

Starving and Thirsty, Mango and Tango Rescued from Brink of Death, Owner Charged with Neglect

Mango and Tango were starved, flea bitten and just days away from death when an Ottawa Humane Society veterinarian first laid eyes on them.

The pair was emaciated and covered in fleas when they arrived at the OHS on April 11, brought in by their owner's landlord. They were dehydrated and their ears were covered in mites.

"This is typically what we see when animals

are abandoned without food or water for days," said Miriam Smith, OHS inspector. "We were shocked to find out someone was actually living in the unit with the cats when this happened."

Still friendly and purring despite their suffering, the cats were immediately put on IV fluids. Both had a body condition score of one on a scale of one to nine. To put that number into perspective, Charlie the starved Great Dane – who came in weighing 53 lbs., which was less than half the normal weight for a dog his size – had the same body condition score.

Like Charlie, Mango and Tango are now being cared for by a dedicated OHS foster volunteer as they slowly regain their health.

Your support has given Mango and Tango a second chance at a happy life. Without you, they would have had nowhere else to go.

Thanks to you, OHS Rescue and

Without you, Mango and Tango would have had nowhere to turn for help. We need your help more than ever. Investigation Services agents are struggling to end cruelty to animals so Mango, Tango and other animals like them don't have to suffer. The need for support is greater than ever, as the number of investigations has

grown by 26 per cent in just two years. The province has recognized this growing need and is now funding part of the work of RIS investigators. Unfortunately, the funding only covers a small portion of the everincreasing need. While every dollar of that funding will go toward saving animal lives, we still need your help.



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RIS agents have charged Marie Parise, 54, in connection with Mango and Tango's alleged neglect. She first appeared in court June 26.



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From the Executive Director's Desk

We Need You to Help Orphaned Kittens



Tam feeling a lot better about entering into our busy season this year. By busy season, I mean the time of the year, sometime in late spring, when daily admissions of animals rises from a

dozen or so to up to 50 animals every single day. We all know it's coming, we plan for it, brace ourselves, and do the best we possibly can for every animal that needs shelter and care, because they have nowhere else to go.

This year, because of you, we are better prepared, especially for the major cat and kitten influx that is the hallmark of the season. You helped us develop a number of new initiatives that we think are going to make a big difference this summer.

Last spring, you helped create our Kitten Brigade, a group of fasttracked foster volunteers who have agreed to

help us over the busy season by taking in multiple cats and kittens who are not quite ready for adoption and can be better cared for in the community. Last year, 43 new foster volunteers came forward and this boost made a big difference in the quality and quantity of care we were able to provide. We identified what worked best last year and are launching the new-andimproved program to help with this spring's wave of cats needing our care.

Your support has allowed us to create a long-overdue position of feline co-ordinator to help us address the many and unique needs of the thousands of cats that need our care and your help every year. One of our outstanding employees, Ashley Hodgins, has jumped into this role with gusto. Ashley already has helped us to identify and reduce the factors that slow down cats moving through the shelter, as moving cats through the steps to adoption quickly helps to ensure that cats remain comfortable and healthy. She has developed plans, protocols and training for staff and volunteers to provide enrichment care for cats in the shelter, also reducing stress and thereby keeping them healthy.

Your kindness allowed Ashley to create a huge initiative launched this spring: Project Orphan Kitten. Orphans are at significant risk for obvious reasons. Without a mother, even older kittens often won't eat on their own. They can lose body heat quickly and die of hypothermia. They need regular socialization to grow up normally. Ashley has researched and developed this great new

program with the input of volunteer vet Dr. Julie Burke, who researched best practices in the care of orphan kittens and initiated the development of program materials. Also included is a volunteer training program and manual with all of the procedures to support this ambitious new program. Existing volunteers will receive the required specialized training

that they will use to give the close to 200 orphaned kittens we care for every year a much better chance at survival and a forever home.

I hope that you are as excited as I am to see how much your support can make a difference in the lives of the animals that need your help every day. Ashley, and our other amazing staff and volunteers, can only be here for the animals because you are here for them too.

Bruce Roney Executive Director

Lili Caron Motivated by Love of Animals

ili Caron has been helping animals in our community since 2006 in thoughtful and practical ways: gifts of medical supplies, blankets and litter trays have provided comfort and care to the animals. Lili even contributed to help Breezy find her forever family.

The self-employed translator and artist is the proud and happy mom to two beautiful cats named Prince Charmant and Cendrillon.



Lili has been helping the animals in our community since 2006 in thoughtful and practical ways.

An accomplished painter, Lili has several projects on the go. It is her hope to raise money for the animals through the sale of her paintings.

She trained and ran in the Ottawa Race Weekend in May with a goal to raise \$1,000 to benefit the OHS and the animals in its care

Motivated simply by her love of animals, Lili chose to make the future more secure for them by leaving a bequest in her will to the OHS. The animals thank you, Lili!

For information on how you may leave a bequest to the animals, please contact Greg Beck, manager: legacy giving, at 613-725-3166 ext. 268 or gregb@ottawahumane.ca. 🏰



Make a Gift of Love to Tomorrow's Animals

A legacy gift in your will provides a brighter future for the lost, abandoned, injured and neglected animals in our community. For more information please contact Greg Beck,

manager: legacy giving at 613-725-3166 ext 268, email to legacy@ ottawahumane.ca or visit www.ottawahumane.ca.





Ottawa Police Sgt. and Longtime OHS Volunteer Teena Stoddard Helping to Build Brighter Future for the Animals

ttawa Police Sgt. Teena Stoddart is a hard person to say "no" to. Teena Stoddart - the civilian - is an even harder person to say "no" to.

"There are many different ways to accomplish a goal. If someone says no, it just means I have not found a way which would motivate them to say yes," she said.

Teena will tell you, and anyone else listening, how proud she is to help animals by donating her time, energy, contacts, and money to give them a second chance.

She recently adopted Kernell, a dog from the OHS, who is already a star attraction in Teena's circle of friends and with the other dogs and children in Teena's neighbourhood.

Teena has tirelessly helped Ottawa's animals for many years – as a volunteer selling raffle tickets at Ottawa Police Services (OPS) and in the community, soliciting businesses for donations for live and silent auctions for OHS fundraising events, marketing the OHS within OPS, and as a donor who helped build a brighter future for the animals with a monthly gift to the Breaking Ground Campaign.

She has also included the OHS in her will "to ensure that future animals will continue to have a safe and secure home and a second chance," she said.

Teena was instrumental in once again involving Ottawa Police Services with the OHS at the recent FurBall Gala.

"Ottawa is so fortunate that

OPS and the OHS regularly partner together to keep our community safe. It was only logical to enlist some OPS officers to help sell raffle tickets at the FurBall - I am proud to say that we raised over \$5,000 for the animals."

Thank you Teena for all of your gifts and



Teena (far right) along with Charlie the Great Dane, OHS staff member Dominique Lalonde, and OPS officers, at the 2014 FurBall.

support over the years!

To find out how you can help the animals like Teena, please contact us at volunteer@ottawahumane.ca.

Community Kudos

Thank you for fundraising for the animals!

- Katie D for donating pet food, toys and supplies
- Monica R for pet toys and supplies
- Keera R for making bracelets and selling them to raise funds for the animals
- Clara & Renee for selling cookies and juice in the neighbourhood
- · Faith B donated savings, collected funds during family fun night
- Tiffany K for her school's "Nobody Project"
- Bridlewood Community Elementary School's "Me to We" club:

Cool Kids

We Day

We Day is an annual youth empowerment event organized by the Free the Children charity. Held in cities across Canada and the United States, We Day asks participating students to make a commitment to one local and one global action throughout the year in order to help create positive change in the world.

Two local students chose the Ottawa Humane Society for their We Day project: James B (right) and Keira D (far right). Thank you to these two selfless young people for making a difference for animals in our community.



Owen asked for donations instead of birthday presents and raised \$310 for the animals in our care!





Thank you to the following kids for fundraising for the animals!

- Cate W-Y
- Erin S
- Eryn S
- Jackson F
- Leah F
- Liam M
- Madigan S
- Mikayla S
- Mini B
- Olivia J
- Phoebe I
- Victoria F
- Lilly J
- Callie, Sarah and Sian 🖑







they volunteered at a local grocery store to bag groceries to raise funds for the animals at the OHS

- South Carleton High School Band-a-thon
- Sharon B's Pampered Chef Fundraiser
- Acorn Early Learning Centre class fundraiser
- Nelligan O'Brien Payne LLP for Dress Down Casual Fridays
- St Thomas More Students Alexandra, Elizabeth, Brianna, Laura and Sabrina 4/2008

Cool Kids



Tiffany participated in the Nobody Project at Briar Green School and raised funds for the animals!



Bing asked for donations to help the animals instead of birthday presents for his eighth birthday!

Wiggle Waggle Walkathon and Run for the Animals



I'm Milo! You may remember me: I was the official spokesdog for the Wiggle Waggle Walkathon last year!

I'm back with a wagging tail to tell you that we're getting ready for another fun event on Sept.7.

Registration is now open at www.ottawahumane.ca/ walk – don't delay, sign up now! 🎕

Join the next OHS Loose-Leash Walking Workshop!

We'll help you make walking your dog a more pleasant experience – for both of you!



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS: July 16 – 6:30-8 p.m. August 20 – 6:30-8 p.m.

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Hundreds of Dogs Locked in Hot Cars This Summer Will Be Saved – Because You Care

The summer heat means OHS agents are racing from call to call to answer that next cry for help from a dog locked in a hot car.

A growing awareness of the danger of leaving pets in vehicles means more people are turning to the OHS for help when they see a dog locked in a hot car.

"People in Ottawa love animals. We're their first call when they see a dog locked in a hot car," said Miriam Smith, OHS inspector. "We're busy but it means we're saving the lives of animals in need."

This year's first call for a dog locked in a hot car came in on May 6. Just two weeks later, agents laid their first charge. They found a Chihuahua whose owner had been playing bingo for an hour. By then, temperatures in the car had reached 40 C. The dog was panting and lying in the backseat when the agent rescued her.

The busy start may mean 2014 is another record-setting season. Last year, you helped us respond to 430 dogs in hot cars – saving many from lifelong injury or even an agonizing death. One of those dogs rescued in 2013 was Bako. An OHS agent found the husky panting, drooling and lethargic after being left in a hot truck on Canada Day last year. The agent rushed Bako to the vet for treatment. Luckily, he recovered but his owner was sentenced to a year of probation and had to pay a \$200 fine.

Thanks to you, OHS agents will be there to save the next dog from a hot car. Visit the OHS website to read about the most recent OHS rescues of dogs in hot cars.



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By the Numbers – OHS Dog in Car Rescues



Number of dog in hot car calls between May 6 and Sept. 30, 2013



Number of dog in car charges between April 1 and Sept. 30, 2013



Warning tickets given



Letters sent to car owners



Veterinarian orders issued

Court updates

Pending Cases

Mr. Brian BISCOPE was charged with failing to provide adequate medical care for his sick Rottweiler. A trial has been set for June 24.

Ms. Kayla BOUCHER has been charged with failing to provide adequate medical attention and permitting an animal to be in distress after allegedly allowing her cat to suffer 10 days after her vet indicated the cat needed emergency medical care. She last appeared in court May 29.

Mr. Steven HELFER pleaded guilty to the October 2013 beating of Breezy the dog. He was sentenced June 19, which was past the deadline for this newsletter. Please watch our Facebook page and website for updates on the sentencing.

Mr. Daniel KENNEDY was charged after allegedly throwing a rabbit to its death off a balcony. His last appearance in court was May 21.

Ms. Michelle MAYER, of the Navan Animal Rescue Corporation, was charged in September 2012 with failing to provide suitable and adequate standards of care under the OSPCA Act for over 50 dogs in her care. She last appeared in court June 27.

Ms. Tracey MCCULLOUGH was charged with failing to provide suitable and adequate standards of care under the

OSPCA Act after seven live and three dead cats were found inside a house living in deplorable conditions. Investigators had to use respiratory protection to rescue the surviving animals. She did not show up for her court date and a warrant has been issued for her arrest.

Mr. Trevor MIAZGA was charged by police after witnesses said he choked and hit his dog while taking it for a walk. His last appearance in court was April 29.

Ms. Andrea NOEL was charged Nov. 22 with four counts of failing to provide adequate food and water for four Pomeranian dogs that were found dead in her care. A trial date has been set for Jan. 6, 2015.

Mr. Dylan WILCOX was charged Nov. 8 after a witness reported seeing him beating a black Labrador retriever. He has been charged with causing an animal to be in distress. His last appearance in court was June 11.

Mr. Jason WOODRUFF has been charged with failing to provide adequate food, water or medical attention and permitting an animal to be in distress after his emaciated Great Dane was sold on Kijiji. He last appeared in court June 26.

Completed Cases

Mr. Daniel DANIS was found guilty of

causing unnecessary pain to an animal for throwing a cat off a third-story balcony in 2012. He was sentenced to three years of probation and a five year prohibition against owning pets.

Mr. Mario MIREAULT was charged Nov. 8 with permitting distress and failing to provide adequate care after a pit bull in his care was found with a broken leg. He pleaded guilty to the charge and received two years of probation.

Ms. Sharon SMITH was charged with permitting an animal to be in distress and not providing the standard of care after her Great Pyrenees dog did not receive the vet care it needed. It had to be humanely euthanized at the OHS. She pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years of probation.

Mr. Keith WATT was sentenced to five days in jail for causing distress to the seagull when he bashed it into a wall. The bird died from its injuries two days later. Watt will also serve two years of probation, has to pay restitution to the OHS, and is banned from owning animals for five years.

Although legally mandated to enforce the animal cruelty provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada, the Ottawa Humane Society does not receive any government funding or any funding from any animal welfare group to rescue animals in distress and only receives partial funding for investigations. The Ottawa Humane Society relies on donors like you to help perform this essential work in our community.



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Wiggle Waggle Walkathon and Eun for the Animals – **Sep. 7** at Queen Juliana Park

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