Euthanasia

Position:

The Edmonton Humane Society supports the use of humane euthanasia

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<th>Rationale</th>
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<td>• The Edmonton Humane Society does not have time limitations placed on an animal’s stay in the shelter. Animals will remain available for adoption as long as they are physically and mentally healthy.</td>
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<td>• The Edmonton Humane Society is a managed admissions shelter that accepts companion animals, which includes but is not limited to those that are ill, injured, behaviourally unsound, and/or pose a risk to the community.</td>
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<td>• Each animal is considered for adoption on an individual basis. The role of the Edmonton Humane Society is to act in the best interest of the animal's well-being within the shelter context.</td>
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<td>• The Society exercises every reasonable option to support successful placement of animals in the community. These options include, but are not limited to: foster care, placement partners, surgical procedures, behaviour modification training, extra socializing, and enrichment programs.</td>
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<td>• Humane euthanasia decisions are made on a case-by-case basis. The decision to humanely euthanize requires agreement among a team of credentialed experts including veterinarians, behaviour specialists, and senior managers.</td>
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<td>• Humane euthanasia is a difficult and sensitive topic. The Society provides alternatives wherever possible; however, it will perform services to end the unnecessary suffering of companion animals when no other viable options exist.</td>
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<td>• The Society aims to reduce the need for euthanasia through its programs and services. Some of the Society’s initiatives include: general and targeted training classes, animal behaviour advice, subsidized spay/neuter surgery program, and humane public education focusing on responsible pet ownership.</td>
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References