

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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## EDMONTON HUMANE SOCIETY RESPONDS TO TRAGIC DOG ATTACK INVOLVING YOUNG BOY

**EDMONTON**, **AB (April 3, 2024)** – The Edmonton Humane Society (EHS) is deeply saddened by the dog attack that occurred on April 1, resulting in the death of an 11-year-old boy. EHS extends their heartfelt condolences to the family and all those affected by this heartbreaking loss.

The safety and well-being of both animals and people are of utmost importance to EHS. While this incident is profoundly distressing, it highlights the critical importance of education and awareness around responsible pet guardianship, as well as recognizing and understanding dog behaviour and body language. "As we mourn the devastating loss of this young boy, our goal of ensuring the safety of both animals and people is stronger than ever," says CEO Liza Sunley. "We are dedicated to advocating for safe interactions with animals, including educating the community on responsible pet guardianship, how to understand dog behavioural signs and how to take action to ensure safety."

For anyone looking for information on dog behaviour, including responsible pet guardianship, both the Edmonton Humane Society and City of Edmonton Animal Care and Control Centre have resources available on their websites.

EHS's thoughts are with the young boy's family during this difficult time.

## **About the Edmonton Humane Society:**

As a leader in the advancement of animal welfare, the Edmonton Humane Society (EHS) enriches the lives of people and companion animals through animal sheltering, programs and services, and community engagement. The charity has been serving animals in Edmonton and area since 1907. For more information, visit <u>edmontonhumanesociety.com</u>.