



# NEWS LINE

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## SPCA and AFAC cooperatively address animal welfare concerns

The Alberta SPCA and Alberta Farm Animal Care (AFAC) ALERT Line share a goal: to work collaboratively in addressing animal welfare concerns. Terra Johnston, SPCA Executive Director, says the role of her organization is to react if an individual reports an animal in distress when they call 1-800-455-9003 with a complaint. “We take all the information from the individual and then dispatch a member of our animal protection services to check out the animal.”

The ALERT Line is another source of help. ALERT is important to mention because sometimes people are not sure about a situation, Maybe they don’t believe the animal is in distress but they’re just not quite sure if the producer is having some problems. They can call the ALERT Line at 1-800-506-2273. This is really a system where producers help producers.”

Johnston emphasizes that because there is a lot of assistance available, there is no reason for an animal to be in distress. “They can call the ALERT Line or the Alberta SPCA. We’re just a phone call away. If we don’t know about these concerns we can’t get to the animal and deal with the situation. Whether it’s dealing with a producer and helping them out through the ALERT Line or dealing with an animal in distress where a peace officer may go out and assist the individual, we’re here to help. This is a collective job to ensure that no animals suffer, or that animals don’t continue to suffer.”

### Clip No. 1:

The Alberta SPCA and Alberta Farm Animal Care (AFAC) share a goal: to work collaboratively in addressing animal welfare concerns. Terra Johnston, Alberta SPCA Executive Director, outlines the role of her organization:

21... “animal.”)

### Clip No. 2:

Johnston says the ALERT Line is another source of help:

(18... “producers.”)

### Clip No. 3:

There certainly is no reason for an animal to be in distress, adds Johnston:

(18... “suffer.”)

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