



The Major-General Lew MacKenzie Fund



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Serving Canada's Troops, Veterans, and Families



Thousands of men and women risk their lives daily to serve Canadians and the United Nations. To honor these individuals and every-day heroes [The Canadian Foundation for Animal Assisted Support Services](#) established [The Major-General Lew MacKenzie Fund](#) which supports Canadian Forces members, veterans, and their families through partnerships with companion and service animals.

Maximizing the impact of military assistance dog teams in Canada is not just about building partnerships that create and sustain an exceptional range of seamless services, but being able to share our collective stories, experiences, our journeys, and resources. It's about being heard, belonging, and beginning to restore shattered dreams and mending broken hearts.

Solutions cannot be found by one person or organization alone, but only by working together will we realize true success. When people fear less and love more the result is authentic innovation.

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Defining the roles and responsibilities of this learning community along with developing a strategic road map will come in future initiatives as we continue to connect the dots. While we are forming this dynamic group, expect that growing pains are inevitable, but will not be without their rewards.

*With Heartfelt Intentions,
Joanne Moss,
National Director, CFAS*



Why a Cross-Disability Foundation?

A public foundation is a legal categorization for a nonprofit organization that typically either donates funds to other charities and/or provides the source of funding for its own charitable purposes.

What is a Disability?

A disability may be physical, cognitive, mental, sensory, emotional, social, and

developmental or any combination of these.

Range of Disabilities

- *Developmental Disabilities
- *Mental Health Disabilities *
- Physical Impairments * Head Injuries * Chronic Illnesses *
- Substance Abuse/Addictions
- *Vision Loss



Animal Assisted Support Services

Animal Assisted Support Services are partnerships between people and animals that improve physical, emotional, and social well-being.

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**Serving
Military Families**



Teach a child to read.



Help veterans in need to feed and care for their assistance dogs.



Help a child connect.

Charitable Programs & Activities

1. [The Human-Animal Bond Global Gateway Project](#)
2. [The National Annual Grants Program](#)
3. [The One Health for People Pets and Partners Initiative](#)
4. Research



The Human-Animal Bond Global Gateway Project

Just Imagine!

One portal leading to global conversations, information sharing, resources, career and volunteer opportunities, stories and more.

The National Annual Grants Program

Our vision includes being a one-stop shop for charities

across Canada to apply for funding and to access value-added services to operate and promote their charities to ensure a consistent level of safety, quality and satisfaction of those served.

The One Health for People Pets and Partners Initiative

We need your help to connect people, pets, and partners (service animals) from coast to coast on the Trans Canada Trail by 2017 to coincide with Canada's 150th celebrations. [Read more...](#)

CFAS Vision and Mission

Vision Statement

Our vision is to be the philanthropic leader that sustains the innovation, coordination, and integration of Animal-Assisted Support Services within Canada's healthcare, social service, and justice sectors to improve the quality of life of people with physical, emotional, and social challenges.

Value Creation Statement

Our mission is to improve the health and quality of life of people with physical, emotional, and social challenges through partnerships with companion and service animals.



The human-animal bond; one of Canada's most precious natural resources.

Goals

1. Unite the stakeholders to identify core values and common priorities to stimulate collaborative action in the spirit of cooperation and inclusiveness.
2. Inspire a consistent level of quality, safety, and satisfaction of those served.
3. Ensure the sustainability, credibility, and availability of exceptional Animal Assisted Support Services.
4. Support related charities and those they serve.
5. Carry out the Foundation's charitable programs and activities.
6. Conduct and support research.
7. Promote the human-animal bond.

Get Involved!



CFAS' Patron Alan Thicke Animal Miracles

Shag-Ra appears with Alan Thicke on Animal Miracles.
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Emergency Preparedness

Animal Assisted Support Services are not just part of the solution for addressing and helping to overcome the stigma associated with PTSD, addictions, mental health issues, or compensating for the functional impairments caused by a disability; they are partnerships with animals that build mutual trust and respect that result in loving relationships that improve quality of life.

Prevention

Preventing the onslaught of PTSD, mental illness, loneliness, and isolation is worth a pound of cure.

Consequently, these programs and services

are available not just for treating symptoms and conditions, but to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Soldiers Heart Video

Da Costa's syndrome, which was colloquially known as soldier's heart, is a syndrome with a set of symptoms that are similar to those of heart disease, though a physical examination does not reveal any physiological abnormalities. In modern times, Da Costa's syndrome is considered the manifestation of an anxiety disorder and treatment is primarily behavioral, involving modifications to lifestyle and daily exertion.

The condition was named after Jacob Mendes Da Costa, who investigated



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and described the disorder during the American Civil War. It is also known as cardiac neurosis, chronic asthenia, effort syndrome, functional cardiovascular disease, neurocirculatory asthenia, primary neurasthenia, subacute asthenia and irritable heart.

Source: Wikipedia

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