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

The Canadian Foundation for Animal Assisted Support Services

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)

CAN/HRSO – 500.01 – 2023 – A.1 Development of a Management System for Animal-Assisted Human Services (AAHS). **Published September 11, 2022**

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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