

Caregivers under The Animal Care Act



Overview

The Animal Care Act defines **caregiver** as a person or organization selected by an Animal Protection Officer (APO) to provide care to an animal that has been seized or taken into custody.

Caregivers could include animal boarding facilities, veterinarians, veterinary technicians, animal transporters, and anyone who has expertise providing specific types of care to specific types of animals.

Caregivers must:

- Pass an inspection as required
- Have facilities appropriate for species in care
- Have knowledge on caring for animals
- Provide appropriate food, water, enrichment and medical attention (as directed by the Animal Welfare Program)
- Follow instructions from Animal Welfare Program for specific types of care (e.g. giving animals prescribed medication as outlined by veterinarians)
- Notifying the Animal Welfare Program if animals are ill, injured, or go missing
- Keep appropriate records (e.g. provide invoices outlining cost of care)
- Agree to confidentiality protocols

How to Apply

Individuals and businesses interested in providing caregiver services to the Animal Welfare Program can contact the Animal Care Line by email at animalcare@gov.mb.ca with the following information:

- Brief description of why they want to be involved in the program, animal handling experience and qualifications
- Location and description of facility and expertise
- Contact details including business name, mailing address, physical address and phone number
- Rates

It is at the discretion of the Animal Welfare Program to determine whether caregivers will be approved and how often their services will be used.