



ANNUAL REPORT 2015



Our Vision

A sustainable population of healthy animals supported by a community that cares.

Our Mission

To promote the welfare of all animals and prevent cruelty and suffering.

Executive Director's Message

2015 was an exciting year full of new opportunities. We are both very honoured and elated to join the Guelph Humane Society team – Adrienne as Executive Director (since December 2014), and Lisa as Associate Director/Acting Executive Director (since June 2015) during Adrienne's maternity leave.

One of our most significant achievements over the past year was implementing the Capacity for Care (C4C) program, a management tool that helps shelters better meet the needs of cats under their care by using strategies that reduce stress and illness. In addition, over the past year our Barn Cat program has offered a unique approach to improving outcomes for our most difficult-to-adopt felines - such as those that are poorly socialized or have difficult behaviours such as poor litter box habits. Staff and volunteers alike are enthusiastic on the positive effects that both programs have had on our feline residents.

We'd also like to acknowledge our team of committed and compassionate staff and volunteers, who inspire us every day with their

dedication to making our community a better place for all animals. Additionally, we feel very fortunate for the support of our Board of Directors, and appreciate their leadership and wisdom. Our sincere thanks also goes out to our tremendous community partners including: the veterinarians that help us care for the animals; our satellite adoption centres that help to increase the profile of our animals; and our area businesses and the City of Guelph for all of their support.

To our donors and supporters, we celebrate our achievements with you and thank you for your incredible generosity. We are excited to see what we can further accomplish together in 2016. As we continue our progress towards a new building, we know that the coming year will be one of tremendous possibilities.

Sincerely,

Adrienne McBride
Executive Director

Lisa Veit
Associate Director/
Acting Executive Director

Chair's Message

The past year has been another year of change. The organization is continuing to move towards many of our long term goals: stable leadership, ongoing staff development, improvements in animal health and care, sustainable fundraising efforts, and new building planning. The board will remain focused on these efforts in 2016 and are very proud of the accomplishments of every one of our staff and volunteers this past year. We celebrate and honour your hard work and achievements.

On behalf of my colleagues on the board, I am pleased to report we made considerable progress in 2015 in our long-term goals of having a new building. Although we experienced some setbacks this year in that goal, we are confident that we will soon be moving forward again. We are incredibly grateful for the support of the City of Guelph and to all the staff and volunteers who have been

serving in large and small roles that are related to our building project. We are enormously grateful for your support, wisdom and guidance.

Guelph is a truly unique community. Very few Humane Societies in Canada can claim to have so many friends in their community. From our donors and supporters, to our volunteers, to the businesses that provide support, to the veterinarians in the community who support our animal's health, and all the other organizations and individuals who provide us with a helping hand – we celebrate you, your generosity, and your support. We are blessed to call this community our home. We look forward to all that we are able to achieve together in 2016.

Sincerely,
Shane Bateman
Chair – Board of Directors

Board of Directors 2015

Shane Bateman, Chair
Janet Greenwood, Vice Chair
Linda Murphy, Treasurer (elected June 2015)
Clare Wooding, Secretary
Amy Estill (resigned March 2015)
Candace Raymond (elected June 2015)
Heidi Pioveson (resigned October 2015)
Jennifer D'Antonio
Jennifer Riddell (term ended June 2015)
Linda Caston
Nathan Perkins
Shuv Islam (resigned March 2015)
Stephanie Sutherland (elected June 2015)

VOLUNTEER STATS

**243 unique volunteers provided
10,031 hours of service in 2015**

Volunteers Milestones for 2015

100+ hours

Ann Taylor
Barbara Zammit
Brenda FitzGerald
Elizabeth Vardon
Joanna Behm
Kathryn Roberts
Mike Whittington
Shelby Cady
Zsolt Dorner

200+ hours

Chris Pomay
Christopher Ku
Janet Greenwood
Jill Dick
Laine Barker
Noreen Pomay
Tammy Owen

500+ hours

Tiara Corrigan
Trevor Spencer



Thank you, Chris!

Your contribution helps the Guelph Humane Society to provide life-changing experiences and programs to nearly 3000 animals each year.

Volunteer Profile

Every day, the Guelph Humane Society helps people and animals in emergencies – whether it's a lost dog or an injured owl. Our vital work is made possible by our Volunteers – people who learn how good it can feel to lend a helping hand. Everyone has something special to offer...including our amazing volunteer, Chris Ku.

Since day one, Chris has had a positive energy that is contagious to all that surround him. Dedicated and generous, Chris has been a friend to hundreds when they've needed it the most.

Since 2014, Chris has responded to countless requests and served in all roles. Fostering animals, volunteering at community events, transporting wildlife, driving companion animals, and assisting staff to help us provide quality care.

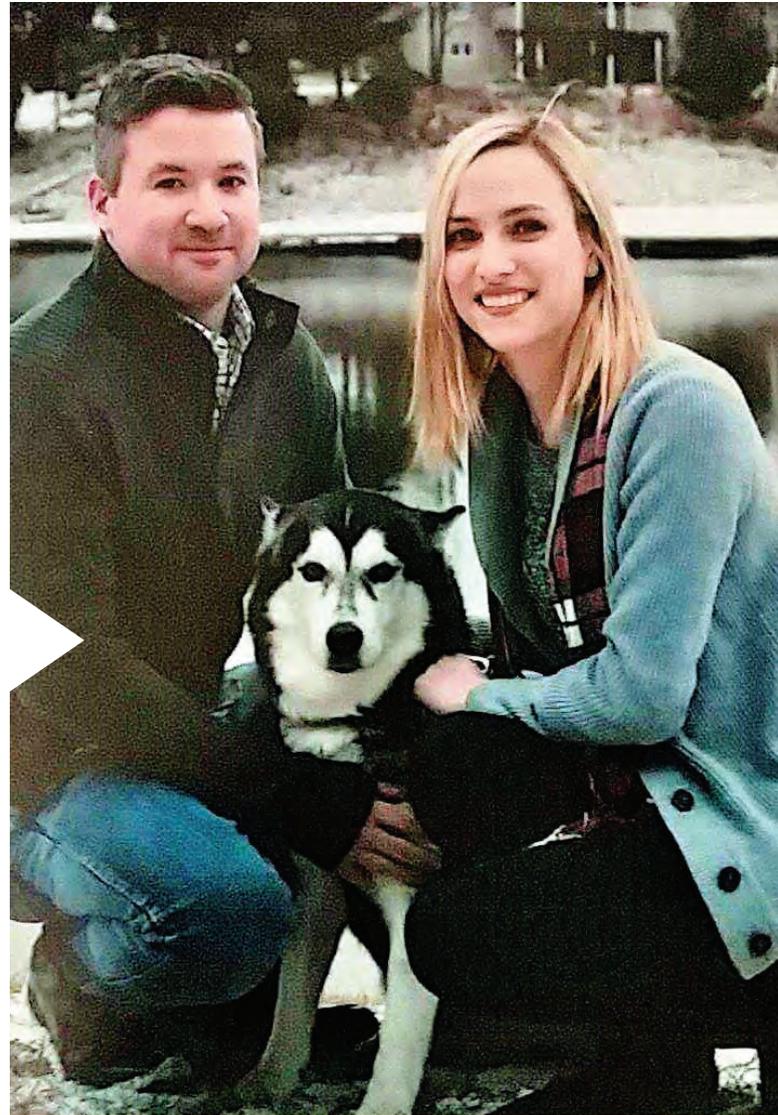
"I have always been the type of person who wants to help," Chris said. "The feeling of having helped is the most satisfying reward of all."

Meet Mya

A female husky, Mya came to us as a stray who was over 10 years old. She had a bladder infection while she was at the GHS, and because of this and her age, we did further blood and urine tests, which revealed that she had kidney disease. We were told that Mya only had months to a year to live.

Along came Dania and Scott, a wonderful couple that understood Mya's long term diagnosis was not promising, but who wanted to give her a wonderful home, for as long as possible. They took Mya home, fed her a special renal diet, and absolutely fell in love with her beautiful spirit.

We recently heard from Dania and Scott that Mya has had a miraculous recovery! Recent tests show that her kidney function is now normal! Mya is doing well, and Dania and Scott think that their home is a better place with Mya in it – and we're pretty sure that Mya would agree!



Meet Oliver

Oliver was brought into the shelter as a stray in July of 2015. The finder had come across Oliver in their yard nabbing an olive out of a martini glass after the finder left their drink unattended outside for a brief moment.

Despite his "theft" of an olive, Oliver was mainly brought in to the Guelph Humane Society because of a medical issue that involved a prolapsed rectum.

After an unsuccessful medical procedure to try and fix Oliver's issue, the Guelph Humane Society switched gears and looked into other treatment options. The successful treatment involved Oliver being prescribed lactulose and a high fibre, easily-digested diet. Oliver is now living a very happy and healthy life with his new owner, Patty.

Foster Parent Highlight

Kandice was a 2nd year vet student when she approached the GHS two years ago to inquire about our foster program. After meeting with our Canine Manager and filling out an application, she was set up with her first foster dog, Champ, who had been hit by a car and suffered a broken pelvis. Kandice took Champ into her home for post-operative care and physiotherapy. He was wearing a sling on his hind leg and was quite a handful keeping up with bandage changes, getting outside, and taking him for veterinary follow-ups for weeks. When he was healthy and strong enough Champ went to his new home.

Kandice's next few dogs also had some medical problems, as well as behavioural issues. An English Bulldog named Wilma; then Norm, who arrived at the shelter emaciated and in deplorable condition. Norm lacked socialization and had behavioural issues that required attention. Kandice took extraordinary care of Norm in every way, with many walks by the river during her 3rd year in vet school. After weeks of rehabilitation and care, Norm was strong and healthy and his behavioural problems had been worked out. He ended up getting adopted quickly.

Her next 'assignment' was a terrier mix, Gremlin, who suffered from a systemic yeast infection and was very touch sensitive. He needed to be out of the shelter environment to get the further training he needed. It turned out he was much happier in a home and the shelter learned so much more about him in a home environment which helped with his adoption.

Kandice has been a phenomenal help to the GHS! She has provided our animals with experience and knowledge, passion and love.

2015 Adoption Statistics



DOGS
ADOPTED:

182



CATS
ADOPTED:

638



SMALL ANIMALS
ADOPTED:

75

TOTAL ADOPTED:

895



We thank you so much, Kandace,
for all your amazing hard work and
dedication to helping the animals
who need it most!!!

GHS Donors \$250+

Joanne and Robert Adamson
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Wellington Laboratories Inc.
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Zoey Zimmer
Daniella Zorzi & Richard Brown

Monthly PAW Program Profile

My husband and I have always loved animals, and are most definitely dog people!

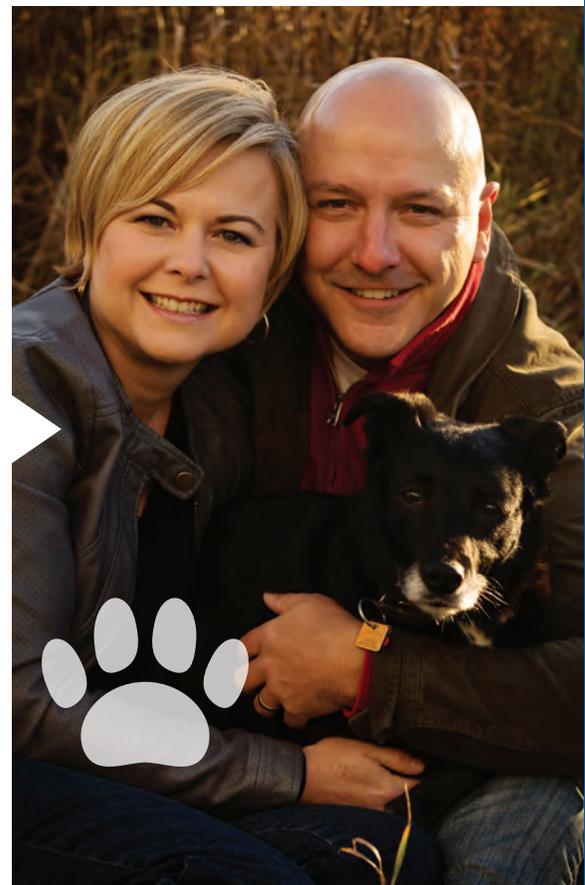
When it wasn't the right time for us to have a pup ourselves, we were so happy that there was another great way for us to support the dedicated staff and wonderful animals of the Guelph Humane Society: we became monthly donors.

There are so many ways to help a cause you care about. For us, giving financially is a great way to make a difference and have a direct impact.

We would love to volunteer as well, but financial support is an option that makes more sense for us at this time. And with giving this way, our donation can be used by the GHS wherever it's needed most.

We've been proud donors for more than 10 years (and happy dog owners for the last two!), and look forward to many more years of supporting the great work of the GHS.

Lisa, Don & Chevi

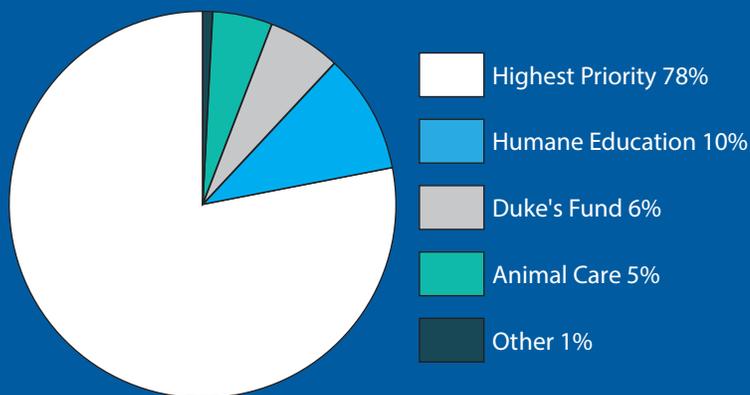


2015 Fundraising Activities

Bequests* (6)	\$ 350,100
Receiptable Donations	\$ 150,193
Events & Projects	\$ 57,921
Humane Education	\$ 22,218
TOTAL RAISED	\$ 580,433

*Bequests enrich the lives of the animals that come to the Guelph Humane Society and are an additional way of supporting the GHS that can have a huge impact on the animals in need!

Project Support



Humane Education Stats

School Visits: **22**

Number of Children Reached through School Visits: **4,748**

Number of Children Reached through In-House Programming: **252**

Programming includes: Junior Humane Club, March Break Camp, Summer Critter Camp





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