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**The Canadian Foundation for Animal-Assisted Support Services (CFAS)  
launches fundraising campaign for  
The Canadian Virtual Directory of Animal-Assisted Services (AAS)**

**(OTTAWA) February 15, 2021** – The Canadian Foundation for Animal-Assisted Support Services (CFAS) is pleased to launch its inaugural One Health for People, Pets and Partners™ campaign. This ground-breaking initiative will contribute towards the creation of a nationwide state-of-the-art Virtual Directory of Animal-Assisted Services.

The Directory will be the first phase of a multi-phase project that removes barriers for Canadians of all ages with disabilities, life-altering injuries, or other daily living challenges seeking information, resources, and support related to Animal-Assisted Services (AAS). AAS are mutually beneficial relationships that nurture One Health for People, Pets, and Partners™. Health in this context includes optimum physical, mental, emotional, and social well-being of people of all ages and the welfare of pets and other animals in service.

This searchable Directory will serve as "a one-stop-shop for everything you ever wanted to know about AAS.," said Joanne Moss, National Director of CFAS. The Directory will be an interactive space to "communicate, collaborate, coordinate and commemorate the bond between humans and animals," one of Canadians most treasured connections.

To learn more, get involved, donate, host an online fundraiser, or to help us spread the word, please visit [www.onehealthforpeoplepetsandpartners.ca](http://www.onehealthforpeoplepetsandpartners.ca).

**The Canadian Foundation for Animal-Assisted Support Services (CFAS)**

CFAS endeavors to inspire, promote, and sustain the innovation, coordination, and integration of exceptional Animal-Assisted Services (AAS) within Canada's healthcare, social services, justice, corrections, and voluntary sectors to build a healthier, safer, and barrier-free Canada with people, pets (pets in service), and partners (other animals in service).

Our sincere thanks to the Algonquin College Event Management Program Staff and One Health Student Interns for contributing to this campaign.

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