

One Welfare Resources Available for Veterinarians in Canada

[Kim and Stu Lang Community Healthcare Partnership Program \(CHPP\)](#)

CHPP is the first academic program of its kind in Canada. It will expand The Ontario Veterinary College (OVC)'s initiatives such as community outreach and spay-neuter programs that provide veterinary services for shelters and underserved and remote communities. CHPP's sees the human-animal bond as a gateway for engaging marginalized people and animals, building trust, and achieving reconciliation and self-determination. Become a [volunteer for the CHPP](#).

[Community Veterinary Outreach](#)

Community Veterinary Outreach's mandate is to improve the health of homeless and vulnerably housed communities through veterinary care to their pets, and to connect their humans with health and social services. Clients and their pets are referred to programs through case workers operating out of our partnership agencies in communities throughout Canada.

[Canadian Veterinary Medical Association \(CVMA\)](#)

CVMA position statement on the Responsibility of Veterinary Professionals in Addressing Animal Abuse and Neglect. The CVMA holds that veterinary professionals, including veterinarians and registered veterinary technologists/technicians, have a duty to protect the health and welfare of animals.

[Humane Canada – Canadian Violence Link Coalition](#)

The Canadian Violence Link Coalition recognizes the link between interpersonal abuse and animal abuse as well as the intersection of vulnerabilities in both populations. Despite evidence illustrating that better outcomes are achieved when a cross sectoral approach is adopted, animal abuse and human abuse are legislated for and dealt with separately. Further, lack of awareness, education and training on the Violence Link inhibits collaboration between sectors.

[Humane Canada – ACT Project](#)

The ACT Project aims to address systemic barriers to help-seeking, safety planning and support services for women with animals (companion, farm, and service) experiencing Gender-Based Violence. This project falls under the scope of Humane Canada's ground-breaking Criminal Justice System Reform Program, which integrates the Canadian Violence Link Coalition (CVLC), the National Centre for the Prosecution of Animal Cruelty (NCPAC) and the legislative and policy changes needed to support the goals of the NCPAC and CVLC.

[Aboriginal Community & Animal Advocacy Connection](#)

Aboriginal Community & Animal Advocacy Connection is based out of the London and serves all First Nations and communities who are seeking to implement animal welfare services and increase health and wellbeing within their communities. AC&AAC is a First Nation founded and operated organization that was formed at a grassroots level for the need of animal welfare within First Nations.

[The Canadian Animal Assistance Team](#)

CAAT is a registered Canadian animal charity organization whose goal is to bring the much-needed veterinary care right into the remote and underserved communities to the animals in need. They work with community partners and collaborate with other animal welfare organizations to ensure all the components of an animal management program can evolve into a sustainable, community driven program.

[The Ontario Shelter Medicine Association](#)

The Ontario Shelter Medicine Association was born of the recognition that, despite the wonderful work being done by the ASV and others, shelter medicine in Canada needs its own voice. A strong shelter medicine community in Canada will work to address important issues like animal cruelty laws, animal hoarding and the transport of animals from other countries.

[Grey Bruce Aboriginal Qimmiq Team](#)

Their goal is to partner with First Nation communities in Northern Ontario to improve community and animal welfare by assisting with sustainable humane dog population control, vaccinations against communicable disease, parasite control and microchip identification.

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[The American Humane Society – Pets for Life Program](#)

Pets for Life is closing the service gap that exists for people and pets in underserved areas and bringing awareness in a new way to larger systemic inequities and injustices. Poverty and structural inequality create obstacles to affordable veterinary and pet wellness services similar to the challenges and barriers to accessing healthy food, education, jobs, health care and housing.

[American Pets Alive - Human Animal Support Services](#)

Human Animal Support Services (HASS) primary goal is to keep people and pets together. We are bringing animal welfare organizations and community members together to engage in partnerships that support the bond of people and animals.

[University of Tennessee – AlignCare](#)

AlignCare is a One Health healthcare system that aligns the current resources of social service agencies and veterinary service providers while utilizing community funding. The alignment of these resources improves access to veterinary care for families currently underserved as well as enables social service and animal care professionals to meet their goals in serving families.

[National Link Coalition](#)

The National Link Coalition is a multi-disciplinary, collaborative initiative to increase awareness and address public policy, programs, and research. They serve as the American National Resource Center on The Link between Animal Abuse and Human Violence, and want to stop the cycle of violence that often affects multiple family members.

One Welfare Resources Available to the Public in Ontario

[SafePet Ontario](#)

Established by the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association in 2003, SafePet Ontario coordinates foster care for pets of individuals fleeing domestic violence. The program helps survivors seek safety while ensuring their pet receives proper care until they're stabilized and safe and can reunite.

[Ontario Network of Victim Service Providers](#)

Ontario Network of Victim Services Providers provide support and practical assistance for victims of crime and victims of tragic circumstances; using their collective expertise and frontline experience, they have helped victims cope with trauma and navigate the network of social service agencies, the justice system, and health care services. Their free and confidential services are available 24/7 at 40 locations across Ontario.

[The Farley Foundation](#)

The Farley Foundation assists those who are struggling financially to pay for veterinary care for their pets. Pet owners who cannot afford medical care for their sick or injured pet, and who fall into one of the categories below, should speak to their veterinarian about the availability of Farley Foundation funding:

- Seniors receiving the Federal Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS).
- Disabled individuals receiving the Ontario Disability Support Payment (ODSP) or the Canada Pension Plan Disability Payment (CPP Disability).
- Individuals receiving assistance through the Ontario Works Program.
- Persons with an annual household income of less than \$25,000.
- Supportive housing for seniors, retirement homes or long-term care facilities with live-in pets.

[Ontario SPCA and Humane Society](#)

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society and its network of communities offer a variety of mission-based programs, including community-based sheltering, animal wellness services, provincial animal transfers, shelter health & wellness, high-volume spay/neuter services, animal rescue, animal advocacy, Indigenous partnership programs and humane education.

[Talk4Healing](#)

Talk 4 Healing is a culturally grounded, fully confidential helpline for Indigenous women available in 14 languages all across Ontario (1-855-554-4325).

[Province of Ontario Website](#)

The province of Ontario website has a resource page that includes information on provincial crisis and help lines, mental health services, affordable housing, victim services, and emergency shelters.

One Welfare Resources Available to the Public Across Canada

[Shelter Safe](#)

ShelterSafe.ca is an online resource for women and their children seeking safety from violence and abuse. The clickable map serves as a quick resource to identify a shelter in a specific geographic area along with its 24-hour emergency phone number. This resource is for women directly impacted by violence as well as for their concerned friends, family, colleagues, and employers.

[Women Shelters Canada](#)

Offers resources on domestic violence, elder abuse, human trafficking, and violence against LGBTQ2IA+ persons.

[Assaulted Women's Helpline](#)

The Assaulted Women's Helpline offers a 24-hour telephone and TTY crisis line in over 200 languages to all woman who have experienced abuse. They provide counselling, emotional support, information, and referrals.