

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES HAS A NEW HOME

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DRAYTON VALLEY- Through a new and unique partnership, the Town of Drayton Valley is providing enhanced animal control services within our community.

Effective this month, the Town began utilizing the building at 5517-53rd Avenue (formerly the Associated Ambulance building) as the animal control holding facility. A portion of this building will be used to house and care for lost and found animals apprehended within the Town of Drayton Valley at a centralized facility easily accessible and convenient for residents.

The Town of Drayton Valley has entered into a partnership with Cause for Critters to provide holding and care services for apprehended animals. This partnership will supplement existing animal control services to maximize the reach and focus of this service. Cause for Critters will work with the Town of Drayton Valley's Animal Control Officer to ensure the safety, care and well-being of animals.

Mayor Glenn McLean stated, "This investment and partnership demonstrates our ongoing commitment to our residents and properly address our animal control requirements. The colocation of animal control/holding and care services will be more effective and efficient for our community."

"We are so excited for our new partnership with the Town of Drayton Valley. In short, we are looking forward to operating out of the new facility as it will allow us to expand our rescue operations because we will now have a facility where we can foster. Operating out of a larger facility will also create opportunities for our rescue society to fund-raise and connect with community members in regard to animal welfare and health education," says Cause for Critters Vice President Lauren Schmidt.

The Town of Drayton Valley's bylaw for Animal Control (2014-01-A) was passed May 14th, 2014 and can be found on our website <u>www.draytonvalley.ca</u>.

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