



Canadian Federation of Humane Societies

Fédération des sociétés canadiennes d'assistance aux animaux

Take action to advocate for accessible spay/neuter in your community!

Here's what you can do:

Spaying and neutering are standard medical procedures to surgically alter cats and dogs so they are unable to reproduce. *Accessible* spay/neuter means services available to **as many pet guardians as possible**.

LEARN MORE

- Go to the CFHS webpage to learn more and access resources to advocate for and implement accessible spay/neuter in your community.
- Download the CFHS's detailed, referenced document, *The Case for Accessible Spay/Neuter in Canada*, from the website http://cfhs.ca/athome/accessible_spay_and_neuter. Also available are other summary documents of the state of spay/neuter in Canada and perspectives from a city official and veterinary private practitioners who are supporting accessible spay/neuter initiatives in their community.

ENGAGE MEDIA

- Key messages that you can use in your discussions with the media and politicians are available at http://cfhs.ca/athome/accessible_spay_and_neuter
- Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper about the need for accessible spay/neuter in your community. It's a great way to educate people about the issue and to let politicians know that spay/neuter is needed in your community. Keep your letter to approximately 250 words.
- Contact local reporters and pitch a story about accessible spay/neuter.

ENGAGE POLITICIANS

- Key messages that you can use in your discussions with the media and politicians are available at http://cfhs.ca/athome/accessible_spay_and_neuter
- Write a letter to your municipal councillor about the need for accessible spay/neuter in your community. Ask to meet with them to discuss the issue further. If there are several local groups that share your view ask them to sign your letter or to write one of their own. A template letter is available at http://cfhs.ca/athome/accessible_spay_and_neuter
- You can also include with your letter a copy of the report, and state of spay/neuter documents available at http://cfhs.ca/athome/accessible_spay_and_neuter
- To support your letter, contact the CFHS (info@cfhs.ca) and we will send our letter of support for accessible spay/neuter to your community decision-makers.



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- You can prepare a presentation to use in your meeting with politicians. Start with the content in the blank presentation available at http://cfhs.ca/athome/accessible_spay_and_neuter

In 2014, municipal elections will take place in the provinces of British Columbia, Manitoba, and Ontario. An election is an excellent opportunity to meet with individuals who want to represent you and your interests for the next four years. Before the election, you will be able to meet all the candidates who are running, ask them questions, and hear their opinions.

- Tell candidates and canvassers that accessible spay/neuter is an important issue in your community.
- Attend an all-candidates' debate and ask questions about accessible spay/neuter. This helps to raise awareness of the problem with other citizens. If a candidate is responsive, be sure to follow-up and provide them with additional information, such as *The Case for Accessible Spay/Neuter in Canada* report.