



A Family That Would be Lost Without You

Most people know that spaying/neutering pets prevents pet overpopulation, but less known is that spaying/neutering also sets up the pet for a lifetime of good health and prevents certain life-threatening conditions.

We've talked before about pyometra, an infection in the uterus that can be fatal if left untreated, and how spaying can prevent this condition from ever happening.

Now, we're in the middle of kitten season and you are supporting hundreds of kittens who need shelter and care to grow strong and find their new forever homes. One of these little families who you saved is momma Cheyenne and her kittens.

Cheyenne was found lost and alone, and in desperate need of help. She had safely given birth to five kittens, but sadly two had died in her womb and were stuck in her birth canal. Without your life-saving support, Cheyenne and her litter faced a horrible death — but they had you.



Safely at the OHS, Cheyenne received an emergency C-section to save her and her family. With kittens and momma safe, Cheyenne was able to focus on resting and recovering from her surgery, while nursing her kittens and helping them grow and develop.

Now these kittens and their momma are ready to join forever families of their own, and they owe it all to you. Thank you for saving this family and so many more just like them.

THE DIFFERENCE YOU'RE MAKING FOR ANIMALS IN NEED



From the President and CEO's Desk

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To lead Ottawa in building a humane and compassionate community for all animals.

One of the most heart-wrenching things I have witnessed at the OHS was a mother weeping as she hugged her sobbing teen-aged daughter. They were surrendering a pet they could no longer care for. At that moment, I let go of judgment, for good.



We also offer short-term emergency boarding for people in desperate situations. We offer behaviour resources, where an animal's behaviour is jeopardizing the human-animal bond. As much as possible, we look for options other than surrender, although we will always take in the animal, where

It's easier to think people surrendering pets don't care about them the way "we" do. This family cared. They cared enough to make the best decision they could for their pet. They put their trust in us. Over the years I have come to understand that most people who bring animals to us don't want to. They simply don't have another option.

Recently, to help people already facing a bad situation, we dropped our surrender fees. We also believe, that this may result in animals coming to us sooner, before their behaviour issue becomes worse, before their medical situation is beyond help.

Sometimes, we're able to avoid surrender of a loved pet. Many owners turn to us in immediate crisis. Where food is a barrier, we can help through our pet food bank. Our mobile spay/neuter program provides a critical service for families who usually wouldn't be able to access a spay/neuter surgery for their pet.

doing so is in their best interest.

But what if we could do more? What if we could help more people overcome the hardship they were facing, so that they could keep their pet? Where that animal is loved, has a stable home and a family that — at other times — is fully able to support their needs. What would it take?

More and more, we see that being a truly humane and compassionate community means helping at both ends of the leash. But as a community-based organization, we need to know what you think. That's why, later this summer, we will be reaching out to you and the community to talk about what the future holds for the OHS and Ottawa's animals. As an OHS supporter, your voice counts.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sharon Miko
 President & CEO

YOU Made Daisy Smile

Daisy, a sweet, senior dog, came to the OHS with terrible wounds on her neck and several broken teeth. We don't know for sure how she was injured, but we knew we had to help her. She was in so much pain that we needed to sedate her to figure out the extent of her injuries.

Thanks to you, Daisy was able to receive pain medication and antibiotics to make her comfortable and start her on the road to recovery. She needed care to repair her wounds and dental surgery to remove her broken teeth, but she had nothing to worry about with you at her side.



Daisy before

Daisy needed time to rest and recover in the loving home of a foster volunteer. There she started to make an incredible recovery. Now, Daisy can't stop smiling and has transformed from a poor dog in awful pain to a senior living her best life.

Even better, Daisy has found her forever family! Thank you so much for making stories like Daisy's possible.



Daisy after

The End of Cosmetic Animal Testing

Your advocacy is making a difference for the animals!

In April, the Canadian government introduced its 2023 federal budget, which included a proposal to ban cosmetic animal testing. If passed, the bill would end testing on animals in Canada, selling cosmetics that rely on animal testing data to establish the product's safety, and false labelling related to testing cosmetics on animals.

More than 40 countries have already banned cosmetic testing on animals, and Canada is poised to make the leap and implement this overdue legislation.

Cosmetic products tested on animals can range from makeup, perfume, lotions, hair products, nail polish, shaving creams, deodorant and more. These products have been tested on animals for decades to gauge the product's



effectiveness and safety for human use at the expense of the animal.

Rabbits, rats, Guinea pigs, and mice in Canada are subject to this cruelty every year. These experiments often cause the animals extreme distress, discomfort and pain.

As someone who cares, you know that despite alternatives being available and in use, many companies still test their products on animals. Many of the alternatives are proven to be more efficient and cost-effective than animal testing.

Canada is moving in the right direction, but now is the most crucial and best time to show your support. Reach out to your MP and let them know that animal testing and cruelty have no place in Canada.

No Pet Too Big or Small

We've told you about the many cats and dogs you've saved. Stories of complex surgeries, miraculous recoveries, and turning around particularly challenging behaviours. You do so much for Ottawa's cats and dogs, and on top of that work, you also save Ottawa's small animals.

Since late 2021, we have had an unprecedented number of rabbits in our care — searching for their forever homes. Some were the result of uncontrolled breeding; others, the real “pandemic pets” that became less desirable as people's lives returned to normal. Thanks to you, each of these bunnies receives the regular, daily care they need to live happy and healthy lives, before we find their forever home.

In addition to ongoing care, rabbits receive a spay/neuter surgery before adoption, helping to prevent rabbit homelessness and overpopulation.

And that's not all you do. Allow us to introduce you to Cream Puff, the world's sweetest and toughest Guinea pig, who has an incredible story. She arrived at the OHS with ovarian cysts, a serious condition that can be fatal if left untreated. Surgery on a Guinea pig is not common and has some risks, which is why we usually don't spay/neuter Guinea pigs before making their adoption matches.



Cream Puff moments before surgery.



Cream Puff recovered and happy.



One of our incredible small animal enrichment volunteers.

However, thanks to you, many more resources are available to Ottawa's animals, making the impossible possible. Cream Puff received surgery to remove her cysts and made an amazing recovery, and it didn't take this sweetheart long to find her new, loving family.

You make sure that small animals like Cream Puff won't be overlooked, and you make sure that all homeless animals at the OHS receive the love and care they desperately need.

Last year, we introduced our small animal enrichment program. Everyone knows cats and dogs need regular play time to be happy and healthy. Small animals have the same needs and these volunteers help socialize small animals, stimulate their bodies and minds, and help them be more comfortable with being handled.

This amazing team is still growing! If you'd like to do even more for Ottawa's homeless rabbits, Guinea pigs, hamsters, rats, mice, degus... visit our website to learn more about how you can get involved in this program: ottawahumane.ca/volunteer



You save rabbits like Annie.

Barb Makes Sure No Animal is Left Behind

Barb Potts is a loyal PAW monthly donor and volunteer. She has been supporting Ottawa's homeless and vulnerable animals since 2005.

She has a lovely cat named Peaches and has adopted two senior cats from OHS in the past. She has heard many heartbreaking stories about animals being mistreated and neglected, and she advocates that "all animals deserve love and respect and the OHS plays an invaluable role in protecting, treating and rehoming animals in need."

As a volunteer of more than 10 years, Barb sees the difference donors make in the lives of Ottawa's homeless animals. Homeless animals are wrapped in care — from the moment they arrive at the OHS, to the veterinarians who provide medical support, to the animal care attendants who keep the animals happy and healthy every day, to the hundreds of volunteers who provide enrichment, to the adoption team who helps the animals find their forever home.

She knows her monthly gift makes all of this possible.



Barb and Peaches.

"I like monthly giving because I don't have to think about it, but I get to see the real results of my donations. Monthly giving also takes some of the stress off the shelter as they have a better idea of what their budget looks like each month. If you're not sure about becoming a monthly donor, go visit the OHS and see first-hand the amazing work you'll make possible."

Just like Barb, you too can give Ottawa's homeless animals a second chance at love and happiness. Join the Ottawa Humane Society's PAW monthly giving program at ottawahumane.ca/paw, call 613-725-3166 ext 254 or email paw@ottawahumane.ca.

A red poster with white text and images of kittens. The text reads: "CATS CAN'T ADD OR SUBTRACT BUT THEY CAN MULTIPLY". Below this is a speech bubble with the equation "1+1=12". The bottom text says: "Help prevent the suffering of thousands of unwanted pets by doing your part: SPAY/NEUTER YOUR PET". The Ottawa Humane Society S.P.A. logo is at the bottom right.

Escape from the Cold

On a frigid winter day, a sweet shih tzu named Thomas crawled into the engine of a car searching desperately for whatever heat he could find. Thomas was lost and alone, fending for himself against starvation and the elements.

Isolated, trapped in the engine of a car, with no one to save him. This is what Thomas' fate could have been, if he didn't have someone caring like you looking out for him.

The owner of the car was shocked to find Thomas had crawled so deep into the car that he was impossible to reach. Ottawa Fire Services came to the scene to free Thomas, and thanks to your support, he was able to find shelter, love and warmth at the OHS.

Thomas was safe, but his journey had just started. He was covered in painful matted fur that needed to be shaved away. He also had a few scrapes and injuries that he likely picked up while he was trying to wiggle into the car, and he needed to put on some weight.



Thomas resting in his foster home.

Because of you, Thomas received all the care and support he needed to recover from his ordeal, and soon enough, he was ready to find his new, loving forever home. Best of all, he found his new family quickly.

In his new home, Thomas goes by Teddy and he get tons of love every day. All thanks to your incredible support.



Thomas, now Teddy, with his forever family.

Protect Your Pets from

Ticks



Tick bites can cause Lyme disease, a painful and deadly illness that can be difficult to treat.

You can help prevent Lyme disease:

Use a tick preventative

Perform thorough daily tick checks

Avoid wooded or grassy areas

Talk to your veterinarian about Lyme disease prevention



Community Kudos

Our community has many young heroes who are hard at work supporting Ottawa's animals! Many of these awesome kids decided to donate instead of receiving birthday gifts – now that's amazing. Visit our website to read more about these Humane Heroes: ottawahumane.ca/kudos.

School's Out, For Summer

This week, groups of children have descended upon the OHS, bringing their excitement, energy and endless curiosity.

That's right, this is the first week of summer camp at the OHS. Right up until early September, hundreds of kids will visit the OHS to learn all about animals, how to be responsible pet owners, and how they can make a difference for Ottawa's animals.

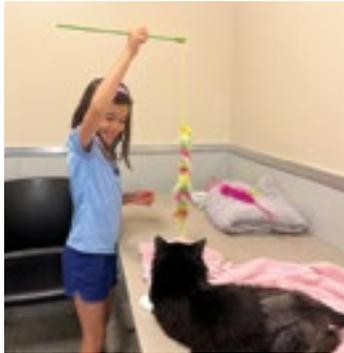
Summer camps are a lot of fun (for us and the kids), and they are also a valuable opportunity to build the next generation of caring people. During camp, the kids get to enjoy interactive presentations all about animals, visits with Ottawa's homeless animals, arts and crafts that keep pets and their care top of mind, presentations from some of our partners and behind the scenes tours of the shelter.

This year, thanks to caring people like you, we are working with our community partners to offer a number of camp spots to families who wouldn't usually be able to afford the experience for their children.



Everyone should have the chance to learn about animals, and investing in kids is essential in building a better future for Ottawa's animals.

This amazing learning opportunity is only available because of you. Thank you for investing in the next generation of animal advocates.



You Gave Mitchell Hope

Mitchell, a beautiful Sphinx cat, had a rough start. He arrived at the OHS covered in his own vomit and waste. Awful as that was, it wasn't the end of his problems. He also had respiratory issues and one of his stunning eyes was badly injured.

We don't know for sure how Mitchell ended up in such awful shape, but we're so thankful he had you looking out for him and making sure he could get the care he needed. You made sure that Mitchell could get cleaned up and rest and recover in a safe place.

Unfortunately Mitchell's eye was beyond repair and removing it was the best option to make sure he

could live his best, pain-free life.

After recovering in the critical care unit, Mitchell moved into a foster home to continue his recovery journey. Thanks to you, Mitchell has made great progress and has gone from an awful beginning to a storybook ending with his forever family.

You give him and animals just like him hope and the second chance they desperately deserve.

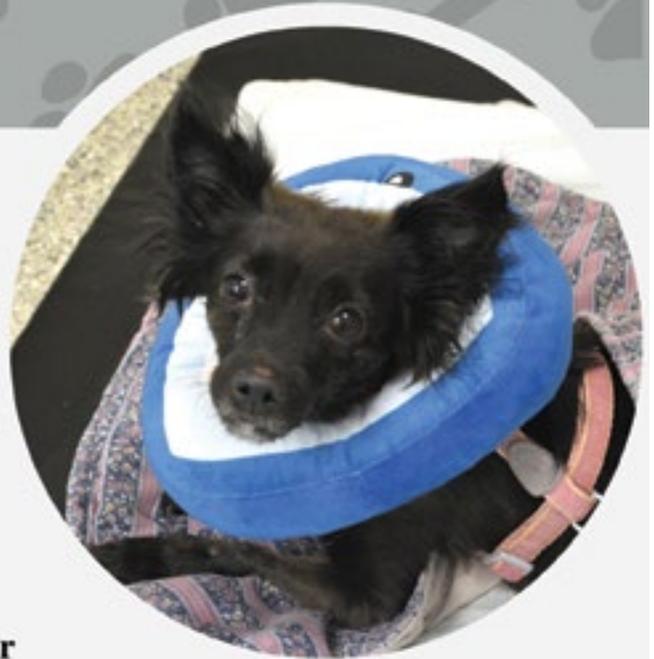


Become a PAW Monthly Donor!

Animals like Dakota are counting on you to provide them with a new start at life and get them into loving forever homes.

Dakota is just one of the many animals in the care of the Ottawa Humane Society. This five-year-old black Papillon had a broken pelvis after being hit by a car. She received the surgery she urgently needed. Thanks to PAW monthly donors, Dakota had somewhere safe to heal and recover.

Will you help Dakota and other animals just like her by becoming a PAW monthly donor?



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monthly giving saves lives

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Sunday, Sept. 24
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