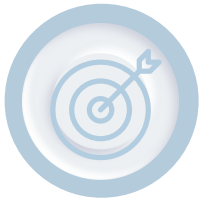


# Fostering Canada's Animal-Assisted Human Services (AAHS) Learning Community



## A Collective Strategy One Health for People, Pets, & Partners™

Health within this context includes integrating, nurturing, and fostering the physical, mental, emotional, and social well-being of people of all ages, and the welfare of pets and partners (Human Services Assistance Animals/HSAA) involved in Canada's rapidly growing Animal-Assisted Human Services (AAHS) Industry Sector {ecosystem}.



## National Standard of Canada (NSC)

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## A Multifaceted Industry Sector

- A promising sub-division of Canada's Human Services Industry
- Recognizing AAHS as a significant component within our nation's socio-economic, employment, and voluntary sector
- Market and marketplace transparency, accountability, stewardship and innovation



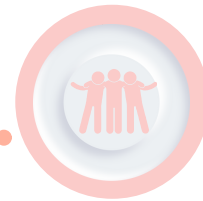
## Achievements

Building bridges and consensus between consumers/end-users, communities, service providers, disciplines, and sectors



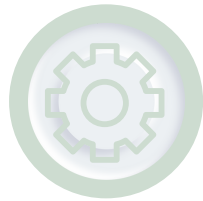
## Implementation

Cultivating a Nationwide Learning Community (LC) that nurtures unity in diversity by listening, learning from and supporting one another to realize, celebrate, and sustain mutually beneficial outcomes.



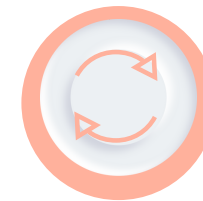
## Scope of Voluntary National Standard of Canada (NSC)

This NSC is intended for all Animal-Assisted Human Service Providers (AAHSP) and Animal-Assisted Services Professionals (AASP), whether they be an individual or organization, for profit or not-for-profit, held publicly or privately, engaged in the business of AAHS delivery.



## NSC Guidance "Shall" vs "Should"

In this NSC, "shall" indicates that the requirement is mandatory and is supported by normative references, whereas "should" indicates that the requirement is recommended, or a best practice statement.



## NSC Section 2 & 3

2. Normative References
3. Terms and Definitions



## NSC Section 4

### Technical Requirements

Descriptive requirements (shall statements) and best practice (should) statements



## NSC Informative Annexes

- A A1 Animal-Assisted Human Services (AAHS) Industry Sector
- A2 Animal-Assisted Human Services (AAHS) Industry Sector (Text-only Caption)
- B Informative References

For more information please click on the following links or underlined hyperlinked text above.

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