



## CITY OF DUNCAN

September 16, 2009

Humane Society of Canada  
Box 408  
Victoria, BC  
V8V 4Y9

ATTN: Michael O'Sullivan  
Chairman & CEO

Thank you for your letter of August 28, 2009 regarding "The Use of CO<sub>2</sub> to Euthanize Cats at the Municipal Shelter".

City Council has not made a final decision to continue using CO<sub>2</sub>, but does not agree that the use of it is an inhumane method of euthanasia for feral cats.

The AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia states that "Carbon dioxide is acceptable for euthanasia in appropriate species (Appendices 1 and 2)", of which "cats" are included.

I appreciate that some issues such as the humane treatment of animals can be emotionally charged at times, and I believe we all share your concern that we must consider the best practices available on the issue of euthanasia of all animals in the care of the City, but in the end, I believe that Council will make the correct decision for the residents of the City of Duncan.

Thank you for your input in this regard.

Sincerely

Phil Kent  
Mayor