



**Oshkosh Area
Humane Society**

OAHS Vision Statement

The OAHS is guided by a vision to build a humane community where all animals are treated with compassion and live according to the five freedoms:



1. Freedom from Hunger and Thirst

by ready access to fresh water and diet to maintain health and vigor.

2. Freedom from Discomfort

by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.

3. Freedom from Pain, Injury or Disease

by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.

4. Freedom to Express Normal Behavior

by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind.

5. Freedom from Fear and Distress

by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.

The welfare of an animal includes its physical and mental state. OAHS considers good animal welfare implies both fitness and a sense of well-being. Any animal kept by man *must at least* be protected from unnecessary suffering.