

# Cat Shelter Pilot Project Update 2022

Priorities Committee  
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# Background

- The licensing of domestic cats is currently not required in Strathcona County; but stray cats are an ongoing issue
- Strathcona County Council launched the Cat Shelter Pilot project initiative in early 2022
- The County selected the Greater Edmonton Animal Rescue Society (GEARS) to operate a shelter for a one-year pilot, investing \$100K for start up costs

# GEARS

## Greater Edmonton Animal Rescue Society

### **Vision**

Gearing towards a future where animals are treated with compassion and respect

### **Mission**

To increase responsible pet ownership through public education, ultimately diminishing the need for rescue intervention



**GEARS**  
GREATER EDMONTON ANIMAL RESCUE SOCIETY

**COMPASSION.  
COMMUNITY.  
CHANGE.**



# Partnership Roles

## **GEARS**

Operate the cat shelter using expertise to:

- Provide care for cats that are abandoned or in distress
- Promote responsible cat ownership
- Promote cat identification
- Support spay/neuter programs
- Offer animal care education to cat owners
- Collect operational data to share with the County

## **Strathcona County**

Invest \$100 000 for the year-long pilot project to cover start-up costs including:

- Lease space
- Initial equipment needs

# Sheltered Paws

## Opened October 1, 2022

### Shelter Services:

- Care for cats in distress or those who have been abandoned
- House cats until they are returned to their owner, or a local foster home is found from which the cat can be adopted
- Complimentary microchip scans by appointment
- Animal care education to cat owners



Located at 21757 87 Ave NW

# Why the pilot project?

## What are we hoping to learn?

- The number and the circumstances of the cats brought to the shelter including their health status and originating location
- The number of cats rehomed through adoption
- The number of referrals to spay/neuter programs, microchip checks and identification applications
- Operational costs and local partnerships developed through the pilot project
- Community questions and concerns

# Questions



# Thank you