



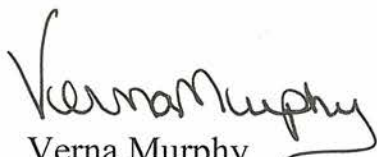
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) recognizes that the health, safety and wellbeing of all animals is vital; and
- WHEREAS** companion animals play an important role in the lives of residents of the RMWB; 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.

THEREFORE NOW, I, Verna Murphy, Deputy Mayor on behalf of Don Scott, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **April 23rd, 2019** to be:

“Animal Abuse Prevention Day”

IN WITNESS THEREOF, 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 **23rd day of April 2019**.


 Verna Murphy
 Deputy Mayor

