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Urgent Foster Care Q1 Impact Report

Urgent Foster Care Program: Keeping Families Together During Difficult Times

Toronto Humane Society's Urgent Care program plays a vital role in keeping families together by providing temporary foster care for pet guardians facing short-term crises. This response-based, preventative initiative is designed to support individuals who are unable to care for their pets due to circumstances such as fleeing domestic violence, sudden housing instability or homelessness, or being admitted to a care facility for health treatment. By offering a safe haven for pets during these challenging times, the Urgent Care program ensures that families who have no other options do not have to face the added heartache of being separated from their beloved animals.

35
Animals admitted into
the Urgent Care Program



22
Pets were reunited with their family this quarter.



“The program helped us from rehoming our pet. Staff were kind and willing to answer any of our questions. Thank you for making this experience less stressful”

- A pet parent previously enrolled in the Urgent Foster Care Program



19.3%
Program acceptance rate
into the Urgent Foster Care

The need for Urgent Care continues to grow. In response, we have hired two full-time social workers to support the program and are actively recruiting foster parents capable of caring for large-breed dogs. This expansion aims to ensure that we can meet the increasing demand and provide the necessary care for pets in need during their owners' short-term crises.

Stopping 8 Cats From Being Surrendered

In a remarkable demonstration of its commitment to keeping families together, Toronto Humane Society's Urgent Care program recently admitted two large bonded families of cats over the course of two days, totaling eight cats in a single day.

These cats were at risk of permanent surrender due to their families facing sudden crises that impacted their ability to provide care. By stepping in and offering temporary foster care, the Urgent Foster Care program prevented the heartbreaking separation of these cats from their families, underscoring the critical role it plays in supporting pet parents through difficult times.

