

CONSTITUTION

VIK9 Assisted Human Services Society (VIK9 AHSS)

Article 1 - Name

The name of the Society is VIK9 Assisted Human Services Society (VIK9 AHSS).

Article 2 – The Purposes of the Society

1. Promote health of persons with mental, physical, and other disabilities or disabling effects by undertaking the following activities:
 - a) Training and certifying highly skilled and obedient canines within Canada for their specific roles within CAHS;
 - b) Training and certifying the CAHS teams within their specific roles to a high standard of individual and team performance. Well trained teams can overcome individual barriers to living a full successful life within Canada;
 - c) Establishing, maintaining, and operating an appropriately accredited facility dedicated to Canine Assisted Human Services; and
 - d) Acquiring or breeding of suitable canines that will be raised and trained to meet individual medical, physical, or psychological needs.
2. Advancing education of the general public, to develop a mutual respect of Human Rights, common courtesies between all parties, and support Service Dog Handlers (persons with disabilities), by undertaking the following activities:
 - a) Supporting and being actively involved with the development of national standards for the Animal Assisted Human Services Industry.
 - b) Supporting (and where possible, be a part of) the studies on various disabilities and the benefits of utilizing CAHS dogs in their various roles.
 - c) Educating the general public through active public engagement through a variety of medias and CAHS education campaigns, emphasis is to be put on:

- i) the different roles of CAHS in society;
 - ii) the benefits and use of service dogs that assist handlers with singular or complex disabilities;
 - iii) the different service dog team configurations;
 - iv) the specific conduct expected of Service Dog Teams; and
 - v) the interactions towards said team.
- d) Establish, maintain, and operate an accredited CAHS Trainer School.