



The Canadian Foundation
for Animal Assisted Support Services

Animal-Assisted Services A Burgeoning Sector

Fostering Learning Communities & Sector Innovation



1995 - 1997

Around 1995 the Foundation's Founder & CEO Joanne Moss discovered a number of gaps & systemic challenges within this unregulated landscape.

She was asked to meet with the National Access Awareness Week events steering committee with mutual concerns.

Shortly thereafter she was presented with a cheque to start an organization to help fill the gaps and connect the dots to ensure the well being of persons with disabilities and the welfare of the animals involved in the services.



1998 - 2021

Formation of a national non-profit organization in 1998. In 2003 the organization applied for a public foundation designation with CRA. The application was approved in 2004. In 2019 the charity transitioned from a public foundation to a registered charity to focus on developing its charitable programs. [Read more...](#)



2021 Notices of Intent

On February 25, 2021 Standards Council of Canada (SCC) announced the Foundation's intentions to develop National Standards of Canada (NSC).

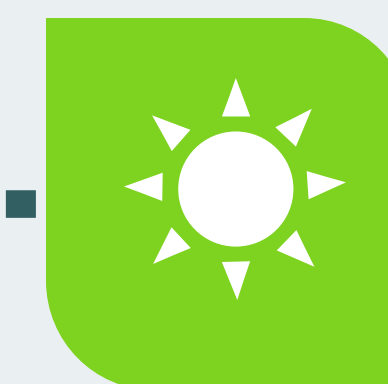
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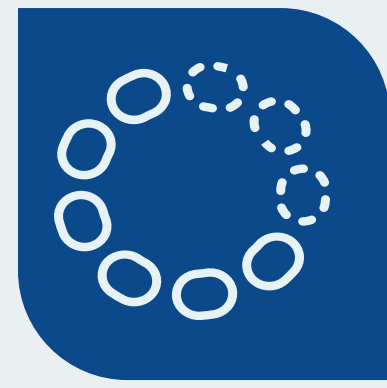
"Animal-Assisted Services (AAS) are mutually beneficial relationships that nurture One Health for People, Pets, and Partners™."

Health in this context includes the physical, mental, emotional, and social well-being of people of all ages and the welfare of pets and other animals in service."
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Uniting & Engaging People, Communities, Disciplines & Sectors

The Foundation will continue to connect, communicate, collaborate, and coordinate its efforts with relevant stakeholders as it prepares for this new chapter.



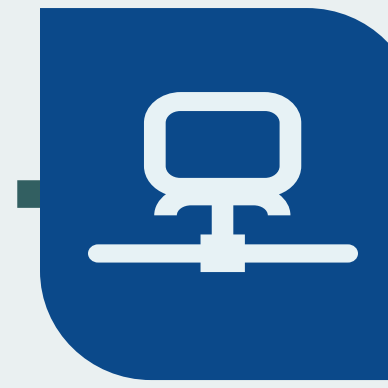
The Process

- Information sessions
- Solicitation of prospective Technical Committee (TC) Members
- Selection of balanced TC Members
- Training including, but not limited to the standards development process, roles, and responsibilities [Read more..](#)



Standards Development

- The Human Research Standards Organization (HRSO) will guide the development of National Standards of Canada (NSC)
- Following public consultation the TC will revise the draft NSC if required
- HRSO then submits the final NSC to Standards Council of Canada (SCC) for approval and publication



Published Standards

- Promote the standards
- Standards can be accessed by interested stakeholders for educational purposes and to inform choices
- Standards may be referenced in legislation
- If referenced the standards become law
- Standards not referenced in legislation are voluntary



Together Everyone Achieves More

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

Mahatma Gandhi



Voluntary Conformity

- Introduction to types of conformity & assessment options
- First party
- Second party
- Third party



Maintaining Quality

National Standards of Canada (NSC) are reviewed every three to five years to ensure relevance and usefulness



About Us

The Canadian Foundation for Animal-Assisted Support Services (CFAS) is an impartial national non-profit and registered charity that promotes the advancement of Canada's Animal-Assisted Services Sector.

Why We Exist

We are dedicated to end-users/consumers, and the welfare of pets and other animals in service, while collaborating with practitioners, service providers, and relevant stakeholders to promote quality and acknowledge service excellence.

What We Do

We build bridges between communities, disciplines and sectors to benefit people, pets in service and partners (animals in service).



Benefits of National Standards of Canada (NSC)

- Protect end-users & consumer interests
- Ensure the welfare of animals involved in services
- Cultivate a skilled workforce, enhanced credibility, & ongoing innovation
- Work collaboratively to meet the needs of multiple stakeholders
- Informed public policy may reduce or prevent the need for governmental regulation
- Educate the public, donors, sponsors & other funders