



**ONTARIO SPCA**  
AND HUMANE SOCIETY · PROTECTING ANIMALS SINCE 1873

### Disease Reporting Protocol

As of July 2, 2013, please be advised that the following diseases/situations are to be reported to the Department of Shelter Health and Wellness (with contact people being Dave Wilson or if he is unavailable, Monica Seto) as well as the Regional Managers.

The following situations are to be reported:

- 1) Euthanasias on any given day exceeding 5 per location (**Please email Monica Seto ONLY**)
- 2) Euthanasias on any given day involving one group of animals (such as a removal or surrender of many animals) numbering 10 or more; in this situation no action is to be taken until Shelter Health and Wellness has been contacted to consider the situation and its public relations implications or potential Investigations involvement. **If the animal is in immediate distress, euthanasia may be performed with JUST the consent of your Regional Manager.**
- 3) All incidents of zoonotic disease, suspect or confirmed, human or animal as point of origin, are to be reported to Shelter Health and Wellness as well as your Regional Manager. This requires familiarity with our list of zoonotic diseases. The Department will then forward this information to the MOHLTC and HR as necessary.
- 4) All cases of diarrhea of unknown origin, where the animal has already received internal parasite control and there has been no history of diet change (within reason; obviously any new intake will undergo a diet change, best to over-report than to under-report and miss something serious)
- 5) Dogs exhibiting abnormal coughing or sneezing
- 6) Feline URI (Upper Respiratory Infection) that is greater than usual occurrence in the facility
- 7) Sudden unexplained deaths
- 8) Any veterinary visits of Shelter animals to the local vet, where infectious disease is suspected or confirmed by the veterinarian (includes both zoonotic and non-zoonotic) that has not been captured in # 3 - #7.
- 9) All occurrences of Heartworm disease

Please contact Dave Wilson ([dwilson@ospca.on.ca](mailto:dwilson@ospca.on.ca)) with any questions or concerns about implementing and/or maintaining this program.

Thanks.