

# The Paw Press

2019 Fall Edition



## Together, we are Unleashing Hope!

On September 4, 2019, we announced a transformational and generous gift from Kim and Stu Lang, in support of our New Building Campaign – Unleashing Hope. The Lang's \$5 million gift is the largest-ever received in the history of the GHS, and one we are truly grateful for. The new facility is a long-awaited project that will have a huge impact on the lives of vulnerable animals in Guelph and Wellington County.

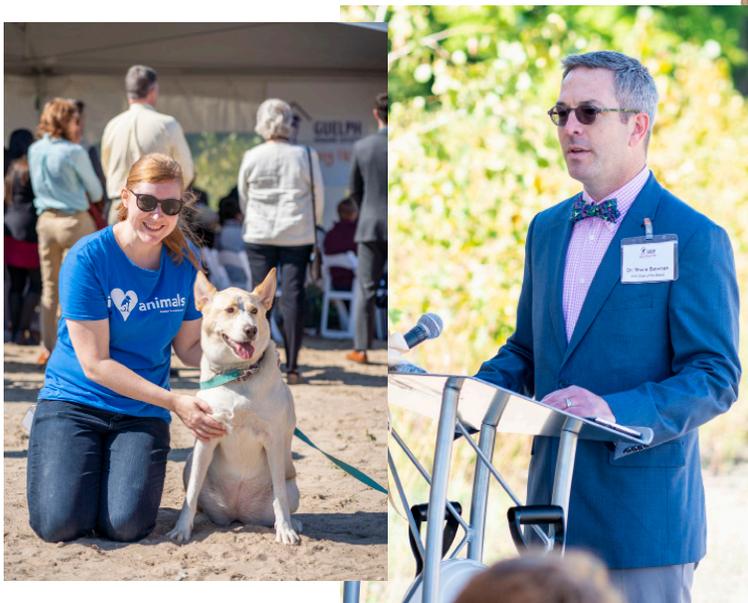
Kim and Stu Lang are longtime Guelph-area residents. They have shared their life with a large number of beloved animals, including dogs and cats (most of which have been rescues) and horses. Supporting an organization like GHS is especially meaningful to them, since GHS gives vulnerable animals a second chance for a happy and healthy life.

"As a lifelong animal lover, I'm absolutely thrilled to be able to help the Guelph Humane Society with the building of their new, much needed facility! I like a quote from the humanitarian and philosopher Albert Schweitzer: 'Until he extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, mankind will not himself find peace.' The Guelph Humane

Society has been extending compassion to countless living things for 125 years and it is a profound pleasure for Stu and I to be included among the many generous people who have been able to contribute—in every way possible—to the work of the GHS, ensuring safe, healthy futures for animals at risk in the Guelph area for many, many years to come," says Kim Lang.

The gift is being made through the Lang's Angel Gabriel Foundation. GHS received the first installment in the spring.

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*Photos from ground breaking event were taken by Douglas Productions.*

## Why I give...a message from Kathy White

Several years ago I approached the Guelph Humane Society about volunteering. I knew that I wanted to help in some way with fundraising. At the time, I wasn't sure what that would entail. I had several meetings with Adrienne, Deb and Lisa and last year, when the GHS returned to a gala-themed fundraiser, we decided that we would sponsor the event. We are honoured to do so again for this year's upcoming "Happily Ever After" Gala.

Over the years we have supported the Guelph Humane Society in small but meaningful ways, often as donations in lieu of gifts for friends and family. However, a few heartfelt and profound events influenced my decision to donate to the New Building Capital Project Campaign; the Christmas donations which we receive as gifts from our dogs each year, the unexpected memorial donation



Miles, Golden Retriever mix, adopted from GHS as a puppy.

to the Guelph Humane Society from our veterinarian to honour our beloved Golden Retriever, Lily, and the monthly contributions which our daughter, Katherine has been making. When I read Katherine's name on the donors' list in last year's Guelph Humane Society Annual Report, I knew that I needed to do more.

I wish the Guelph Humane Society all the best in their new home, so close to the home where I grew up, and so close to where we now live. We are grateful for the hope and care they give, and for being the conduit and providing the path which led our Miles to his forever home with us over eight years ago. Thank you.

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**GHS understands the importance of the human-animal bond and are so thankful for the White family's continued support.**

## Together, we can Unleash Hope *continued...*

Since receiving the Lang's gift, we have been working hard to finalizing all the construction details. **Thanks to this gift, GHS broke ground on our new facility September 17, 2019. It is expected to take approximately 1 year to build the updated humane society building.** The new facility will improve the health and well-being of animals during their stay at GHS with updated, larger and more comfortable animal spaces. There will also be a large space dedicated to community outreach.

The Lang's gift brings the total raised for the New Building Campaign to over \$6.5M of our \$10M goal, which includes the land purchase, development charges, plan development, and the building itself. Other significant contributions have been from Kathy White, the Truscott Family, Glenn Goddard and Maureen McCafferty, Larry and Katie Smith, Annie and Muffie Guthrie, Jody McCurdy, Royal Canin, and Ren's Pets. Additionally, estate gifts from the late Hugh and Lorna Guthrie, and the late Mary Anne Thompson Sommerville will support the Capital Campaign.

In 2017, GHS bought 2.7 acres of land at 190 Hanlon Creek Boulevard and has developed and confirmed building plans in partnership with the local JDM Architect and Project Manager Avison Young.

To make a donation or learn more about the new facility and **Unleashing Hope** New Building Campaign, visit [guelphhumane.ca](http://guelphhumane.ca).



## Maxerin...in his family's words



Maxerin, looking adorable with his bandana.

**Maxerin**, affectionately known as Max and Maxa, was well loved for his last year of his life. Since being featured in GHS's calendar last year, Max sadly passed this past spring. Max was adopted from GHS and staff were so pleased to see him go home to a special loving family. He was the cutest guy, loved his belly and bum being rubbed - tapping his leg with contentment! Max's family treated him daily with love and treats, his favourite tricks being high-five, sit, lay down, and shake-a-paw. This cutie had a big heart and an even bigger smile that always left a lasting impact on whoever he met. Together, his family and him called

themselves "the three bears". Max was truly one in a million. He will always hold a special place in everyone's hearts, especially his mom and dad. Max was their very best friend.

Max, your family thanks you for your endless love and will miss you so much.

Max came to GHS as a stray in 2018. GHS ensured he received diagnosis for his Cushings Disease and then started his treatment right away. GHS is so grateful for his special family and donors like you who help animals just like Max.

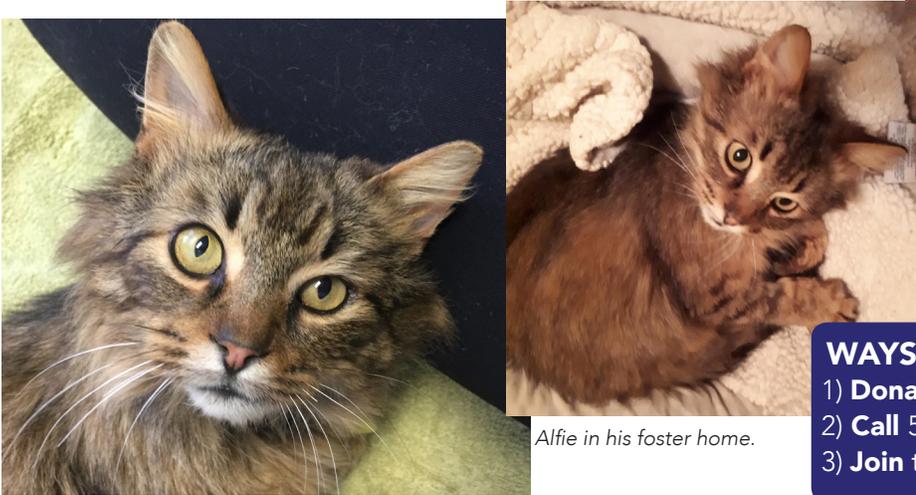
# Alfie got a great life thanks to Duke's Fund donors

When adorable Alfie was found, he was in desperate need of help. Poor Alfie was suffering from a severe inner ear infection which made it hard for him to walk and keep his balance. Thankfully a kind member of the public saw he needed help and brought Alfie to GHS where we began treatment.

Thanks to generous Duke's Fund donors like you, Alfie received two CT scans, ongoing veterinary treatment, and lots of love. Alfie was lucky to have an experienced foster mom, Linda Caston (GHS foster parent, volunteer, and past board member), who understood his unique needs and helped him become more comfortable in his surroundings... and set him up to be adopted by a very special home.

***"Alfie was my longest foster, almost 5 months... from February 2019 to the end of July," says Linda Caston, Alfie's foster mom. "I have fostered many cats and kittens over the years, and he was an especially hard one to give up. He is such a curious, affectionate, and beautiful cat. I am very grateful to see him settled in so well with his new family, and to all the Duke's Fund donors who helped save his life."***

Alfie was adopted by a loving mom who is helping him thrive and enjoy life with lots of love and cuddles.



Alfie in his foster home.



**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!

## Our Successful Wildlife Program

In the spring of this year, GHS received an approximately \$14,000 grant from **The Summerlee Foundation**. The grant dollars funded a summer student, Erin Longo, to help care for wildlife, as well as food, medication, field supplies, and equipment to enhance GHS's Award Winning Wildlife Program.

**Osprey Rescue**  
 The Osprey fledgling pictured was precariously caught under its nest at the top of a hydro pole. He had a piece of twine twisted around his leg and couldn't escape.



Here are a few stories from this summer that were made possible thanks to The Summerlee Foundation:

**Saving turtles, one egg at a time!**  
 We receive a high-volume of calls regarding turtles during their nesting season (April to July). Turtles like to nest in sandy areas, such as baseball diamonds and on the gravel shoulder of the road ...usually near water sources. These areas leave hatchlings vulnerable. This summer, GHS and RARE Charitable Research Reserve partnered together to save over 2,000 turtle eggs this spring. The hatchlings were safely released at an event in Guelph York Road Park later in the summer.

***"Seeing GHS's wildlife program grow this summer was a great experience," says Erin Longo, Wildlife Program Coordinator at GHS. "Guelph is such an animal friendly place that the community expects "someone" to help, because of that GHS has become the main contact in order to assist with wildlife concerns. With the grant we were able to build relationships with even more rehabilitators in order to help more animals. This is so highly valued by those living in Guelph and Wellington County. "***

A concerned member of the public called GHS and we attended the scene along with Hydro One workers to perform a dramatic rescue. The bird was then transported to a wildlife rescue thanks to the Summerlee Foundation funded summer student!

The Osprey will make a full recovery and be released.



## Upcoming Events



### Our first GHS WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST is now open!

Grab your camera and get outdoors! You can enter your favourite high-resolution canadian wildlife photo today at: <https://www.gogophotocontest.com/ghswildlifecontest>

Share your entry on social media, so your friends and family can vote for it **\$1=1 vote!** Proceeds will support the Guelph Humane Society's Highest Priority Needs, which includes our wildlife program.

The winning photo will be featured on the cover of our 2020 Spring Paw Press Newsletter and receive a special prize pack, also their photo will be the featured photo placed at the front of the GHS wildlife greeting cards set.

The top 10 winners will be featured in an exclusive, limited-edition, pack of GHS wildlife greeting cards. They will also receive one (1) set of cards for free! Please note, cards will be available for the public to purchase as well. Good luck!

*\*Please check out the rules prior to entering located on the Gogo website.*

### Visit us at these great events...

#### OCTOBER

Wildlife Photography Contest - Oct 1 to Oct 31

Check out: <https://www.gogophotocontest.com/ghswildlifecontest>

Fall Microchip Clinic - Oct 19

Check out: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/microchip-clinic-fall-2019-tickets-69785958681>

#### NOVEMBER

Happily Ever After Gala - Sat, Nov 9 - SOLD OUT

Call us at 519-824-3091 or email [events@guelphhumane.ca](mailto:events@guelphhumane.ca) to be placed on the waitlist!

Santa Claus Parade - Nov 17

#### DECEMBER

Open House - Sat, Dec 7...Stay tuned for more details.

See all our events online at [guelphhumane.ca/calendar-of-events](https://guelphhumane.ca/calendar-of-events)

**Did you know?** Our Humane Education Program puts on birthday parties, school talks, shelter tours and more! Find out more by emailing [programs@guelphhumane.ca](mailto:programs@guelphhumane.ca)

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