy through education across North America and globally.

Coming This August!



Toolkit... [...cont'd from page 4.](#)

Toolkits were available for teachers to pick up at teachers' conventions this past winter, close to 600 teachers taking home a toolkit of their own! Teachers who were unable to stop by our booth at teachers' convention, could request to have a toolkit mailed to their school.

The Humane Educator's Toolkit was made possible in part through a grant from the Animal Welfare Foundation of Canada.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Bob Addley, from Chrisene Addley
All of our beloved pets, past and present, from David & Laura & Laura Dear
Baby, from Judy Clarke
Badger, from Aileen Enriquez Palmer
Adam Thomas Krzymien Barnaby, from Witold Krzymien
Neil Barton, from Clarence & Dianne McGill, Jane Kulak
Bashido, from Carol Kettlewell
Baxter, from Jennifer McMinis
Bear, from Brad & Joan Jones
Jack Beattie, from Ruth Beattie, Keith & Jan Bradley, Wendy Cleveland, Alison Antel
Big Grey, from Stephanie Kubik
Brady, from Stephen Cooke
John N Bray, from Stan Zahradka
Neil Clarence Brown, from Myshak Sales and Rentals Ltd., Kenneth Sylvester, Ken & Liz Shearer, Surerus Pipeline Inc., Virginia Kueber, Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers, Roger Dezall, Bill Schneider, Debbie & Bill Webster, Darlene & Brian Sadoway, Catherine & Curtis York, Rosemary & Richard Mueller, Anonymous
Beverly Browning, from Carol Poulin
Bubs, from Erin Funfer
Bugsy, from Christine de Ruiter
Greg Butterworth, from Johannes Lang, Adam Coderre, Anonymous
Richard "Rick" Bykowski, from Michael Prystajek, Jennifer Lambert, B Passmore, Pamela Carter, Brian Bykowski, Dennis Bykowski
Betty Campbell, from Judith Campbell
Scott Campbell, from Ruth Yallop
Maria Candiani, from Sandra Haisma
Michael David Casselman, from Rosemary Harris
Carla Chambers, from Joan McMaster
Stephen Yiu Chan, from Elizabeth Danyluk
Perry Chudek, from Heather Chudek
Chunk and Casaer, from Jennifer Devolder
Bruce Clarke Sr, from Judy Clarke
Beverly Ann Comin, from Myles Schnee
Norma Connelly, from Larry & Carol Uglem
Debbie Cook, from Lorraine Biittner
Debra Gay Cook, from Richard W. & Rita Schultz
Joyce Crittenden, from Nancy Farrell
Cutie, from Fred White
Daisy, from Cecile & Ralph E Atkinson
Thomas Gene Deere, from Barb and Wayne Reinhart
Thomas Deere, from Mike Faunt
Diesel, from Dr. Darryl F. Stewart
Sylvia Dmytruk, from Thor Quaranta
Betty Dole, from Mike & Sandi Sherman
Maxine Dorn, from Ken Kirchner
Dudley, from Brenda Hewko
Eddie, from Willie Davie
Patricia Eidem, from Red Deer Polytechnic
Robert Elias, from Get-A-Long Stock Farm
Norm Engwer, from Randy & Cheryl Jespersen, Shirley & Scott Milliken
Karen Evans, from Melody Chalmers
Suzet Mederios Fernandez, from Penny Dekeyser
Jane Margaret Finley, from Pam Hyde
Ringo Finnegan, from Stephen & Patricia Finnegan
Finnegan Bedmole, from J. G. Williams
George Flipchuk, from Todd Caines
Berkeley Foulston-Best, from Michelle Best
Sara Fullerton, from Marian & Cameron MacKenzie
Hogan Gade, from Gerald & Judith Kabitz
Duke Gagne, from Darlene Gagne
Ken Geisler, from Renetta Geisler
Lacie Goertz, from Sherry & Dennis Cummings
Randy Gowen, from Kim Lafantasie

Jody Greschuk, from Vivian Crandall, Twyla Purschke
Wendy Greth-Sapieha, from Patti Osborn
Lacey Groves, from Mrs Michael-lea Atkinson
Gypsy, from Marlene Caron
Nadine Olive Hall, from Donna & Kenneth Leibel
Dave Hendrickson, from Sherry & Dennis Cummings
June Hannah Hennecke, from Karen Forrest, Darlene Johnstone, Anne Hoffman
Gordon Hennig, from Kelly Wilson
Barbara Howard, from Anne Miller Royds
David Hutton, from Tracy Ayotte
Jack, Sam, Penny & Bella, from Dr Lynn Hewitt
Jake, from Barbara Bennett
Frank Rodney James, from Get-A-Long Stock Farm
James Alexander Jenkins, from Jennifer Keller
Jack Johnston, from Jean Kruse
BJ Jordan, from Shelly & Blair Wright
Judge Brad Kerby, from Darlene Wong
Murray Glenn Knight, from Valerie Souliere, Caroline Letts
Minnow Kolody, from LPi Group
Chris Kopeck, from Anonymous
Alveso Krebs, from Roy & Carol Bibeau, Dawna McGrath, Sylvia O'Shea
Kelly Lee Kruz, from Corbin Spiderwick
Kerry Kulbergs, from Elizabeth Symes
Tosh Laban, from Ron Laban
Rose Latus & Willy Schultz, from Elaine & Allen Mundt
Lily, from Debra Beck
Lincoln Spaghetti Yuzuru Winchester Leonard, from Christy Gellert
LoPan, Pearl, Stinky, Henry, Dinah, Ariel, Henry, Deuce, Stella, from Anonymous
David Lovett, from Margaret & Charles Scott
Claire Lovig, from Dennis Nesdoly
Lula, from Jan Armstrong
Luna, Sadie, Newbey, Kodiak, Chantelle, from Lynda Mehl
Mary Lundberg, from David Deadman
Brandon Lupkoski, from Maxine Copeland
Julianne "Julie" Malone, from Lynda C Daly, Randy & Marilyn Marta, Larry & Marilyn Adams, Dr. Dan Ryan, James & Jo-Ann Symonds, VCA Mayfield Animal Hospital, Marilynn Meyer, Adolph Gustav Mantey, from The Co-operators Insurance/ Appraisal Department
Lukah Margaret, from Megan Engel
Julia Martin, from Christine Burns
Julianne Martin, from Carol Timchak
Max, from Amanda Patriquin
Kathy McClellan, from Sandy McClellan
Kailey McGinlay, from Brian Fukushima
Bernice McNeil, from Roberta Jensen
Riley McNeil, from Anonymous
Suzette Mederios Fernandes, from Patrice Montens, Mary Connell
Merlin and Minue Golem, from Anonymous
Brian Metke, from Linda Miller
Ashton Kimberlee Milner, from Cheryl Sears
Missy and Mable, from Karen Flamand
Pat Muirhead, from S Chevrax
My Mom who loved dogs, from Cheryl Doty
Lorna Grace Nassichuk, from Keith & Nancy Sutherland
Nicky, from Kyla Shemko
Janine Ott, from Denise Ripley
Sharon Parish, from Caroline A. Johnson
Peanut, from Marcia Forth
Peanut, from Anonymous
Pedro, from Robert Neal
William Penrice, from Denise Easterby
Perry, from Liam Brannan

Perry, from Marta Schoenwandt
Perry, from Anonymous
Phil, Cooper & Sheila, from Anonymous
Doreen Phillips, from Thomas Fraser
Donald William Pierson, from Jeffrey Grocock
June Poliakiwski, from Connie Jackson
Greg Polkowski, from Margaret Harper
Klaas Post, from Jeffrey Post
Quinn, Mama Cat, & Izzy, from Nadine Anderson
Patricia Ragsdale & George Mayhew, from Elsie Mayhew
Joan Audrey Rahbek-Nielsen (nee Brookes), from MAC Engineering
Randy, Duffy, Dara, Ben, Caramel & Danny, from David & Laura & Laura Dear
Reggie, from Doug Zwick
Rogan Richels, from Cory Babcock
Crystal Riediger, from Nikodem Kucharski
Riley, from Kris Hokazono
Odie Rowe, from Nanette Bullman
Roxie, from Janice Gordon
Samson, from E. Beulah Evans
Sonia Saruk, from Amanda Isaac
Ken Savary, from Priya St Thomas
Scarf, Rudy, Ozzie, Tayrah, Sadie, Cooper, Kirby & Dupper, from Anonymous
Maria Seeber, from Synthia Chum
Edward Selinger, from Michel Savard
Mary Seminowich, from Debbie Seminowich
Randall Shalapay, from Carolyn M. Shalapay
"Axel" Sheehan & "Alice" Jones, from Elizabeth Mensforth
Dr. Peter Shiu, from Cathy Heuft
Wilfred Smith, from Matthew Smith
Sonia, from Anna & Norm Selleck
Sparky, from Selma Tucker
Melvin Spengler, from Pam Hyde, Betty McAvoy
Spike & Rufus, from Nadine Anderson
Sprinkles, from Anonymous
Tom Stevenson, from Alberta 5 Pin Bowlers' Association
Stevie, from Lisa Kantypowicz
Millie Streeper, from Anonymous
Archie Szabo, from Lionel & Lois Longmore
Taffy, Fluffy, Chia, Hershey, Tina, Sally & Blackie, from Anonymous
Taj, from Kimberley McDonald-Kingston
Tango, from Debbie & Terry Nikolaichuk
Tessa, from Charlotte & Lyle Lester
Tessa, from Ling Huang
Tessa, from Debbie & Terry Nikolaichuk
Thelma, from Janet Hutchison
Toby, from Terry & Beatrice Windross
Topaz, from Anonymous
Harley Treneman, from Shaun Hosegood
Jason Trundle, from Nadine Anderson
Bernice Vale, from Bonnie Hirsche
Vandy, from Jocelyn Darsi
Peter Varlow, from Christopher Scrivens
Pat Mary Wankiewicz, from D & C Beattie
Mary Warr, from Mrs Pat Lockey
James R Watson, from Diane Knoll
Kate Whitley, from Anonymous
Willow, from Leslie Spink
Larry Yaremchuk, from Alberta Roofing Contractors Association
Joan Zubko, from Carla Comber

Vet Clinic Pet Memorial Program

Foothills Animal Hospital
Harvest Pointe Animal Hospital
Range Road Veterinary Clinic



ANIMALKIND RESPONSE FORM

Spring 2023

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- \$15 student/senior \$20 Individual
 \$30 senior family \$35 family

I'm paying by:
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 MasterCard

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Card Number _____
Expiry _____ / _____
Signature _____

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Date _____

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- Bank Account (attach a cheque marked VOID)
 Credit card: VISA MasterCard Amex

Cardholder Name _____

Card Number _____

Expiry _____ / _____

Signature _____

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