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## Pets for Life

- Address inequity in and lack of access to pet resources
- Increase community-based animal welfare programming
- Dismantle discriminatory policies and systems

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## PFL Results

- Over 215,000 pets served
- Over 135,000 spay/neuter surgeries completed
- Over 625,000 medications/supplies/services provided



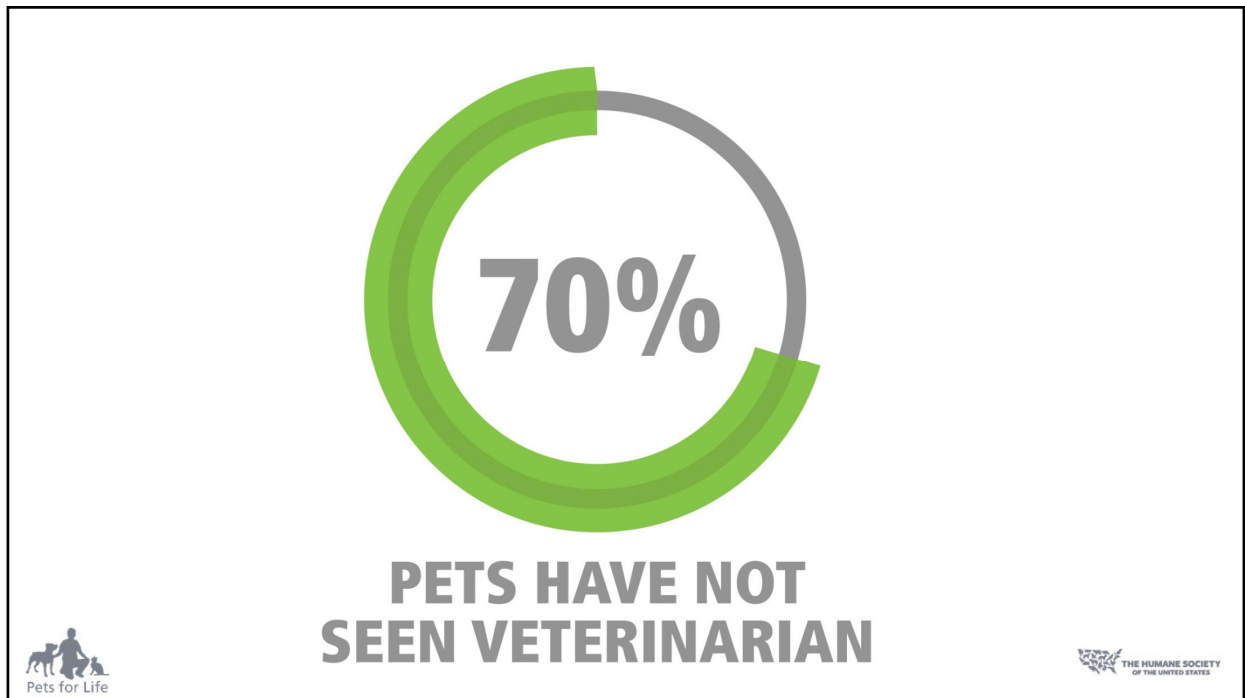
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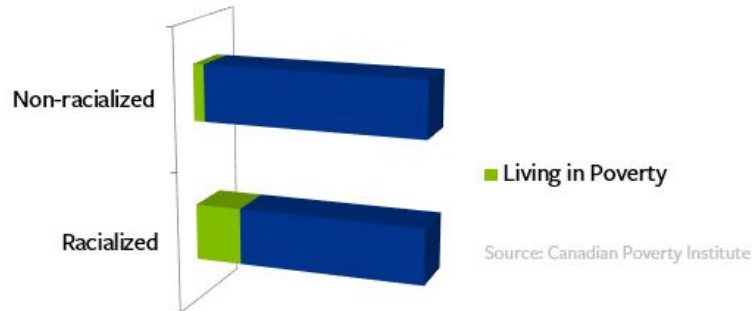
Animal welfare is  
connected to  
larger systemic  
challenges for  
people and their  
pets

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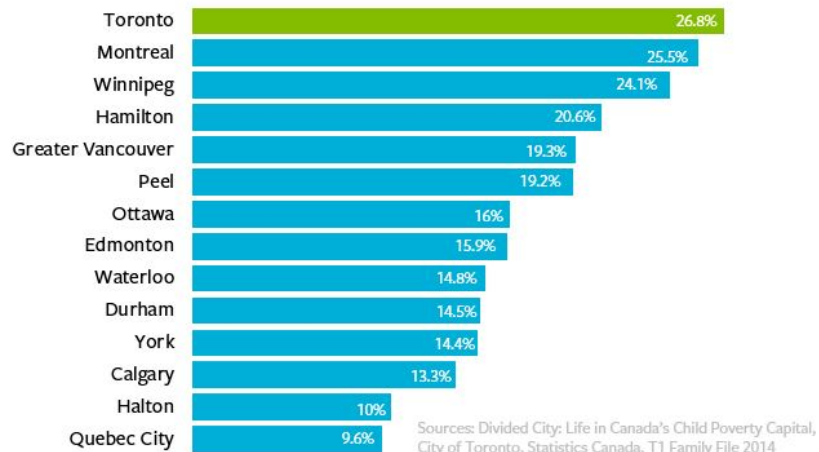
## 1 in 5 racialized families live in poverty, compared to 1 in 20 non-racialized families.



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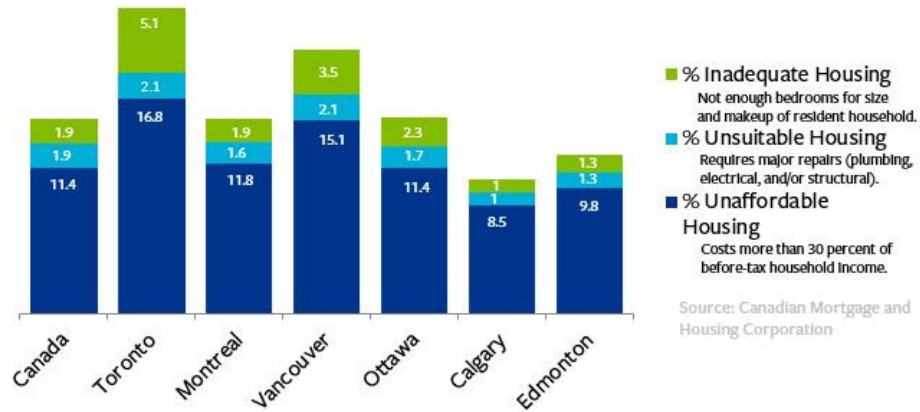
## Child Poverty Rates in Canadian Cities

Percentage of children aged 0-17 living below the Low-Income Measure After Tax



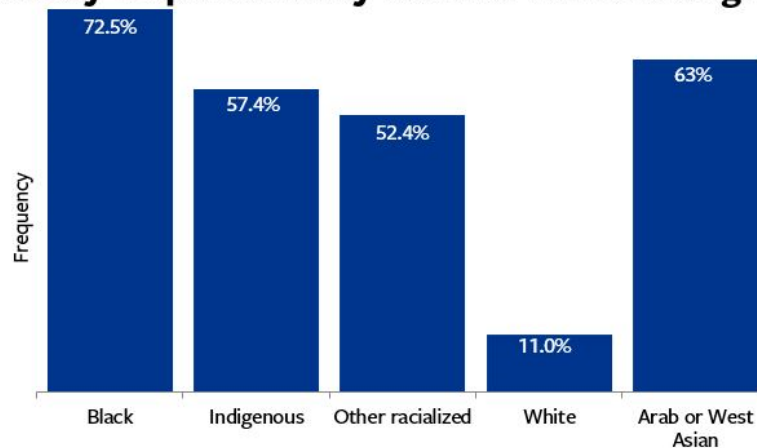
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## (Un)Affordable Housing in Canada

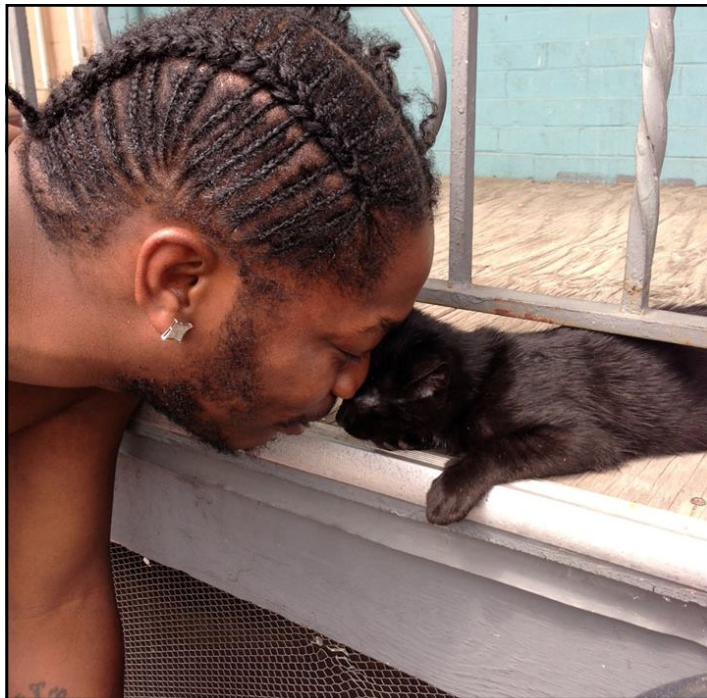


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## Ontario: Reported incidence of racial profiling among survey respondents by racial or ethnic background



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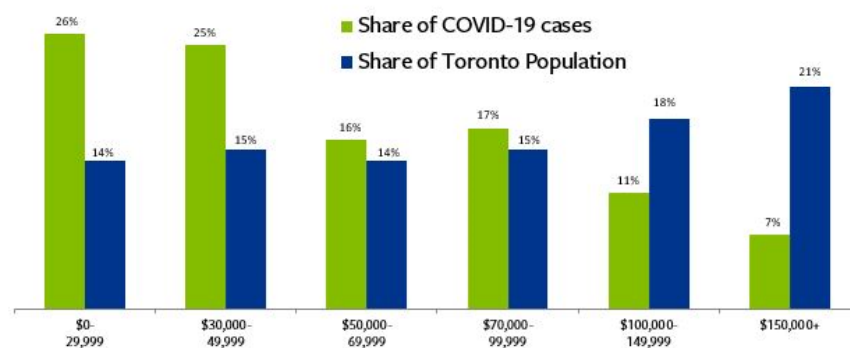


- Black Canadians make up 3% of the population but account for 10% of inmates in federal prison
- Indigenous people account for 5% of the population but represent 27% of the prison population
- 27% of all carding incidents were focused on Black Torontonians, despite Blacks making up only 8% of Toronto residents

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### Share of COVID-19 cases by household income compared to the share of people living in Toronto by income group



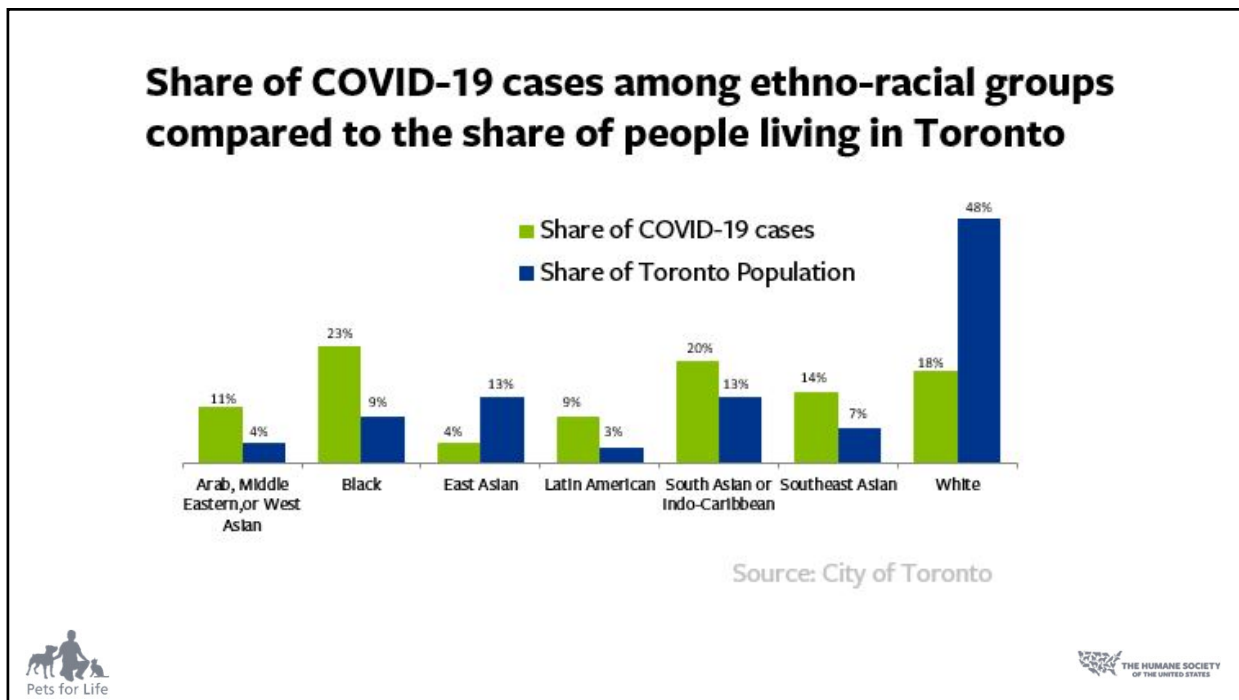
Source: City of Toronto

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## What Works

- Extend compassion and understanding to people
- Become informed on issues of racial and economic inequity
- Identify and remove barriers to services and engagement
- Connect with other movements that are creating equity and access
- Commit to the hard and long-term work

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## Policy and Enforcement Reform

- Return-to-owner
- Adoptions
- Owner present euthanasia
- Owner surrenders
- Rethinking Cruelty and Neglect
- Punishment to Support



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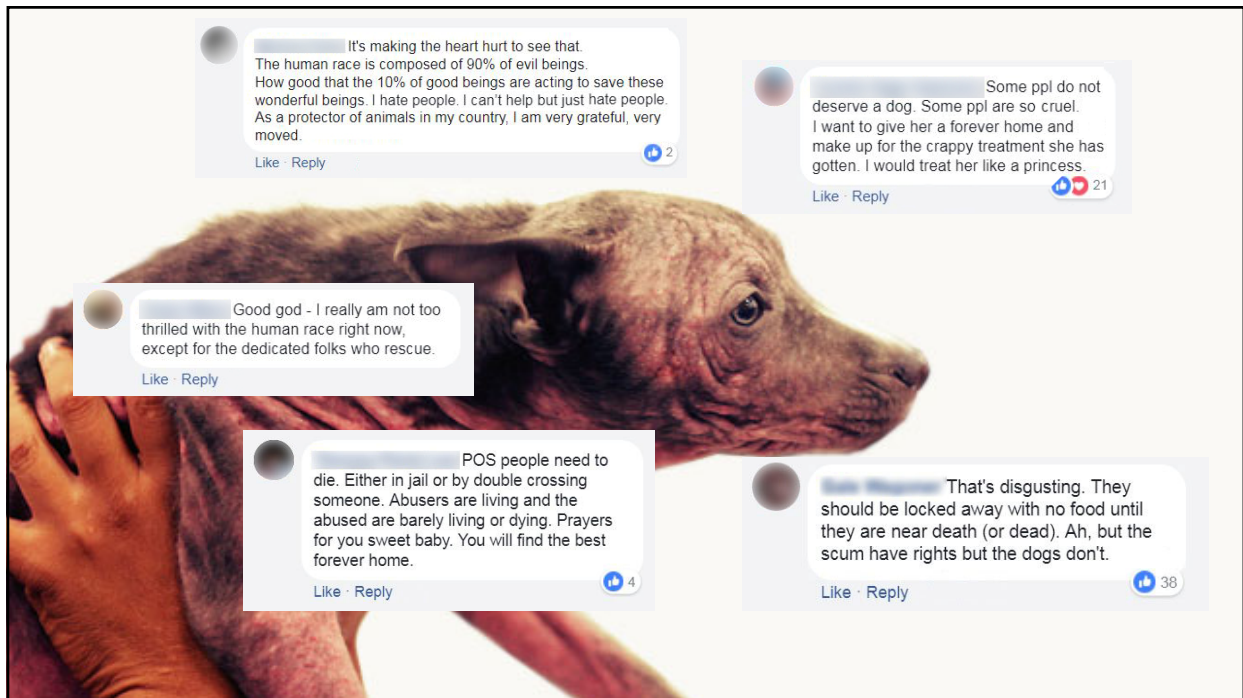


## The Stories We Tell

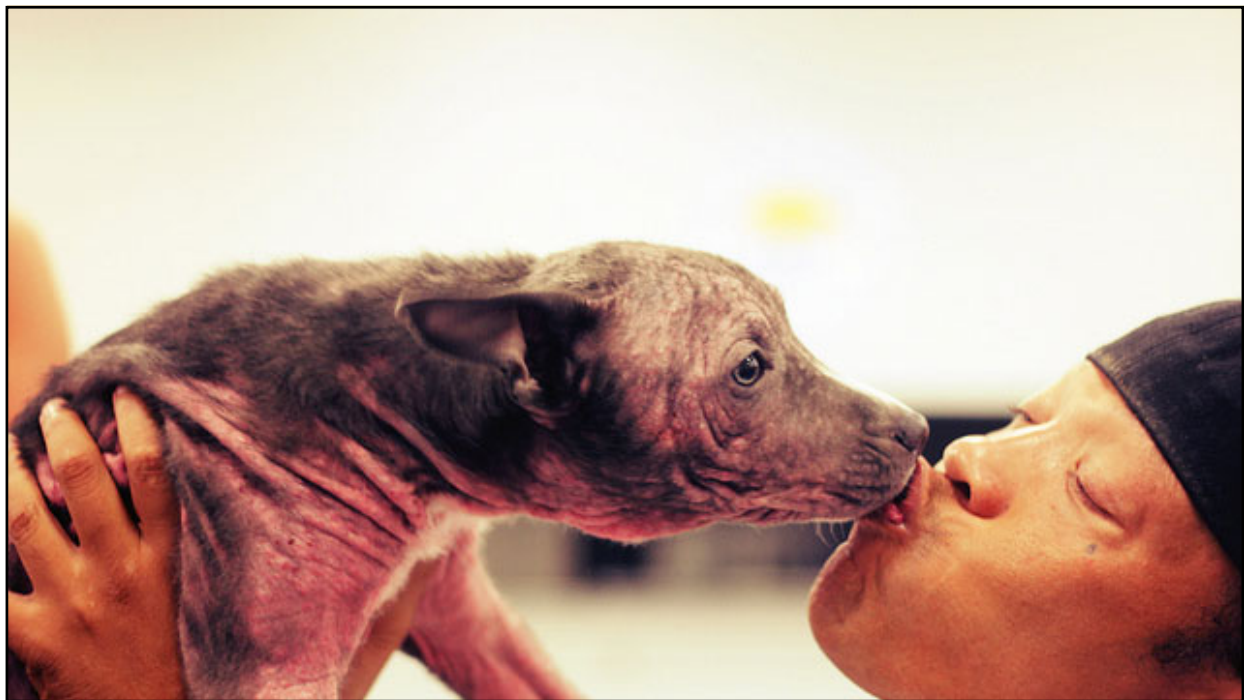
- We control the narrative
- Consider the consequences
- Limiting the definition of compassion
- Creating a villain
- Complicit in or directly contributing to the perpetuation of myths and stereotyping



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## Considerations

- Penalizing poverty
- Maintaining and perpetuating systems of discrimination and oppression
- Animal welfare at odds with other social justice movements
- More support, less punishment
- Increase empathy



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