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Mayor Joe Fontana & Members of City Council
City of London
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Dear Mayor Joe Fontana & Members of City Council,

A petition circulating has made statements regarding the London Humane Society.

It is false and misleading to state that surrendered pets are brought into the shelter only with a fee. The London Humane Society undertakes much work, outside of our federal and provincial investigations mandate, and receives no financial fees for many services.

Many citizens find themselves in urgent situations with their pets. These circumstances may be due to health, death of a family member, incarceration, job loss or eviction, to name a few. When a pet can no longer be cared for, and funds are not available, we bring in these pets without fees. Our donors support us so that we can be there for these animals, whether domestic or exotic pets, and farm animals.

Further, our investigations mandate regularly brings animals into care without any cost recovery. London Humane Society completed 8% of Ontario's animal cruelty investigations in 2012. These are 100% donor funded. The London Humane Society is a registered non-profit corporation.

The mission of the London Humane Society is to improve the lives of animals in our community by providing temporary shelter and appropriate new families for unwanted or cruelly treated animals, and by providing education and advocacy, and by assisting animals in distress.

Regards,

Judy Foster
Executive Director