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No Animal Left Behind
Hamilton/Burlington SPCA Continues Animal Welfare Enforcement and Investigation
to Keep Animals Safe

Hamilton, ON (June 28, 2019) - The Hamilton/Burlington SPCA (HBSPCA) will continue to protect animals at risk over the next six months while the Ontario Government develops new animal welfare legislation.

In March 2019, the Ontario SPCA made a decision to withdraw from cruelty investigations effective June 28. Today, the Ministry of the Solicitor General announced interim measures to protect Ontario's animals. These measures ensure that no animal falls through the cracks while the Government develops a new animal welfare model. <https://news.ontario.ca/mcscs/en/2019/6/new-interim-measures-to-protect-ontarios-animals.html>

"This is good news for animals" says Marion Emo, CEO. "Locally, this means that our Protection Team will continue enforcement and investigation duties in Hamilton and area. Established relationships with veterinarians, justice, health and social services, and police will continue".

In addition, Officers will continue to educate owners about standards of care, link vulnerable animals to wellness clinics and affordable veterinary care, and, resolve hoarding situations. Last year, the HBSPCA Protection Team investigated 940 calls about animals in distress and 604 cases. Today, there are 11 animal cruelty charges before the courts.

The HBSPCA has been protecting animals for 132 years. "Keeping animals safe is important work. It saves lives," Emo says. "We thank citizens for caring, donating locally, and saving lives every day."

Your HBSPCA can help. If you see an animal in distress or at risk, call

- the HBSPCA Protection Team at 905-574-7722 ext. 401
- a toll free line at 1-833-926-4625, and the call will be dispatched appropriately.

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About the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA

The Hamilton/Burlington Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (HBSPCA) is animal focused and donor based. The HBSPCA is committed to thriving animals, thriving pet families and thriving communities. The HBSPCA receives no government funds for the care of animals. With donor support and community partners, we are making progress keeping people and pets together, helping pet owners be the pet parents they want to be, and helping animals thrive in care on the way to their second chance homes. We invite you to check out the miracles that happen every day at www.hbspca.com Charitable registration # 11923 6750 RR0001

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The Government is developing what all communities hope will be a robust, transparent and accountable animal welfare system. On behalf of the animals who have no voice, community members are encouraged to share their ideas to improve animal welfare with the Government by email to mcscs.feedback@ontario.ca, and be heard.