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ANNUAL REPORT

2017

WELL-BEING • LOST & FOUND • ADOPTION • EDUCATION • WILDLIFE • PROTECTION



A MESSAGE FROM:

Adrienne McBride
Executive Director

We are so grateful to our volunteers, supporters and dedicated staff – without them, we wouldn't be able to help more animals each year, and continue to see the growth of the Guelph Humane Society (GHS). In 2017, we saw a **30% increase in the number of pets that came into our care, and a 50% increase in the amount of money that was spent on veterinary care.** Your support means we can help more cats, more dogs, more small animals, more animals in need!

Our wildlife program continues to grow and impact the wild lives in our community. Our highly dedicated team took the initiative to expand our reach and create **2.5 times more positive outcomes for wildlife in 2017 (as compared to 2016).** These results mean more health and well-being for wildlife.

We also continue our commitment to improving the welfare and status of cats. You can read about all the ways we are changing cats' lives and elevating the way they are viewed in our community later in this report. Together, we are making cats count through cat-centric programming, education and innovation.

This year we also focused on updating our vision, mission and values to keep them in line with our growing organization and to keep them relevant with the work we do in Guelph

and Wellington County. I hope you will be just as inspired by our vision of the world as we are – **a world where all animals are treated humanely, with respect and compassion.**

We are enthusiastic about the year ahead for GHS. As we move forward with fundraising for building our new facility in the Hanlon Creek Business Park and as we **celebrate 125 years of service** to our community, this is an exciting time for GHS. We are thrilled to continue to work with you.

I am very proud to work with our compassionate staff and volunteers. They inspire me each day with their dedication to make our community a better place for people and animals alike. My sincerest thank you also goes to our community partners, donors and sponsors - we can only celebrate our achievements because of your generosity.

Thank you,

Adrienne McBride
Executive Director



A MESSAGE FROM:

Stephanie Sutherland
Chair of the Board

The Guelph Humane Society has gone through some exciting changes over the last year, including finalizing the purchase of a new property, introducing a brand-new (and much-improved!) website, and adding some fantastic new staff.

As we move forward with the plans for the new building, the Board has been reflecting on the incredible amount of support that the organization has received from the community over the past years. The GHS is truly lucky to operate in such a generous and caring community.

The Board also recognizes the amazing staff and volunteers at GHS, who work so hard each and every day to make sure that the animals in their care are well taken care of and find their perfect homes. These individuals demonstrate their patience, passion, and dedication to the creatures in their care and to the community on a daily basis.

In addition to our excellent staff and volunteers, the GHS is also so fortunate to have the support of our generous donors, sponsors, and other partners, who help the organization to continuously improve in how we serve our community and the animals within it.

On behalf of the Board and the GHS, I wish to thank each and every individual and organization in the Guelph-Wellington area who has supported us. I hope that we can continue to rely on your support through the upcoming year and beyond, as we continue to make exciting changes to GHS.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Sutherland
Board Chair

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WHO WE ARE

OUR VISION

The Guelph Humane Society envisions a world where all animals are treated humanely, with respect and compassion.

OUR MISSION

The Guelph Humane Society's mission is 'to advocate for all animals, and in particular those animals whose lives we can influence, through care, education, community support, protection, and leadership.'



WHAT WE VALUE

OUR VALUES

We value the **interconnectedness** that we share with all animals in our community.

We value the **humane treatment of all animals** and strive to ensure their well-being and safety.

We value **innovation and advancement**, utilizing evidence-based approaches to guide improvements and best practices.

We value **compassion and respect**, demonstrating these values with each other and those we serve, including animals.

We value being **leaders in our community** in the promotion of animal welfare, by actively demonstrating knowledge and advocacy.

We value active **engagement with our partners**, supporters, and community, through programs, services, humane education and outreach.

We value **integrity and transparency** in all our communications and relationships.

We value **fiscal responsibility** and the careful stewardship of our resources, reputation and assets.



Our Vision, Mission, Values

*A community is defined
by the way it treats its animals.*

YOUR SUPPORT IS CHANGING LIVES

90%

PLACEMENT RATE

1,775

 COMPANION & FARM ANIMALS

ADOPTED, CLAIMED OR TRANSFERRED IN 2017

ADOPTIONS

Cats 814

Dogs 197

Small Animals 121

Birds 13

Farm Animals 38

TOTAL 1,183



Ben was adopted August 2017.

PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY'S ANIMALS



86

of animals removed due to dangerous homes

188

of Orders* Issued

**An order is issued by an OSPCA Agent or Inspector if that Agent or Inspector has reasonable grounds for believing that an animal is in distress and requires immediate attention.*

Momo, a Labrador Retriever mix, needed our help to rescue him from a life of abuse and neglect.

Our Ontario SPCA Agents, who are trained to investigate cases of animal cruelty and neglect, received a call after a neighbour reported seeing a dog being punched and slapped by his owners. Our protection team immediately arrived at the home, and found Momo, a sweet and happy-go-lucky dog, suffering from a severely neglected eye infection, which was causing him great distress.

Momo's owners could see he was suffering. Momo's eyes were so infected he lived with constant pain, and his eyes had begun to sink inwards, causing vision loss and damage. His owners refused to provide veterinary care, and our Agents removed Momo from

his home, so GHS could give him the care he so desperately needed.

Once Momo was in the care of GHS he was immediately seen by a vet ophthalmologist. After many months in foster care, and several attempts to improve Momo's eyes, it was determined he needed a complicated surgery to repair the damage to his tear ducts, likely caused by the prolonged infection. Thanks to our committed donors, Momo's vision was saved!

In the end Momo's former owners were convicted of animal cruelty related charges. Sweet Momo was adopted into a loving home, where he will never again know pain or suffering.



Sweet Momo

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

WILDLIFE — OUR PART IN HELPING ALL ANIMALS IN NEED



In 2017, we were able to drastically increase our impact on saving wildlife in our community. We are proud to be able to **help all animals**.

We are becoming highly specialized in a variety of wildlife, including their behaviours and the care required. GHS has developed an internal committee, that meets regularly, and has invested in staff training in order to ensure we are providing a high quality of care for our wild animals.

Not many other humane societies are able to provide this type of service and attention to wildlife.

We are **continuing to build a strong partnership with wildlife rehabilitating centers**. Since we do not have the space or license to support these types of animals, these relationships are important in order to be able to reunite babies with their mothers, fix broken wings so they can fly with their flock, and help those who are scared find their way!

In 2017, GHS transferred

2.5x

more wildlife to licensed rehabilitation centres, compared to 2016!

GHS had a **45% increase in intake of sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife** in 2017 vs. 2016 (1237 animals vs. 851 animals).

We transferred **51% of those animals to rehabilitation centre**

Overall, we took in more animals and provided better outcomes!



A WILDLIFE STORY

This Least Bittern, a small heron, was found beside the road last May in Fergus. A good samaritan picked it up and brought it to GHS.

He was thin and underweight when he arrived, and due to his conditions he was unable to fly. Still, he was a feisty bird, as most herons are!

We did not find any wounds but provided fluid and pain therapy, to help him feel more comfortable before transferring him to Hobbitstee Wildlife Refuge, a wildlife rehabilitation centre in Jarvis, ON. At the refuge he was treated for internal parasites and a bruised wing.

He quickly healed and put on weight, thanks to the wonderful care he received at the refuge!



We were so happy to hear when he was released back into the wild. Least Bitterns are classified as “threatened” in Ontario, so helping species at risk, such as these, is always extremely rewarding.

We want to change more animals’ lives. If you are interested in being a volunteer or donating to our wildlife program, please go to guelphhumane.ca today!



REUNITING FAMILIES

We are so thrilled that part of our work includes reuniting lost cats, dogs, and even small animals, birds, and reptiles with their humans!

While most reunions happen within a day or two of the animal becoming lost from our community, one reunion got a lot of media attention because this particular cat had been missing for almost 4 years and was over 4,000 km away from home.

BooBoo (shown right), an

affectionate and quirky cat, was found as a stray in Puslinch. We were stunned to see her microchip was registered in California.

BooBoo’s microchip allowed us to track down her family. When her shocked yet grateful family wanted to be reunited with her, GHS staff drove BooBoo to Buffalo in order to facilitate the reunion. This story got international coverage and proved how important it is to have your cat microchipped.

This story inspired GHS to create our first microchip clinic in 2017!

If you’re interested in microchipping, contact us today!



IN 2017 GHS
REUNITED

438

LOST PETS
WITH THEIR
OWNERS

DUKE'S FUND

DOMINO

Domino resting after his surgery.



Domino healed and in his new home.



Domino, a beautiful spunky orange tabby, was found on the side of the road last November after being hit by a car. A woman had stopped to help him, when a driver for Dominos Pizza had just finished a delivery to a nearby house also stopped. Domino was quickly scooped up by the driver and immediately delivered to veterinary care when GHS stepped in with funding from Duke's Fund in order to help cover the costs of care for life-saving surgery.

Given the traumatic injuries that Domino suffered, the veterinarian thought it was likely a car must have driven over him. This left extensive injuries to his leg and to his lungs. After \$2,500 in veterinary care, including a life-saving surgery, which gave this furry guy 22 staples along his abdomen, Domino was able

to be placed in a loving foster home in order to recover after his surgery.

Domino received all the love and care he needed from his foster parents for 7 weeks after his complex surgery. The foster parents ensured he got proper check-ins and the required medication during his recovery.

Once Domino was stable and continuing to gain strength, he was put up for adoption, and he got adopted right away!

While Domino still walks with a limp, and might not be able to jump as high as he'd like, he is doing wonderfully with his new family and enjoying life. He is a truly fortunate cat that was given second chance, thanks to the quick-thinking of a compassionate community member and the support of GHS and our donors.

DUKE'S FUND

This fund was established in 1995 in order to provide an opportunity for donors to fund specialized veterinary care for shelter animals in need. GHS 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.

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

SUPPORT OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY NEEDS

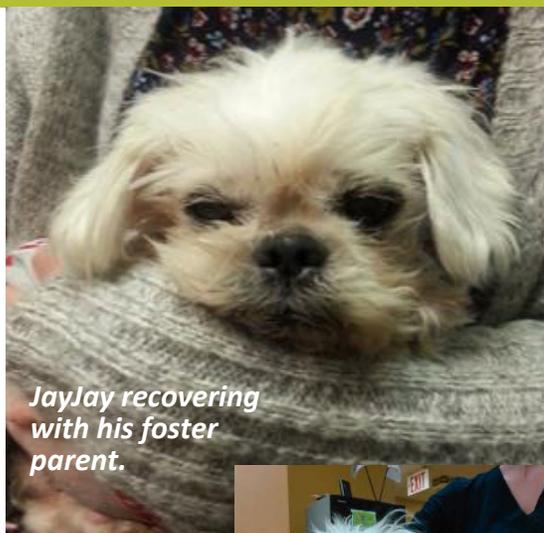
Our highest priority needs include essential items like food, routine vet care and vaccinations for animals while in our care. It is a vital source of funding that allows us to respond to urgent needs as they arise.

BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR

Donating monthly is easy for the donor and has a huge impact on the care we provide. Monthly donors provide a consistent source of funding for our highest priority needs. **Consider donating \$15, \$25 or \$45 per month to assist animals in need.**

WE ARE SAVING LIVES!

JAYJAY



JayJay recovering with his foster parent.



JayJay when he first came to GHS.

JayJay, a gentle kind furball, came to GHS when his owner's neighbor called the police in regard to a smell coming from a neighbouring apartment. GHS responded right away and found him in deplorable conditions.

JayJay had a long list of health concerns including a severe eye infection that had been left untreated for a long time causing him to lose his sight. In addition, he was very thin, anemic, and had severely matted hair all over his body that affected his eyes and caused his nails to grow upwards. With several other serious medical concerns as well, it was clear this little guy, who we estimated to be around 10 years old, had endured years of severe neglect.

GHS took JayJay to a veterinary clinic right away, where his mats were shaved to help him be more comfortable, and he was provided antibiotics for his eye and ear infections and pain medication for all the other complications that he had. Once he was more stable, GHS found

a foster home that was able to provide extensive supportive care, such as hand-feeding to encourage him to eat, bathing him several times a week to relieve his skin issues, and helping him heal after his surgeries, all the while providing him with the love and care needed to continue mending his heart.

JayJay gradually improved, put weight on and started healing enough for GHS to put him up for adoption. The continued care would be to ensure he gets lots of love but also a treatment for dry eyes for the rest of his life. His new owners came to visit him and left without him but couldn't sleep because they loved him so much, that they came back the next day and to adopt him!

JayJay's surgeries and treatments would not have been possible without the generous donations to Duke's Fund. He had a long recovery and the funding from Duke's Fund helped to ensure that he received all the care that he needed.



2017 FOSTER CARE

737

of animals that received foster care

169

of foster homes

9

of species that received foster care

In 2017, we had an **89% increase** of animals receiving foster care from 2016. This means that more animals spent time in a loving home!

THANK YOU TO OUR FOSTER PARENTS!

One of our many amazing foster parents is Cherise Johnson and her family. Cherise began fostering cats and kittens in 2017 and has never turned down a challenge. In addition to offering their home to kittens in need, including very young kittens requiring extra care, they have fostered very difficult young cats.

Fostering kittens can be a blast, but it takes a special kind of person to be eager to help the difficult cats who resist affection and refuse to accept that we are their friends. In the fall, Cherise took home two 4-month-old kitten siblings who were terrified and never wanted to be touched.

They would run, hide, hiss and avoid people at all costs. It was an uphill battle, but with a family full of big hearts and immense dedication, these two became affectionate bundles of purring joy who got adopted into very patient, understanding families where they will continue to thrive and blossom.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN SUPPORT GHS AS PART OF YOUR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION?

Consider asking your friends and family to donate to GHS in lieu of gifts.

Last July, Ella donated to GHS as part of her 7th birthday celebration and we are so grateful!

Ella and her family also adopted Spock back in November and are so happy with their new family member.



Ella and Spock



Ella and her donations from her birthday party.

EVENTS



Wiggle Waggle Walk-a-thon



Microchip Clinics

From community-led fundraising and awareness days, adoptathons to GHS signature events, we broaden our **involvement in the community** in order to share our values and show our compassion and respect for living things.

STAY TUNED FOR A SPECIAL EVENT TO CELEBRATE OUR 125TH YEAR OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY!

HUMANE EDUCATION

Humane Education programs are important for our community. They include a lot of fun activities, crafts, and animal interactions! Our programming focuses on education about responsible pet ownership,

animal safety and compassion. Humane Education programs are delivered by a dedicated team of staff and include a week-day Junior Humane Club, and PA Day, March Break and Summer camps.

TO LEARN MORE, VISIT:
guelphhumane.ca/education





*Linda, brought to GHS
July 2017, and adopted
August 2017*

WORKING CAT ADOPTION PROGRAM

AN ALTERNATIVE OPTION FOR HARD-TO-PLACE CATS

Some cats that come into our care are just not suitable for a traditional household environment. Without our **Working Cat Adoption Program**, we would have no place for these cats to go and receive loving care.

Although these cats won't be in a traditional household, they are placed in a warm, loving and monitored environment (like a barn or workshop).

Cats in this program are also provided with veterinary care prior to adoption which includes spaying or neutering, vaccination and microchipping.



KEEPING OUR CATS SAFE AND HEALTHY

CATS SHOULD BE WITH THEIR OWNERS

CAT IDENTIFICATION AND MICROCHIP CLINICS

Most cats that come into our care as strays have no identification – no collar with tags, no microchip or other means to help us find their owner.

In 2017, we advocated for a by-law to be enacted in the City of Guelph requiring cats to be identified by a license.

We hosted our first low-cost microchip clinic, to encourage more pet owners to permanently identify their pet.

KEEPING CATS SAFE AND SAVING BIRDS' LIVES!

We want 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 – this why we **partnered with Nature Canada to promote Keep Cats Safe & Save Bird Lives** campaign.

There are alternatives for cat owners to help keep their pet cats safe outdoors, such as enclosures (catios) 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.



Only
15% of cats
are returned to
their owner,
compared to
85% of dogs.



We emphasize preventive healthcare for cats and are a proud partner of the Cat Healthy initiative. To lower long-term healthcare costs and promote healthier cats, we encourage cat owners to seek more frequent preventive care from veterinary professionals.

The **Cat Healthy Adoption Checklist** is provided to each adopter, and 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.

OUR VOLUNTEERS RULE!

THANK YOU
to all of our hard-working,
caring and compassionate
volunteers for everything
that you do!



OUR PARTNERS

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS!

GIFTS BETWEEN \$500 to \$999

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Clare Wooding
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Marlene Yong-Set



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Sharon Carere-Hasson
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Estate of Fern McCullough
Estate of Eileen Panting
Estate of Lottie Laurene Patterson
Estate of Mary Anne Thompson Somerville
Estate of Caroline Penelope Corcoran



*Oreo came to GHS September 2017
and was adopted October 2017.*

Your support truly makes a difference!

YOUR GIFTS at WORK

What is the impact of a **\$500 donation** for animals in need of medical care, shelter, and welfare at GHS?



730
cups of
dog food

OR



70
annual
vaccinations

OR



65
microchipping
procedures

OR



1
dental surgery

Visit
guelphhumane.ca
to donate today!



Beautiful Chloe relaxing at home on her comfy blanket.

WHY I GIVE

I'm a proud supporter of GHS.

I am an 'animal person', a pet owner, and someone who is simply fascinated by animals in the wild and by the role they play in the lives of so many people I know. I donate to GHS for these reasons and more.

I believe animal care and support is integral to our community. It's part of everyone's life whether you identify as an 'animal person' or not. Our community and living environment would not be the same without the work GHS does for animal control, investigations into animal abuse, lost and found services, help with wildlife and education programs.

I am continually impressed by the tremendous efforts and positive impacts on animal welfare initiated by the people at GHS;

from the employees to the numerous volunteers. These are people who are passionate about what they do. They give of their time to provide medical support, comfort and love to animals however they arrive: lost, injured, surrendered, displaced and newly born. All are welcomed and cared for.

I love my visits to GHS. I love meeting the great people there and the animals in their care, who are always amazing (and cute) no matter their situation. GHS does not receive government funding and I feel good about the small role I play as a supporter.

I will continue to spread the word when I can about the amazing things they do everyday.

"I believe animal care and support is integral to our community."

- Angelo Marcato

From all of us at GHS, THANK YOU!

BUILDING OUR NEW HOME



The future entrance of the new facility, designed by David McAuley Architect Inc.

OUR NEW FACILITY IS WELL UNDERWAY!

After a multi-year search for a property that will meet our unique building needs, with the support of our real estate agents at Avison Young, the GHS purchased a 2.7 acre parcel of land in the Hanlon Creek Business Park.

We are now progressing forward with finalizing the architectural designs with J. David McAuley Architect Inc., in consultation with Animal Arts, which specializes exclusively in animal shelter design. The new community hub will be an evolution of our current facility and continue to provide spaces that ensure physical and psychological well-being of the animals.

The impact of the community's support will be transformational as we look to our future. As Guelph continues to grow and thrive, so will the need to provide lifesaving care for animals.

We can't do it alone! Please consider donating to support our new facility.

CONTACT US TODAY TO LEARN HOW YOU OR YOUR COMPANY COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THIS EXCITING PROJECT!



Atlas came to GHS August 2017 and was adopted October 2017



Chelsea came to GHS March 2017 and was adopted January 2018.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR OUR GENEROUS COMMUNITY!

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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