

## **Medical Concerns Reporting Protocol**

The following situations are to be reported to the Department of Shelter Health & Wellness (with contact people being Senior Director of Shelter Health & Wellness or, if he is unavailable, Manager of Shelter Health & Wellness) as well as the Provincial Manager.

The following situations are to be reported:

- 1) Euthanasias on any given day exceeding 5 per location (**Please email the Manager of Shelter Health & Wellness ONLY**)
- 2) Euthanasias on any given day involving one group of animals (such as a removal or surrender of many animals) numbering 10 or more; in this situation no action is to be taken until Shelter Health and Wellness has been contacted to consider the situation and its public relations implications or potential Investigations involvement. **If the animal is in immediate distress, euthanasia may be performed with JUST the consent of the Provincial Manager.**
- 3) All incidents of zoonotic disease, suspected or confirmed, human or animal as point of origin, are to be reported to Shelter Health & Wellness as well as the Provincial Manager. This requires familiarity with our list of zoonotic diseases (<http://shelterhealthpro.com/index.php/zoonotic-diseases>). The Shelter Health & Wellness Department will then forward this information to the MOHLTC and HR as necessary
- 4) All cases of diarrhea of unknown origin, where the animal has already received internal parasite control and there has been no history of diet change. Understandably, any new intake will undergo a dietary change. It is best to over-report than to under-report and miss something serious
- 5) Dogs exhibiting abnormal coughing, sneezing or nasal discharge
- 6) Feline URI (Upper Respiratory Infection) that is greater than usual occurrence in your facility
- 7) Any sudden or unexplained deaths
- 8) Any veterinary visits of shelter animals to the local veterinarian, where infectious disease is suspected or confirmed by the veterinarian (includes both zoonotic and non-zoonotic) that has not been captured in # 3 - #7
- 9) All occurrences of Heartworm or Lyme disease
- 10) Any animal in your care having a reaction to a vaccine: Notify Shelter Health & Wellness with the animal's PP number, veterinary notes and any treatments or advice that you have received from your veterinarian

Please contact Dave Wilson ([dwilson@ospca.on.ca](mailto:dwilson@ospca.on.ca)) with any questions or concerns about this program.

Thank you for your help.