

"We Speak For Those Who Cannot Speak For Themselves"

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An open letter to the Veterinarians of Niagara from the Lincoln County Humane Society

Dear Doctor,

As you may have heard the Lincoln County Humane Society was the fortunate recipient of an Infrastructure Stimulus Grant in December of 2009.

The Grant will allow the LCHS to build a **full service veterinary clinic** and a **spay/neuter clinic**, as well as administrative offices, a basement and a retrofit of some existing space.

Recently there has been some confusion in the veterinary community over the way our project was portrayed. The purpose of this letter is to clear up that confusion and to provide clarity and transparency to you.

The LCHS will be proceeding with the building as described above. What we will do with this building, relating to the clinic, is as follows:

- Use our **full service veterinary clinic** for LCHS animals only (and not the general public.)
- Have a **spay/neuter clinic** for LCHS animals; and for cats owned by members of the public who can demonstrate a financial need, via a means test.

To provide additional clarity, *the LCHS has no intent to compete with any veterinary practice.* We have undertaken this venture, in line with our mission statement, to significantly reduce euthanasia in Niagara; as within the last 5 years, well over 10,000 cats have been euthanized in this region due to a lack of space.

The Lincoln County Humane Society is excited to be part of the solution to this epidemic and we would appreciate your support in attaining what we believe should be a shared goal. Through our ongoing efforts we are committed to a transparent process. As such, please do not hesitate to contact the LCHS if you require any additional information or if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Strooband', written over a horizontal line.

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