



THE “FREEDOM TO THRIVE” INITIATIVE

Change is afoot for the animals in care at the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA (HBSPCA). *Freedom to Thrive* is guiding pending renovations on site at the shelter in the near future. The *Freedom to Thrive* initiative is all about space improvements to optimize animals’ health and well-being while getting ready for their forever homes.

Do you like to stretch in the morning? Do you like to retreat into a private space? Do you like to socialize with new friends? Well, so do our animals in care. And in this, our 130th year of service to community, we know what we can do better.

The Five Freedoms guide the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of pet companions:

- Freedom from hunger and thirst
- Freedom from pain, injury and disease
- Freedom from distress - disease prevention, rapid diagnosis and treatment
- Freedom from discomfort
- Freedom to express behaviours that promote well-being

Pet companions in care at the HBSPCA are already in a better place at the shelter, getting healthy and comfortable with people. Looking ahead, modernized kennels will provide options for privacy, shared space, and safe space; natural lighting and ready outdoor access; quiet; and, easy movement for older animals, and those recovering from surgery.

Pet companions too like the company of their own kind. Our feline friends will romp and slumber in a year round catio, perched solo or in groups. Who doesn’t want the freedom to be themselves?

Stay tuned for updates, and *Freedom to Thrive* open houses. Tell us how you would like to be involved. For more information, contact Marion Emo, CEO at 905-574-7722 ext 310.

HBSPCA 2017:



LEFT TO RIGHT: CRITTER ROOM, OUTDOOR DOG KENNELS



LEFT TO RIGHT: KITTEN IN A MOBILE KENNEL, HBSPCA DOG PARK

HBSPCA 2017:



LEFT TO RIGHT: CATS MAKING A CONNECTION, HUMANE EDUCATION



LEFT TO RIGHT: RESCUED SHIH-TZUS, AN ADOPTION CONSULTATION

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