

FIVE FREEDOMS



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

The Ontario SPCA is committed to ensuring the humane treatment of all animals. We believe that all animals should be living the healthiest life possible while in our care.

This is accomplished by following the Five Freedoms of Animal Welfare:



1. FREEDOM FROM HUNGER AND THIRST

by ready access to fresh water and diet to maintain health and vigor.

2. FREEDOM FROM DISCOMFORT

by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and comfortable resting area.

3. FREEDOM FROM PAIN, INJURY OR DISEASE

by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.

4. FREEDOM TO EXPRESS NORMAL BEHAVIOUR

by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind.

5. FREEDOM FROM FEAR AND DISTRESS

by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.