

The Paw Press

2020 Winter Edition



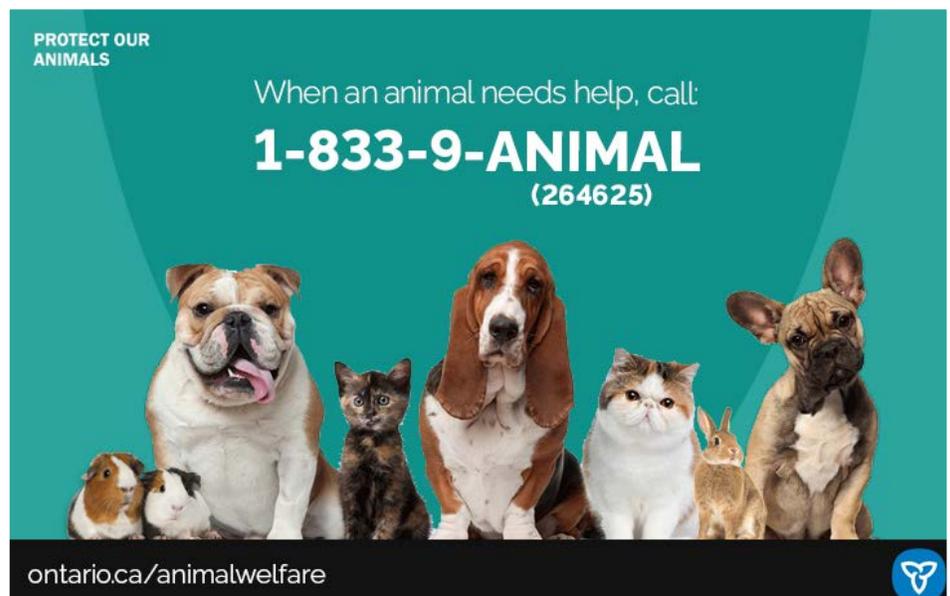
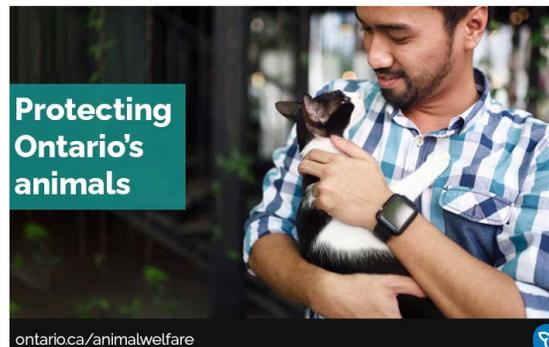
It's a new year with new legislation in effect!

On January 1, 2020, the new provincial legislation came into effect – Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act (PAWS Act). This means that the primary responsibility for conducting animal cruelty, abuse, and neglect investigations has transferred from humane societies like ours to provincially employed Inspectors, under the Ontario government.

Going forward, all animal cruelty, abuse, and neglect cases will be referred to the provincial animal welfare hotline 1-833-9-ANIMAL.

Because the Guelph Humane Society (GHS) has been doing this service for 125 years, it will be an adjustment for our team and for the community. As always, our primary concern is the welfare of all animals in our community. We will continue to work closely with and support the Ontario Government to ensure a seamless transition to the new provincial model. We will also be monitoring the new system to ensure animals are not falling through the cracks.

In addition to supporting the province, GHS will continue to offer the services we always have to Guelph & Wellington County. We will continue to shelter homeless pets and they will be cared for by our compassionate team of staff and volunteers. We will continue working closely with organizations in our community to help vulnerable



people and pets through the Pets in Transition program, a partnership with Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis (GWIC) and The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Wellington. We will continue educating the public about proper care of animals and provide support to the community. Our mission remains the same – to advocate for all animals through care, education, community support, protection, and leadership.

All of the above is possible because of the generosity of our supporters and donors. We are grateful for your love and compassion for the most vulnerable animals in our community. Donations will continue to provide food, medical care, and love to all of our animals.

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Alliance Roofing is helping the community one paw at a time!

Alliance Roofing is a huge community supporter - but especially has a soft spot for vulnerable animals.

Their leader and President, Glenn Schwantz, and his wife, Cheryl Gaudet, have 3 amazing dogs who have become honorary 4-legged Alliance team members, adding a warm and friendly atmosphere to their dog-friendly office space. Alliance has been a generous supporter of GHS for many



The four-legged Alliance crew.
From left to right: Wally, Stella, Roxy

years with adoptions, children participating in camps, and sponsorship of large events. They will also be partnering with GHS in the building of our new home, both through a donation and through construction work. With their continued support and enthusiasm, they are making a positive difference in the lives of animals in our community.

Alliance shares with the Guelph and Wellington County community about how you can support animals in need. In their words: "Whether it be through donations, corporate sponsorships, Dukes Fund, volunteering, fundraising, or fostering, all will make a valuable contribution to ensure every animal has a happy tail!"

GHS couldn't do what they do if it wasn't for the help of our strong corporate partnerships, sponsors, donors and volunteers. Thank you, Alliance Roofing, for being a generous and dedicated partner!

Ask how your company can get involved with GHS and help vulnerable animals in our community!

Our Happily Ever After Gala was a huge success!

Thank you to all who came and celebrated, volunteered, and donated towards our 2019 Happily Ever After Gala!

We raised over \$265,000 for the most vulnerable animals in our community. We had 300 attendees (including some GHS furry friends) enjoy a 3-course dinner, silent and live auctions, games, photos, and a raffle. For the GHS Highest Priority needs, over \$89,000 was raised! To top that off, during our Fund-a-Need for the Unleashing Hope New Building Capital Campaign, over \$89,400 was raised. The Fund-a-Need dollars were matched by an anonymous donor to make it \$178,800. Wow!

Because of your support, it was our largest and most successful gala to date.

Check out our upcoming 2020 Events on the back page!



Gentle Nala has been adopted after being in our care for 250 days!

Donate today!

Nala got the comforts of home while she waited for her new family!

This beautiful lady is the sweetest girl you'll ever meet. It's a proven fact - everyone who meets her says so. Nala is happy, patient and so intuitive. She knows exactly when to give some love and a cuddle if you're feeling down. And now... Nala has finally found a loving family!

While at GHS, Nala enjoyed meeting other animals and has made new friends during her foster stay. "Anywhere from other dogs, to cats and rabbits, Nala is a role model in any interaction she has," says Nala's foster mom. "Even with the most timid animals, she is quick to give them space and seems to know just how to make them feel comfortable. Nala was with me, I had a foster bunny and although the bunny was unsure in the beginning, it was not long before they were sleeping right up next to each other at night."

Nala has a unique, but controlled, medical condition. Nala's condition had financial commitments to it, hence why it took a little longer for her to find the right family. All of Nala's care was provided by generous donors, while she stayed in foster.



Nala is the perfect family member - minimal shedding and greets everyone with enthusiasm. We aren't really sure who truly got spoiled—Nala or her foster mom? Regardless, both loved each other and Nala now is excited to be a part of a loving family.

Nala lights up everyone's day...Nala knows how to make your day AWESOME. And now she can make her loving family happy everyday!



SUPER PAWS members help save more animals!

Join the exclusive club of animal rescuers by becoming a monthly donor.

Contact us today.

guelphhumane.ca
519-824-3091

NEW!
GHS now offers Direct Deposit as a payment option!

THANK YOU to Nala's foster mom for her time and commitment to Nala's care — giving her a home while she searched for a loving family.

We are so grateful for ALL of our fosters who selflessly give their time to help special pets be in loving homes while they wait for a new family.

It's a new year with new legislation in effect! (continued)

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We will also continue working closely with municipalities, like The City of Guelph, The Township of Centre Wellington, and The Township of Guelph/Eramosa, providing the services we always have, such as:

- Pick-up and sheltering of stray companion animals
- Assisting with stray or injured cats
- Enforcement of animal control by-laws
- Assisting animals in distress, including sick, injured, or orphaned companion animals or wildlife
- Responding to calls regarding animals that pose an immediate risk to public safety
- Responding to requests for assistance from the police and emergency services, public health, etc.
- Responding to any community members concerned about the safety of an animal

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding the transition, please do not hesitate to contact the Guelph Humane Society at 519-824-3091.



Protecting Ontario's animals

ontario.ca/animalwelfare

As of Jan 1, 2020 call the provincial animal welfare hotline 1-833-9-ANIMAL for cases of animal abuse and neglect.

Upcoming Events



Start your ovens, it's time to Bake for the Animals!

February is our most delicious month! Cupcakes, brownies, and cookies, oh my! Bake for the Animals is all about our community coming together and creating delicious treats for friends, family and colleagues in support of GHS.

How can you get involved?

Host a BAKE SALE with friends, family, or work colleagues.

Sign-up by going to: guelphhumane.ca/calendar-of-events

Get your friends, family and colleagues together to join in and either bake something or encourage them to purchase a delicious treat. All proceeds from your bake sale go right to our community's most vulnerable animals in the Guelph and Wellington County.

Have questions? Contact Lindsay at events@guelphhumane.ca.

SAVE THE DATE for these great events in 2020!

FEBRUARY

Bake for the Animals - Feb 1 to Feb 29

See details above! Contact us for more information at: events@guelphhumane.ca.

MAY

GHS Garage Sale - May 30

Stay tuned for more details about this fun community event!

NOVEMBER

There's No Place Like Home Gala - Nov 7

This year's gala will show the courage, perseverance, and friendship of our community's most vulnerable animals.

See all our events online at

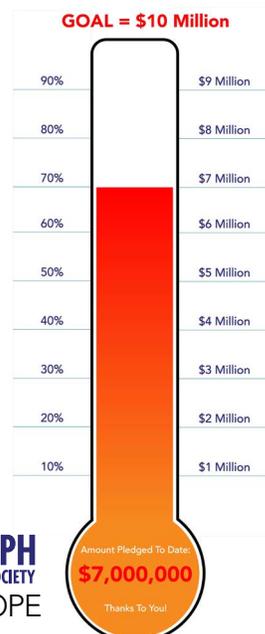
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UNLEASHING HOPE NEW BUILDING CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE!

Construction is going well and is on time for Fall 2020. Thank you to everyone who has supported the project so far.

Check out the groundbreaking video and learn more at: guelphhumane.ca



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