

Paradise Pet Centre **Animal Mill Policy**

Paradise Pet Centre is proud to support the Edmonton Humane Society (EHS) and many other local rescue societies. We have moved to exclusively adopting rescue dogs and cats (puppies and kittens too!) in our store and no longer sell these animals from breeders. 100% of the proceeds of an adoption go directly to the rescue societies so they can continue to run and help the community. By adopting pets you are saving lives! This is the reason we have moved towards adopting pets and we believe it is our social responsibility to help these animals.

We do not want to encourage any type of animal mill that is motivated by how much money they can make selling to pet stores. If you suspect an animal mill of any type, or believe any animals are being mistreated please report it to the EHS and they can take the proper steps to investigate and implement the proper action.

Many people believe that rescue animals are in poor health, sick, old, and in general pretty bad shape; however this is far from accurate. The large majority of rescue animals are young, even puppies and kittens, healthy, and great pets looking for a loving home. They are all up to date with their shots and are spayed or neutered, or will come with a certificate to be spayed or neutered if they are too young at the time of adoption. Spaying and neutering pets is very important to prevent further pet overpopulation which is a major problem in the Edmonton area.

Before we adopt any animals they go through a vet health check. Once arriving at the store we keep them for a quarantine period to ensure they are healthy, as well as acting and eating normally. After we are satisfied they that they are 100% healthy we put them up for adoption. Once down on the floor in the window, they are not left there for the duration of their stay. They will often be in the back or in the Romper Room for meals and/or playtime. They get regular breaks during the day, and sometimes they are brought upstairs to have some cuddling and attention by one of our many staff if they are the last in the litter to go and are lonely, or are just having trouble adjusting to all the changes. We give all our animals a high level of attention and care and are very proud of this.

We also go through a thorough adoption process with anyone interested in adopting to make sure the animals are going to good homes, are cared for properly, and don't end up back at a rescue society.

We will be keeping cats/kittens, smaller breed dogs, and occasionally small animals (rabbits, guinea pigs, reptiles, birds, etc.) in store as well as having special adoption days throughout the year. Check our website (www.paradisepetcentre.com) to see who is in store and when adoption days are.

If you have any further questions please call, email, or come visit us!

Thank you for your time,

The Paradise Management Team