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Improving the health and well-being of animals in need through protection, sheltering, adoption and public education.



Cia: Adopted after 28 days in care. October 2016.



GUELPH
HUMANE SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT

2016

A Message from our Executive Director:

Thanks to our supporters and dedicated staff, 2016 has been a year of continued growth for the Guelph Humane Society (GHS).

In addition to our commitment to improve the welfare and status of our local cat population through the ongoing success of our *Capacity for Care* (C4C) program, this year we played a local leadership role in the launch of Nature Canada's national *Cats & Birds* campaign; served as a pilot location for Cat Healthy's *Healthy Adoption Checklist* initiative; further developed our local *Working Cat Adoption Program*; and provided a voice for local cats through advocacy at Guelph's City Hall.

Over the past 12 months we expanded our animal services to reach beyond the City of Guelph and into the neighbouring communities of Guelph-Eramosa and Centre Wellington. As we look towards the future, we will continue to develop new partnerships with surrounding townships, ensuring all animals across Wellington County have access to the same level of care and protection.

Lastly, we stayed committed to advancing consideration given to local wildlife. Our highly

dedicated team took the initiative to expand their skills and knowledge of best-practices on how we can help more sick, injured and orphaned wildlife. The result has been significantly better outcomes for the health and well-being of wildlife with 3-times more animals successfully transferred from GHS to licensed wildlife rehabilitation centres than the previous year.

I am very proud of our compassionate staff and volunteers. They inspire me each day with their dedication to make our community a better place.

Our sincerest thank you also goes to our community partners, donors and sponsors - we can only celebrate our achievements because of your generosity. I look forward to welcoming you at 500 Wellington Street West with your friends and family to learn more about adoption, pick-up your foster pets, participate in our camps, drop off injured wildlife, celebrate your child's birthday or volunteer your time. I am always encouraged by the support and connection we have with our community!

With sincerest thanks,
Adrienne McBride,
Executive Director



A Message from our Chair of the Board:

The Guelph Humane Society (GHS) made excellent advances in achieving its goals over the past year. This includes continued plans for a new building, the development of more robust fundraising efforts and increased staff development.

As we move forward in search of a new location, we recognize our significant progress. The Board of Directors is very thankful for the ongoing guidance received from the City of Guelph and our community partners, who are providing help during this process.

The Board is also extremely proud and honoured to work alongside the amazing staff and volunteers at GHS. It is their patience, passion, dedication and energy that allow us to achieve so much.

GHS is incredibly fortunate to have the surrounding community care so greatly about the work we do and for the welfare of our animals. It is only through the support of our generous donors, sponsors, volunteers, and other partners that we can make the necessary strides forward, achieve success and create a better future for animals.

We look forward to the future and seeing all the fantastic work our organization will achieve through our continued partnerships.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Sutherland,
Board Chair

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In photo: Pippy (top left): Fostered for over three months until ready for adoption. Ubu (top right): Fostered with her five puppies until they were all ready for adoption.



2016 VOLUNTEER of the Year

Trevor Spencer

A typical day for our volunteer Trevor Spencer at the Guelph Humane Society (GHS) varies wildly depending on the animals we are looking after. It involves an outdoor adventure with our dogs one minute to socializing with cats and kittens the next. Whatever the task, our volunteer Trevor is always there.

Trevor joined the GHS team back in June 2013. Growing up in Ottawa, volunteering became an important part of his life and has always given him immense satisfaction. From a very young

age, Trevor's engagement with community organizations has been phenomenal and he says that initial, positive feeling he experienced in early volunteer opportunities remains when he donates his time today.

"We greatly appreciate everything Trevor brings to the Guelph Humane Society – from his dedication to always help, his eagerness to walk dogs in all weather and his big laugh that brightens everyone's day."

– Gwen Preece,
Volunteer Coordinator

GHS is honoured and grateful that a volunteer extraordinaire such as Trevor is associated with our organization. Volunteering over **1,000 hours in 2016**, his incredible contributions have helped us achieve our goal of making every day special for the animals under our care.

Volunteers

2016 Volunteer Milestones in service hours:

100+

Joanna Behm
Sandy Billings
Stuart Burdett
Sue Burnett
Jill Dick
Brenda FitzGerald
Matthew Guaragna
Mark Jamieson
Christopher Ku
Debbie McNey
Kayla McQueen
Caitlyn Parsons
Shannon Payne
Noreen Pomay
Kathryn Robertson
Debbie Scott
Libby Underwood

200+

Laine Barker
Ariana Brittenden
Tiara Corrigan
Linda Hoag
Hiu Man Ip
Chris Pomay

1,000+

Trevor Spencer

Thank you to our amazing volunteers!



Over **11,000** outdoor adventures for our canines thanks to our canine companion volunteers



More than **2,000** hours dedicated to feline well-being and enrichment because of our wonderful volunteers



435 invaluable volunteers

13,366 hours of volunteer service

Our dedicated volunteers play an important role in our ability to meet our goals. They work hard to make every day special for the pets who are waiting to find their new loving homes!

From wildlife drivers to cleanliness crews, the Guelph Humane Society staff is incredibly grateful for their generosity, enthusiasm, ideas, energy and support. **Thank you!**

SUPPORTING A SUSTAINABLE POPULATION OF HEALTHY ANIMALS



91%
PLACEMENT RATE
1,408 COMPANION & FARM ANIMALS
 ADOPTED, CLAIMED OR TRANSFERRED IN 2016

ADOPTIONS

Cats.....	718
Dogs.....	151
Small Animals.....	78
Birds.....	10
Farm Animals.....	31
TOTAL	988

Izzie: Adopted after 16 days in our care. September 2016.

PROTECTION

76 Total # of calls attended that required OSPCA orders

11
 # of OSPCA search warrants executed

187
 # of OSPCA orders issued

74
 # of animals removed through investigations

166 # of animals surrendered through investigations

The Guelph Humane Society (GHS) protection team is on the front-line investigating cases of animal cruelty, distress, abuse and neglect throughout Wellington County.

Our specially trained agents are appointed under the *Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) Act*. They have the authority of a police officer to protect animals and can enforce provincial and federal laws that pertain to animal cruelty. Since not all calls require the removal of animals from owners, our team also serves as public educators, offering advice and guidance to improve living conditions

for animals that are potentially at-risk.

Sometimes, a little information to increase caregiver knowledge about proper shelter, food, preventive care, and follow-up visits can quickly improve the health and well-being of animals.

GHS works closely with the Guelph Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police, local veterinarians, community social services and citizens. Together, we are helping more animals have new beginnings.





3x more wildlife transferred to licensed rehabilitation centres in 2016 than in 2015.



Across Wellington County, we are lucky to share our space with a diverse range of wildlife. These animals are incredibly important to the health and wellness of our community.

Many species have learned to live in close proximity to humans and even thrive in cities and towns. In order to protect our wildlife, it is important we learn to co-exist and

prevent conflict through education and other preemptive measures. In cases where wild animals become sick, injured or orphaned, the Guelph Humane Society assists in the care of these animals before they can be transported to licensed rehabilitation centres, with the hopes of being released back into the wild.



Your support makes a difference to improve the well-being of animals.

WILDLIFE

WELL-BEING

In 2016, the Guelph Humane Society (GHS) experienced a spike in the number of small animals surrendered to our shelter. This was largely due to an unexpected single intake of 60 small animals and birds that needed care.

In August, we asked for the community's help and received an overwhelmingly positive response. Our community members generously donated food (including fresh vegetables for

the rabbits), supplied cages and bedding, volunteered to provide foster homes and gave funds to help cover medical care expenses. In total, the GHS team cared for 20 rabbits (plus two litters), five hedgehogs, four chinchillas, two chickens, 20 Asian blue quail, and 11 common quail. These animals were adopted or transferred to sanctuaries or zoos.



The Guelph Humane Society took in

23

different species of Companion and Farm Animals with a wide variety of care needs in 2016.

Our team **provided care, foster homes and adopted out:** cats; dogs; small animals – chinchillas, ferrets, guinea pigs, hamsters, hedgehogs, rabbits, rats, budgies, canaries, cockatiels, doves, parrots, lizards, snakes and turtles; and farm animals – chickens, ducks, goats, pigs, pigeons and quail.



IN 2016 GHS REUNITED

318

LOST PETS WITH THEIR OWNERS

LOST & FOUND

Josh and Carrot were reunited! Carrot, a beautiful, large orange tabby with a big personality came to the Guelph Humane Society (GHS) as a stray. Following our standard intake protocol, Carrot was scanned for a microchip and luckily, he had one! Josh had lost Carrot in the Niagara Falls area four years ago. Thanks to Carrot's microchip, the GHS team could contact Josh to let him know that Carrot had been found over 125 kilometers away from his home!

Carrot recognized Josh right away in their heartwarming reunion and they happily returned home together.



Josh & Carrot.

HOPE. CARE. COMPASSION.

The **Duke's Fund** was established in 1995 to provide specialized veterinary care for **shelter animals in need**. The Guelph Humane Society cares for thousands of animals each year, many that require costly medical treatments. With generous donations to the Duke's Fund we can provide extensive medical care for animals in need.



Bibi: Adopted after 75 days in foster care. December 2016.

Bibi



BiBi, a 14-year-old Beagle mix, came into the care of the Guelph Humane Society (GHS) in late October 2016. When she arrived, it was clear she was a sweet older girl who loved companionship, but was in desperate need of veterinary medical attention.

BiBi had severe gingivitis, dense tartar and several loose teeth. She also had multiple lumps on her body that needed to be assessed. Following blood work, BiBi was diagnosed with significant kidney disease. The first step in BiBi's care was to prescribe antibiotic medication to help

manage her condition. She was also placed on a high-quality diet,

specifically created to help senior dogs with kidney disease. After her preliminary treatment, a second blood test determined that BiBi's kidneys had improved. She was in stable condition and the veterinarian could safely perform the dental surgery, lumpectomy and skin tag removal she required.

Thanks to the **Duke's Fund**, BiBi was able to receive the medical treatment she needed. She recovered in foster care where her affectionate, unique, bright personality could shine.

Bibi has now found her happy tail, spending her senior years much healthier and with a new loving family.

Crackle, a 10-year-old brown tabby, arrived at the Guelph Humane Society (GHS) as an underweight, timid stray in July 2016. She exhibited signs of having an upper respiratory infection, which is also known as a "common cold" in cats. While most cats recover from each episode naturally or with the help of antibiotics, nothing seemed to work for Crackle.

A veterinarian determined that her case was unresponsive to antibiotics. Thanks to the **Duke's Fund**, Crackle received medical treatment for her disease, which included a

nasal flush to help her breathe with more ease. During her stay at the GHS Crackle came out of her shell, demonstrating her sweet and loving temperament. With time, and appropriate attention from our dedicated staff and volunteers, Crackle was able to gain the extra weight she needed.

Crackle has since found a wonderful family who could see she is a one-of-a-kind girl with a heart of gold and who understand the ongoing health issues that can come with chronic upper respiratory infections, such as sneezes and a runny

nose. She was adopted in December 2016 and is living her own happy tail!

A note from Crackle's family:
"My favorite part of having Crackle as a part of our family is the excitement she has whenever someone walks through the door. The moment I sit down on the floor she literally comes running and shoves her slimy nose against my chinthe swell of love I get from it is totally worth it."





Foster Volunteer Spotlight

Miranda Petrossi

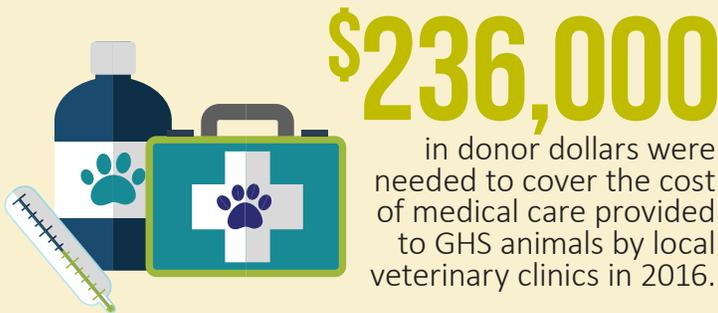


In the summer of 2016, Miranda Petrossi began fostering animals for the Guelph Humane Society (GHS). Her interest stemmed from a deep passion for animals and desire to help with their successful recovery and adoption. Miranda's first foster animal was a Beagle cross named Sam. Sam had been hit by a car, an accident that left him with a broken jaw. He required extensive surgery and aftercare. Following veterinary recommendations, Miranda gave Sam his medication, hand-fed him and provided lots of love before he was adopted.

Next, Miranda welcomed Molly, a Jack Russell Terrier cross who had undergone significant surgery after ingesting a foreign object that had caused an obstruction in her intestines. Thanks to Miranda, she recovered well and was quickly adopted by her new family!

GHS cares for more than cats and dogs. Miranda has also fostered a bunny named Bean. Bean arrived at GHS in poor condition. He was anxious staying in a shelter setting, but loved spending time in Miranda's home. Miranda's dedication shone through when Bean needed additional veterinary care. His treatment required the administration of five different medications several times per day. Under Miranda's care, Bean was able to recover comfortably and was successfully adopted not long after.

Animals like Sam, Molly and Bean benefit immensely from foster volunteers like Miranda. They can socialize with people, meet potential adopters outside the shelter environment and recover from illnesses in a calm setting. The GHS is extremely fortunate to have so many wonderful foster volunteers who dedicate themselves 24-hours a day to the care of animals in need.



GHS ensures **ALL** animals receive a veterinary exam prior to adoption!



Crackle

Crackle: Adopted after 141 days in care. December 2016.

2016 GHS Foster Care

390 # of animals that received foster care	167 # of foster homes in 2016	7 # of species that received foster care
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Making an impact to enhance the lives of many, one animal at a time.

HUMANE EDUCATION

Humane education programs established by the Guelph Humane Society (GHS) allow our team to reach various stakeholders and community members of all ages that are interested in the welfare of animals.

These programs enable GHS to provide information on our vision, mission and values, share stories about compassion for animals, highlight our successes, educate on responsible pet ownership and discuss the challenges we face in working toward building a sustainable population of healthy animals.



Critter Camp, 2016.

6,539

SCHOOL CHILDREN REACHED IN 2016

48

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY VISITS

38

IN-HOUSE PROGRAMS & CAMPS *

+1,686 participants through in-house programs and camps.

GHS's *Humane Education Program* regularly visits schools in Guelph and Wellington County throughout the school year. Through a curriculum-based program, delivered by our Humane Education Coordinator, children learn about animal welfare and safety. GHS also offers a week-day *Junior Humane Club*, a *March Break Camp* and *Summer Camp* programs.

*In-house programs include: *Summer Camps*, *March Break Camps*, *PA Day Camps*, *Junior Humane Club*, community visits and group shelter tours.

Community Outreach

From community-led fundraising and awareness days to the Guelph Humane Society's signature events, we broaden our involvement and nurture compassion and respect for living things.

15

Total # of Adopt-a-thons in 2016

4,800

Approximate # of people reached through community-led fundraising and awareness days



8,046 # likes on Facebook

2,746 # followers on Twitter

470 # followers on Instagram

11,210

of attendees at all GHS events in 2016



Althea: Adopted after 12 days in our care. April 2016.



Cat Health Education

In June 2016, the Guelph Humane Society (GHS) embarked on a partnership with Cat Healthy, an initiative created by Canada's six board-certified veterinary feline specialists to decrease feline euthanasia rates, boost return-to-owner rates and increase the number of cats receiving regular veterinary health-care in communities across Canada.

Research shows that, relative to dogs, fewer pet owners take their cats to the vet on a regular basis for annual exams or preventive health-care. Working with Royal Canin, the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association and Cat Healthy, GHS was **one of three pilot shelters across Canada** involved in the launch of Cat Healthy's *Healthy Adoption Checklist*.

As care needs vary depending on the life stage of the cat, this

tool was created to ensure pet owners with newly adopted cats receive proper guidance on preventive healthcare requirements for their cats.



75%

of all animals adopted from the Guelph Humane Society in 2016 were feline:
341 kittens
287 adult cats
45 senior cats
and
45 working cats

The checklist includes information on diet, creating a comfortable environment, nail care, dental care, looking for signs of pain in cats, identification and pet insurance. There is also space to record future veterinary visits and vaccination dates for the new pet.

Since the implementation of the program at GHS, **397 checklists** have been distributed to adoptive families.

It is hoped that this program will establish early connections between the newly adopted cat, the adoptive family and their veterinarian, and have a positive impact on the number of cats that receive regular veterinary care after they have been placed in a new home.

Working Cat Adoption Program

While most cats that come into the Guelph Humane Society (GHS) can be adopted into traditional home environments, there are some cats for which this is not suitable. The GHS's *Working Cat Adoption Program* offers a second chance for difficult-to-place felines, such as cats that are feral, inadequately socialized or have behavioural issues, such as poor litter box habits.

Like all cats available for adoption at GHS, cats identified for the program are provided with veterinary care prior to adoption which includes spaying or neutering, vaccination and microchipping. To ease the transition for cats, the GHS also offers advice and support to adopters on the best way to acclimate cats to their new surroundings.

Adopters through the *Working Cat Adoption Program* are committed to providing a safe, permanent and protected barn or other suitable outbuilding living space for cats; daily supplies of fresh food and water; and veterinary care as needed.

The GHS is proud to be **one of the first Humane Societies in Ontario** to offer this innovative program as an alternative for cats that may not otherwise be rehomed. In 2016, our team successfully **placed 45 cats** through the *Working Cat Adoption Program* - **6.3% of all cats adopted this past year.**

While there is no adoption fee for cats placed through the *Working Cat Adoption Program*, donations are welcome to help support this important initiative.

Innovative programs equipping the next generation of responsible pet owners.

Keep Cats Safe & Save Birds Lives

With our commitment to protecting all animals in our community, and our desire to be a leader amongst animal welfare organizations, the Guelph Humane Society (GHS) became the first local partner in the *Keep Cats Safe & Save Bird Lives* campaign, a national initiative of Nature Canada. Guelph was the first community in Canada selected to launch the campaign on a local level. GHS is proud to have joined in a campaign that promotes the welfare of cats, while advocating for the safety of natural bird populations that share our community.

The initial work involved polling our community to explore local attitudes towards free-roaming outdoor cats and perspectives on current threats to birds. Information gathered has helped shape the development of education materials, presentations and outreach programs that Nature Canada will use when rolling the campaign out nationally. In Guelph, our goal remains the same – to keep cats safe from the dangers they may encounter when free-roaming outside, while protecting birds from the cats that may injure or kill them.

A key component of the campaign is cat owner education, as they play a unique role when it comes to protecting both cats and birds. In addition to the threats they pose to wild birds, unsupervised outdoor cats are vulnerable to infectious diseases, parasites, vehicle collisions, fights with wildlife and getting lost. Thankfully, there are alternatives for cat owners to help keep their pet cats safe outdoors, such as enclosures (cattios) and harness-walking.

There are also several strategies to enrich the lives of indoor cats; like providing scratching posts, window perches, toys and other interactive play.



While the return-to-owner rate in Guelph is much higher than the national average, **only 15-20% of stray cats** brought to GHS are actually **reclaimed by owners.**

GHS Donors over \$500 in 2016

Anonymous
Baker Street Station
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Dr. Shane Bateman & Ryan Truscott
Gabrielle Brankston
Devon Brock
Megan Brooks
Estate of David George Brubaker
David Callaghan
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Marita Campbell
Sharon Carere-Hasson
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For more information visit
www.catsandbirds.ca/guelph

YOUR GIFTS at WORK

What does a \$500 donation mean for animals in need of protection, medical care and shelter at the Guelph Humane Society?

Every donation to the Guelph Humane Society (GHS) matters in improving the quality of life, health and well-being of animals in our care. Here are some examples of how a \$500 annual donation helps.

730 cups of dog food



\$500 provides food to feed a dog two meals a day for 365 days. In 2016, GHS fed **420 dogs** of all sizes, shapes and ages throughout the year.

70 annual vaccinations



\$500 covers the cost to vaccinate **70 cats** against infectious diseases and rabies. In 2016, GHS vaccinated for more than **955 cats**.

65 microchipping procedures



\$500 pays for the permanent identification of **65 animals (cats & dogs)**. In 2016, GHS microchipped a **total of 824 animals**.

1 dental surgery



\$500 pays for the average dental surgery for a cat, dog or rabbit, which reduces the risk of infection, chronic pain and life-threatening disease. In 2016, GHS provided necessary dental care for more than **40 animals**.

YOUR support makes a difference! From all of us at GHS, THANK YOU!

Help us meet our greatest need. Give today at www.guelphhumane.ca



Diego: Spent three months in foster care before he was adopted.



GUELPH HUMANE SOCIETY

WHY I

GIVE

to GHS

Why do I give my money, my time and my home to the animals in need at the Guelph Humane Society? by Katherine (Kate) Erickson

The answer is very simple, I love animals (especially dogs) and, because I can. There are hundreds of animals taken in by Guelph Humane Society (GHS) each year who would have nowhere else to go. Many require medical care, which can be very expensive. Donating money is essential to ensure the shelter has the funding to continue its great work.

As long as we, as a society, bring animals into our lives, there will be a need for organizations like GHS. For every animal adopted, there is another one coming in. Each one of these animals deserves a loving home and while they are at the shelter, they deserve the least stressful life we can provide.

I continue to give money to ensure the animals get the care they need and I give my time, to make the life of the animals who are at the shelter just a little bit better. My family also likes to help by fostering shy dogs that need extra time to feel comfortable before they are ready for adoption. Diego (in photo above) arrived in September 2016 and was very shy and nervous. We fostered him for 3 months and it was so rewarding to see him come out of his shell before he was adopted.

People should support GHS because it fills a definite need for animals in our community. The reality is, donating money and/or time to GHS is a win-win fulfilling experience for you, the animals in need and the shelter.

Kate Erickson – monthly donor, supporter, canine enrichment volunteer and foster volunteer.

Thank you to all of our supporters. TOGETHER we can turn possibility into reality.



Blossom: Came in with her littermates and spent three months in foster care. Adopted December 2016.

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.



Diesel: Found his new family after being up for adoption for 6 days. Adopted August 2016.

The Guelph Humane Society (GHS) delivers our programs through a dedicated staff team with many years of collective experience in the field. We also are lucky to have over 400 active volunteers who provide thousands of hours of volunteer service and donate innumerable skills and ideas to the shelter.

The GHS does not receive government funding, but relies solely on donations from individuals and businesses. GHS maintains strong working relationships with local, provincial and national animal welfare organizations; local school boards, the City of Guelph, Township of Centre Wellington, Township of Guelph-Eramosa, local veterinarians, the Ontario Veterinary College at the University of Guelph, Guelph Police Services and the Provincial Crown Attorney's Office.



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