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### ***ETOBICOKE HUMANE SOCIETY***

***.....NOT Part of Toronto Humane Society.....***

(November 27, 2009-Etobicoke) – In light of the recent arrests and charges involving the Toronto Humane Society, the ***ETOBICOKE Humane Society*** - while declining to make any related comments - wishes to remind the public that the ***Etobicoke Humane Society*** – an all-volunteer, registered charity - is - and has always been - **completely separate and unrelated** to the Toronto Humane Society.

**Etobicoke Humane Society President, William Blain said:** “We need to once again remind the public that the **ETOBICOKE Humane Society**, which is now over 20 years old, is not now, nor has it ever been part of, run by or funded by the Toronto Humane Society, or in any way connected to them. Because the former City of Etobicoke was amalgamated into the Greater Toronto area, and because the Toronto Humane Society is so big and so visible, many people assume that there is some connection between us, but there is none.”

As to the recent events at the Toronto Humane Society, *Blain responds:* “The **Etobicoke Humane Society** is simply not in a position to comment, as we have no first-hand knowledge of any of the circumstances. Like everyone else, we just want to see things resolved there in a way that most benefits the animals.”

The **Etobicoke Humane Society** has its office and cat shelter on the second floor of Royal York Plaza at 1500 Royal York Road in Etobicoke. Because the facility cannot house dogs, when dogs come into the Society’s care, they are placed in foster homes and/or other temporary facilities. Priority is given to dogs brought in as a result of Cruelty Investigation removals, or other urgent need situations. Investigations are handled by the Society’s volunteer cruelty agents, licensed and trained by the Ontario SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals).

**Issue of Euthanasia:** According to Blain “The **Etobicoke Humane Society’s** policies on euthanasia have always been the same; **no animal in our care is euthanized due to lack of space. We simply take in only those animals for which we have shelter or foster space. And no animal in our care, with a treatable illness or injury would be euthanized. We consider euthanasia only when a vet deems it to be the only humane alternative.** Happily, that’s not often.

Animals are the Etobicoke Humane Society are vet-checked, vaccinated, micro-chipped for identification and, if old enough at adoption, spayed or neutered. Animals too young for spay or neuter when adopted, are accompanied by an incentive certificate for a discount on a future spay/neuter. *Regarding spaying and neutering, Blain says* “We consider spaying and neutering to be essential to animal welfare. Pet overpopulation is at staggering levels, especially among feral cats, or domestic cats that have been left to fend for themselves outside”

In addition to Fostering, Adoption and Cruelty Investigation programs, the Etobicoke Humane Society has an all-volunteer **Humane Education** program, providing **free workshops** to Etobicoke-area schools, daycare centres, Guides, Scouts, etc. The Society also produces a **newsletter 3 or 4 times per year.**

**Blain adds:** “**We invite any interested media and the general public to visit us.** We’re really proud that our cat shelter – like the rest of our operation – remains an all-volunteer program. The shelter volunteers handle a tremendous amount of work, yet still have time to give love and attention to all the cats and kittens. To do all this on a voluntary basis is an amazing accomplishment and speaks volumes about the dedication of our volunteers.”

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