



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY  
OF WOOD BUFFALO

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

*In honour of the lost lives of the sled dogs at Whistler on April 23, 2010 and all other animals who have been and are being abused, may these actions come to a swift end through increased awareness and responsibility.*

- WHEREAS** the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) recognizes that the health, safety and well-being of all animals is vital; and
- WHEREAS** companion animals play an important role in the lives of residents of the RMWB with animal safety, health and well-being being not only paramount but causing stress and anxiety if inadequate or absent; and
- WHEREAS** the RMWB endorses harsh penalties against animal cruelty so that anyone proven responsible for harming an animal will be subject to those penalties; and
- WHEREAS** the RMWB believes that the prevention of cruelty to animals is a matter of humanity not just a matter of legislation; and
- WHEREAS** by working together and sharing information on how to prevent, recognize and report signs of animal abuse, we can help protect all animals from abuse and neglect; and
- WHEREAS** awareness of the connection between animal abuse and human violence can help protect those who are vulnerable; and
- WHEREAS** the Saline Creek Bridge will be lit in Orange in support of this occasion.

**THEREFORE NOW**, I, Don Scott, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo do hereby proclaim that **April 23rd, 2018** as:

### **“Animal Abuse Prevention Day”**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunder set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo in Fort McMurray, Alberta, this **10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018**.

Don Scott, QC  
Mayor

