

# The Paw Press

2019 Winter Edition



## Tweet Tweet - We adopt out birds too!

Birds are unique and fulfilling pets but they do require specialized care and housing. Some bird species, such as budgies, canaries, lovebirds, zebra finches and cockatiels are not solitary and love to have a friend to be housed with, such as another bird of their own species. Cockatoos and most other parrot species prefer not to be housed with other parrots but will bond strongly to their person.

Many people who have not owned birds don't always realize that birds are loud and messy! Birds require lots of space, specialized diets and specialized vet care. They require lots of stimulation and socialization in order to be

happy and well-adjusted. Many of the larger species – such as macaws and parrots, require a huge time commitment as they can live for decades.

Birds make wonderful pets but be sure to do your research so you know that you're the right fit for them and can provide them all they need to be happy and healthy!

### Birds at GHS in 2018:

Banded Pigeon – 13  
Budgie – 25  
Canary – 2  
Cockatoo – 1  
Domestic Doves – 2  
Lovebird – 4  
Conure – 4

According to CVMA (Canadian Veterinarian Medical Association) the most common types of birds kept by Canadians are Budgies, Cockatiels and Canaries (<https://www.canadianveterinarians.net/documents/recommendations-for-adopting-an-exotic-pet>).



Celio



Sir Flapsalot



Batista

## Forty-one bats came into our care this year...find out why!

We have eight (8) species of bats in Ontario, four (4) of which are on the species-at-risk list! It is not uncommon for GHS to see sick or injured bats come into our care. In 2018, 41 bats came into our care.

### Did you know bats are the only mammal capable of true flight?

They navigate through echolocation, an adaptation that allows them to use sound to "see" the world. Bats benefit the environment and humans! Believe it or not - a single bat can consume its own body weight in insects every single night—that's close to 5000 mosquitoes a night!



White-nose syndrome, along with human activity is the leading cause of death in bats. White-nose syndrome is a fungal infection that affects hibernating bats, bringing them out of hibernation, too early. Unfortunately, once awakened from hibernation they can't return to it and will not survive without a reliable food source, insects who aren't available in the winter.

Bats can also carry rabies, so approach the bat cautiously and avoid touching them. It's best to call GHS at 519-824-3091 to help handle these cool critters!

# Volunteers doubled their impact with match donor Janet Greenwood

Thank you to our dedicated volunteer Janet Greenwood for matching volunteer gifts this holiday season. Janet generously matched donations from volunteers up to \$750. Our wonderful volunteers exceeded the goal, and together they raised \$1,665!

Janet (Pictured) was joined by fellow volunteers Irene, Silvia, Trevor and GHS alum, Blaine, the pup, for a cheque presentation to celebrate at GHS. We're grateful to all of our volunteers for their generosity of both time and donations.



## WAYS TO GIVE to vulnerable animals:

- 1) **Donate** online at [guelphhumane.ca](http://guelphhumane.ca)
- 2) **Call** 519-824-3091
- 3) **Join** the Super Paws Club and donate monthly!

## Upcoming Events

### FEBRUARY

#### Cupcake Month

Join us at 500 Wellington St. W. on **Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 11am to 3pm** for a SWEET family pawty! Cupcakes will be for sale with a dog training demo, face painting, cupcake decorating, a colouring contest for kids, and more!

Host your own Cupcake Pawty/Bake Sale in the month of February to support GHS. Contact Louise at [events@guelphhumane.ca](mailto:events@guelphhumane.ca) or visit [guelphhumane.ca](http://guelphhumane.ca) for more details.



### MARCH

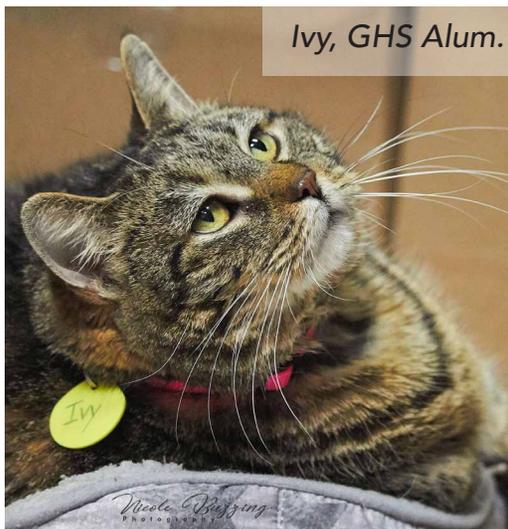
**March Break Camp** - March 11-15, various ages.

**Spring Microchip Clinic** - more details to come.

**Spay/Neuter Clinic** - for under resourced pet owners and barn cat owners. Stay tuned for details!

Contact [events@guelphhumane.ca](mailto:events@guelphhumane.ca) to join an event committee!

- 1) **Signature Event** 2) **Garage Sale** 3) **Community Event**



Contact us to learn more on how you can host an event in support of GHS!

[events@guelphhumane.ca](mailto:events@guelphhumane.ca)

### 1893 Legacy Society: Giving animals a brighter future.

Did you know that you can include the Guelph Humane Society in your Will? You can create a legacy that will help the most vulnerable animals in our community.

Visit [guelphhumane.ca/givingin-wills/](http://guelphhumane.ca/givingin-wills/) or contact:

Deb Lobbezoo, Director of Development, to learn more 519-824-3091.