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Government of Yukon increases core funding to Humane Society Yukon

An additional \$30,500 per year will increase the annual core funding for Humane Society Yukon to a total of \$110,000.

This 38 per cent increase supports the society's role in the new Community Dog Care Initiative offered through the Government of Yukon's Animal Protection Officer. This program helps Yukon communities manage dog issues and addresses recommendations from the Chief Coroner to improve public safety.

This increase in core funding acknowledges the valued contribution the society provides to care for and rehome dogs and cats in Yukon. While based in Whitehorse, the society is responsible for promoting responsible pet ownership across the territory.

Quotes

"The Yukon government supports responsible pet ownership across the territory. Humane Society Yukon plays a crucial role in rehoming dogs and cats, and in educating the Yukon public about what it means to be a responsible pet owner."

-Minister of Environment Pauline Frost

"This additional funding will help Humane Society Yukon address operational challenges and increase our capacity to receive and rehome animals. The society will continue to work with the Animal Protection Officer to support programs aimed at reducing the number of unwanted dogs in communities."

-Humane Society Yukon president Brent Slobodin

Quick facts

- The Government of Yukon and Humane Society Yukon established a contribution agreement in March 2004 for \$75,000 of annual core funding. In 2012, that core funding increased to \$79,500 per year.
- The Government of Yukon is working out the details to increase core funding for Humane Society Dawson to support rehoming pets from northern communities.

Learn more: Animal Protection and Welfare

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