Toronto Humane Society is now offering their veterinary services to the animal shelters hit hardest by the nationwide lockdown. Through their new telemedicine services, other organizations in Ontario can gain access to the knowledge and expertise of Toronto Humane Society's Shelter Medicine Veterinary staff, for consults free of charge. This is all thanks to Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets.



Many non-profit organizations are struggling right now. Under a nationwide lockdown and a precarious funding outlook, they have been thrown into survival mode, forced to limit programs and services and find new ways of serving the communities that have come to rely upon them.

This is why Toronto Humane Society is now offering animal welfare organizations in Ontario the knowledge and expertise of their medical staff, free of charge. With the new Shelter Outreach Program, other shelters can consult with Toronto Humane Society's experienced Shelter Medicine Veterinarians through virtual Tele-medicine. The animals these organizations care for will get the veterinary care they need, while the organizations won't have to worry about costs of consultations – thanks to a sponsorship from Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets. The only cost would be that of needed medications and shipping to either the agency's Shelter or direct to their Foster Parents homes.

"We are absolutely thrilled to be offering this service, because in reality, our mission doesn't end at our doors. We have always strived to carry it with us to the furthest reaches of Canada and beyond. We want to be there for all animals and their caregivers, no matter where they are" says Phil Nichols, Chief Operating Officer at Toronto Humane Society.

To learn how to gain access to this service please email <u>shelteroutreach@torontohumanesociety.com</u> to set up a first meeting.

Toronto Humane Society's new program wouldn't be possible if it weren't for Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets. With their sponsorship, the costs to Toronto Humane Society have been covered, so they can focus on delivering the high-quality veterinary care their team is known for.

