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 health-care, social service, and justice sectors in order 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.
Vision Behind the Vision

Loved just for being.
From a Maze to Amazing

Bridging the gap between the natural and social sciences...
I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free. *Michelangelo*

Fragmented Industry

Continuous Improvement

Positive Desirable Future

Uniting and Engaging People to Co-Create Our Collective Desired Future!
Friends
Friends are organizations that embrace our vision and mission.

Patrons
Patrons are individuals that support our vision and mission. They may also act as a spokesperson on behalf of the Foundation to raise awareness, funds, and other resources.

Sponsors
Sponsors are small or corporate businesses that provide financial and other means to launch and/or participate in a special event in exchange for advertising or other agreed upon advantage.

Children’s Hospitals
Children’s hospitals across Canada who want to co-create a seamless network and referral system to access information about and resources for Animal Assisted Support Services to benefit their patients and their families are joining our Circle.

Partners
Partners are people or organizations associated with the Foundation as a principal contributor of capital and/or other assets in a business or joint venture.

Sector Innovators
Sector Innovators are professional service providers, groups, organizations, and/or communities of practice that are committed to those they serve using quality management principles.

Sector Innovators help people and animals improve the quality of their lives, relationships, and communities.

Disability Organizations
Disability organizations across Canada who want to co-create a seamless network and referral system to access information about and resources for Animal Assisted Support Services to benefit their clients, members, and their families are joining our Circle.
**Scope of Animal Assisted Support Services**

- Animal-Assisted Therapy/Activities
- Equine Facilitated Learning
- Equine Leadership Development
- Equine Assisted Therapy
- Guide and Assistance Dogs
- Helping Animals
- Hippo-Therapy/Medical Models
- Therapeutic Riding

*Animal Assisted Support Services are partnerships between people and animals that improve physical, emotional, and social well-being.*
Access to Exceptional Animal Assisted Support Services for All

Range of Disabilities

- Developmental Disabilities
- Mental Health Disabilities
- Visual Impairments
- Hearing Impairments
- Mobility Impairments
- Head Injuries
- Chronic Illnesses
- Other Disabilities
- Substance Abuse/Addictions
Working Together for Success Campaign

Annual Grants Program
Research
The Human-Animal Bond Global Gateway Project
The Major-General Lew MacKenzie Fund

For Donors, Charities, Corporate Giving and Partnerships

Our greatest value lies in helping you create a charitable giving plan that will ultimately increase the impact on and the value of philanthropy in this burgeoning industry.

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**Animal Assisted Therapy for People With FASD**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

Animals such as rabbits, cats, dogs, birds, and horses can be partnered with to benefit people with FASD.

Clinical or therapeutic programs and services are delivered by physiotherapist, occupational therapists, social workers, counselors, teachers, speech pathologists, etc. where specific goals are established and outcomes evaluated to facilitate progress.

Pet visitation programs and related activities is not Animal Assisted Therapy although some therapeutic benefits may be experienced by the participants.

People of all ages can benefit from Animal Assisted Therapy and Activities.

Some key benefits are that the animals create a calming effect and a safe space in which to assess, engage, and evaluate outcomes.

The type of animal must be appropriate for the application to ensure safety and the best possible outcomes.

**Clinical Models** – Involve Clinicians and Other Professionals

**Non-Clinical Models** - Informal Animal Assisted Activities
Research

Clients with FASD who participated in a residential treatment program that included Animal Assisted Therapy showed significant improvements.

- 60% decrease in physical aggression
- 80% increase in life skills acquisition
- 80% increased ability to cope with stress
- 80% increase in improved emotional health
- 60% increase in functioning outside of the therapeutic environment

Source: Kristine Aanderson (November 24, 2009)
The FASD Learning Series is part of the Alberta government’s commitment to programs and services for people affected by FASD and those who support them. For more information please visit: http://www.fasd-cmc.alberta.ca/uploads/1010/docaatnov24-0974422.pdf
Benefits!

- Increases motivation
- Reduces depression and anxiety
- Facilitates open communication
- Sheds light into behaviors
- Patients/clients look forward to sessions
- Promotes active living
- Sooths
- Promotes bonding
- Stimulates motor skills
- Encourages playfulness
- Enriches living in the moment/present
- Reduces the stigma associated with treatment
- Focuses on the bond rather than the problem
- Transitions some people from being clients to being active citizens
Visit FASD Webpage
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“Love is to reveal the beauty of another person to themselves.”

Jean Vanier

To join our circle of support please contact,

The Canadian Foundation for Animal Assisted Support Services by email at:
circleofsupport@cf4aass.org or call 1-888-1-1-888-473-7027.

‘What we do for ourselves dies with us, but what we do for others is our legacy.’

Author: Rev. Joanne Moss

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