



Simcoe and District Humane Society

Guardian Angel Program



For those who can no longer look after their pets due to age, health, home.

**Includes most of the information about
the Guardian Angel Program**

With some pre-planning We Can Help!

Simcoe & District Humane Society's

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People and Pets

Everyday pets bring love, laughter, and companionship to elderly people all over the world. Doctors, social workers, home care workers and nursing homes

recommend companion animals to help most people especially the elderly lead happy, healthy lives and give them independence and hope.



Birds, cats, dogs and other pets help to keep seniors active and give them a chance to nurture and receive love in return for caring for a pet.

Pet ownership has both advantages and disadvantages. If you are a senior who would like to have a companion pet, or you live alone or are a family and are thinking of giving them a companion pet, there's a few things you should consider.



There are many advantages to owning a pet, including:

- Companionship
- Keeping active
- Feeling needed
- Being accepted
- Socialization
- Enjoying nature

There are disadvantages to owning a pet:

- Costs when there's a change in income or emergency
- Limiting Mobility
- Pet and Disease
- Death of a Companion Pet
- Health and ability of owners and everyone in the family



Simcoe and District Humane Society can help you with...

- ✚ **Your decision to adopt or own a pet, we include financial and family decisions in this.**
- ✚ **Keeping your pet when you can't keep up**
- ✚ **Your Pet's Future care.**

When the time comes, who will look after your pet(s)?

Volunteers know how important your pet(s) is to you and will be there to help your pet(s) when the time comes.

Simcoe and District Humane Society is available to help your pet through the transition and re-homing time.

Pre-planning is essential to make sure your pet will be looked after when you can no longer care for him or her. Pre-planning includes a financial plan to assist your pet while in care.

Ensure your pet is looked after when you can no longer care for him or her with

Simcoe and District Humane Society's

"Guardian Angel Program"

Speak to a Volunteer Today Contact office@s-dhs.ca or call 519-428-9161 ext1

Guardian Angel Program

Simcoe and District Humane Society is committed to providing the best care and humane treatment of all animals. We want you and your animal(s) to be comfortable with the ideals and governance of our programs and will make every effort to accommodate your pet(s) care to promote a healthy, well-balanced, and active lifestyle.

Program Guidelines

Ownership and Contracts

- ✚ The owner of the pet(s) may engage in a contract with Simcoe and District Humane Society which will prepare both the owner of pet(s) and the Society for eventual care of the animal(s)
- ✚ If there are 2 or more owners of the pet(s), all parties must be available to discuss the program and sign the contracts with a SDHS representative.
- ✚ In such case as the owner of the pet(s) is infirm, or unable to make appropriate decisions of care, the family, guardian, power of attorney, trustee, or other legal authority may plan with Society for care of the pet(s)
- ✚ The owner, family, guardian, power of attorney, trustee or other legal authority should provide updated records of vaccination, health care, or other necessary documentation regarding the upkeep and care of the pet(s)
 - It is requested that updated documentation be kept on file with Simcoe and District Humane Society in preparation of pet(s) future care.
 - It is suggested to put a little money aside each month to help care for the pet(s) when the time comes

Intake and Care of Pet(s)

- ✚ In cases of owner's inability to care for the pet(s) or upon the death of the owner the "Contract of Care" will enable the SDHS to take the pet(s) into custody and care for the pet(s) as directed by owner
- ✚ If medical documentation is not up to date or if animal is in immediate need of a medical assessment, care or treatment, the animal will have a veterinary exam upon intake.
- ✚ Every attempt will be taken to care appropriately for the pet(s) after intake.
- ✚ Every animal will be assessed and placed for adoption (re-homing) unless otherwise directed in the "Contract of Care".
- ✚ Animals will be housed appropriately and treated humanely; in a foster home, at the shelter, or in boarding (if there is no immediate room in daily care facilities) and will be placed immediately after assessment for adoption (re-homing)
- ✚ Owner(s) must understand that SDHS may choose humane euthanasia if directed by a veterinarian or owner, family, guardian, power of attorney, trustee, or other legal authority.
 - SDHS does not euthanize for space or lengthy stay; euthanasia is performed on an animal that is seriously injured, critically ill, suffering from age, carrying contagious disease or has "bite" concerns.