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Hamilton/Burlington SPCA welcomes Ontario's PAWS Act

Hamilton, ON (October 28, 2019) – The Hamilton/Burlington Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (HBSPCA) welcomes today's announcement from the Government of Ontario ensuring the protection and safety of animals in Ontario.

This announcement is an important first step in establishing a long-term solution for protecting animals in Ontario.

When the Ontario SPCA announced it was stepping away from enforcement duties, the Government turned to willing Societies, including the HBSPCA, to continue protecting animals at risk while it developed a new animal welfare act.

"Ontario is stepping forward to assume the mandate," says Marion Emo, CEO "The HBSPCA will continue to engage in discussions with the Government regarding a seamless transition, making sure animals don't fall through the cracks".

The HBSPCA has been protecting animals at risk locally for 133 years. SPCAs and Humane Societies are the experts when it comes to the implementation of animal protection policies especially at a time when Ontario embarks on a new regime of animal protection enforcement.

"Investigators are skilled at enforcement and investigation, and education, mediation and facilitation," Ms. Emo goes on to say. "The HBSPCA Companion Animal Hospital and animal care staff are expert in recovering animals having experienced harm."

The HBSPCA looks forward to continuing discussions with the Ontario government, advocating for animal safety and protection.

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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. 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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