

WHS Community Support Programs & Services



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Acknowledgment

The Winnipeg Humane Society is located within Treaty No. 1 Territory, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe (Ojibway), Ininew (Cree), and Dakota peoples, and in the homeland of the Red River Métis.

We respect our partnerships with Indigenous communities and work together through collaboration and reconciliation to support animal, human, and environmental health.



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Welcome & Agenda

- Welcome & About WHS
 - Carly Peters, Director of Communications
- Intake Programs
 - Anja Richter, Director of Intake and Animal Care
- Foster Program
 - Kelle Greene, Director of Volunteer & Foster
- Behaviour Programs and Services
 - Meghan Irwin, Director of Behaviour and Retail
- Clinic Programs
 - Vicky Farmer, Manager of Clinic
- Questions



About the Winnipeg Humane Society

- For 130 years, the Winnipeg Humane Society has been dedicated to protecting animals from suffering and promoting their welfare and dignity.
- We let empathy guide our commitment to animal welfare and approach to all individual beings, people and animals alike.
- Our goal is to not only find animals forever families but also help keep animals in their loving homes.



Barn Buddies

Overview: Matches cats who are semi-feral and/or not suitable for standard adoption homes with an applicant who has a warm barn or warehouse. The cat must be provided with ample food, water, shelter, and vet care.

Goal: Give cats who can't be adopted into regular homes a second chance.

Benefit to the community: Get to adopt a working cat for their barn/warehouse, which often means pest control.

How to access: Apply on our website, click on What we do > Adopt > Barn Buddies & Warehouse Cats.



Care to Adopt

Overview: The finder of a stray animal can choose to adopt the animal if no owner is found for reduced cost (\$35), which also includes spay/neuter, vaccines, deworming, and a City of Winnipeg license.

Goal: Divert animals from entering the shelter.

Benefit to the community: Get a new pet at a fraction of the cost.

How to access: Fill out a Found report on our website > What we do > Lost and Found, and contact our Intake Department at 204-982-2021, press 5, then 1



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Care to Rehome

Overview: The owner of an animal on the surrender list can choose to get a reduced-cost spay/neuter to rehome it. The animal can then be rehomed already fixed.

Goal: Divert animals from entering the shelter.

Benefit to the Community: Animals get rehomed already spayed or neutered to help prevent roaming and to curb pet overpopulation. New owners also get the benefit of better understanding the animal's history and behaviour.

How to access: Contact our Intake Department at 204-982-2021, press 5, then 1.



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Emergency Pet Food Bank

Overview: Provides pet food to people who cannot afford to feed their pets.

Goal: To help individuals struggling to feed themselves and their pets. Prevents people from having to surrender their pets to the shelter due to financial barriers.

Benefit to the community: Prevents animals from going hungry. Relieves pet owner's stress coming from feeding their pets during difficult times.

How to access: Apply on our website, click on What we do > WHS Programs and Community Support Services > Emergency Food Bank



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Emergency Boarding

Overview: Provides temporary housing for pets of individuals experiencing emergencies such as sudden hospitalization or a house fire.

Goal: Provide a safe place and care for animals who would have nowhere to live.

Benefit to the community: People facing emergencies have worry-free, short-term housing for their pets.

How to access: Contact our Intake Department at 204-982-2021, press 5, then 1.



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SafePet Program

Overview: Provides temporary, short-term housing for pets of owners who are leaving an abusive partner.

Goal: Assist individuals leaving abusive relationships. Pets are not allowed in domestic violence shelters.

Benefit to the community: People can leave a violent home and enter a shelter without worrying about pet care.

How to access: Contact our Intake Department at 204-982-2021, press 5, then 1.



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Pet Guardian Program

Overview: Offer access to safe and temporary care (up to 6 months) for pet(s) while owners take the time to recover and/or secure pet-friendly housing.

Goal: Keep pets with their people.

Benefit to the community:

- Empower more clients to leave abusive or unsafe situations.
- Support clients who need to attend treatment for mental health or addiction.
- Reduce the number of pets being surrendered to shelters.

How to access: Pilot and looking for community organizations with clients who need help.



Pet Loss & Grief Support

Overview: The WHS has volunteers trained in grief counselling who help through the loss of a pet, whether it's just listening, helping to make final arrangements, or guidance on how to support surviving pets.

Goal: Provide compassionate support.

Benefit to the community: Offers an understanding and compassionate outlet for grief, as well as providing resources for additional support.

How to access: Call our Pet Loss & Grief Support Line at 204-988-8804.



Behaviour Support and Resources

Overview: Our WHS Behaviour Team offers a variety of support resources including training/classes and a free helpline.

Goal: Improve the quality of life for animals.

Benefit to the Community: Healthier, happier, safer pets, keeping pets with their owners

How to access: Call the free Behaviour Helpline at 204-988-8808 or visit our website > What we do > Behaviour classes, help and training



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Primary Care Program

Overview: Clients who qualify as low-income can book an appointment at the WHS for their pet's basic wellness needs, such as physical exams, vaccinations, heartworm preventative, and minor medical issues that can be resolved in one visit. *This program is subsidized by our generous donors.*

Goal: Provide veterinary care to client's pets who might otherwise not be able to obtain care due to financial constraints.

Benefit to the community: Provide low-cost vet services for basic wellness and minor issues. Improve the health of pets in the community.

How to access: Contact the clinic at 204-982-2036 or clinic@winnipeghumanesociety.ca



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Urgent Care Program

Overview: Short-term veterinary care at a low rate to pets who have been diagnosed with a condition that is urgent and their owners are not able to afford care at their own clinic. *This program is subsidized by our generous donors.*

Goal: Provide veterinary care to client's pets who might otherwise not be able to obtain care due to financial constraints.

Benefit to the community: Provide low-cost vet services to animals who are in urgent need. The pet does not need to be surrendered to the WHS.

How to access: Contact the clinic at 204-982-2036 or clinic@winnipeghumanesociety.ca.



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SNAP (Subsidized Spay & Neuter Assistance Program)

Overview: Low-income families and individuals can apply for SNAP to get their cats, dogs, or rabbits spayed or neutered at a discounted rate.

Goal: Provide affordable and accessible spay/neuter programs for owned pets.

Benefit to the community: Reduces barriers to care, along with helping to control the animal population in our community.

How to access: E-mail SNAP@winnipeghumanesociety.ca



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Any Questions?



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