

# The Paw Press

2021 Summer Edition



## New GHS home continues to blossom

Summer at 190 Hanlon Creek Blvd. has brought about so many beautiful changes, particularly to our outdoor spaces. There was so much landscaping done in May and June that the property looked different every day! Sod was laid, mulch and wood chips were added, and 12,400 sq ft of pollinator habitat was established – thanks to generous grants from **TD Friends of the Environment** and **Pollination Guelph**.

While educational signage throughout the gardens likely won't be installed until early 2022, campers from our summer **Critter Camp** have already been taking advantage of the vibrant outdoor space. With nine weeks of our sold-out camp this summer, campers have the opportunity to not only learn about the animals inside our building – but the nature and wildlife outside of our building as well.



*GHS is establishing roughly 12,400 sq ft of pollinator habitat, adjacent to a 165 acre environmental reserve.*



*Campers at Week 1 of Critter Camp potted their own plants, and learned about butterflies.*



*Our outdoor dog runs are nearing completion. While a secondary safety fence will be installed over the next few weeks to make these outdoor runs fully functional, the dogs in our care are already using their very own outdoor spaces, which they can access whenever they feel like via saloon-style doggy doors.*

### MILESTONE

We are less than \$1 million away from our \$10 million goal for our new building! We have roughly \$930,000 left to raise! Learn more at [UnleashingHope.ca](https://www.unleashinghope.ca).

## GHS 50/50 Summer Lottery makes a splash – raising over \$37,000!

Our second online 50/50 lottery took place June 15 - July 15, and raised \$37,950! Two lucky recipients took home \$500 as part of our bonus early bird draws, and Brett H. was the grand prize winner. He and his wife Darlene took home a cheque for \$18,975!

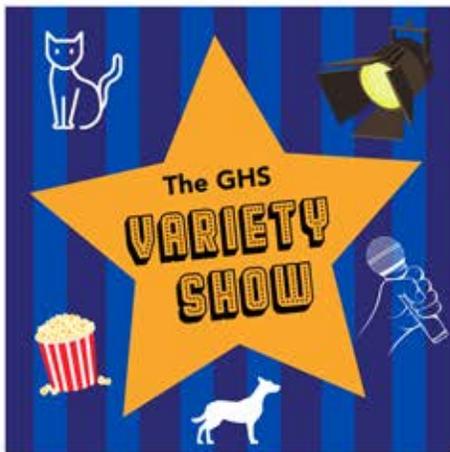
When we called Brett to tell him he had the winning ticket, he was completely speechless. He and Darlene are longtime supporters of the Guelph Humane Society, and they are also foster volunteers. They are currently fostering a 15-year-old cat named Benny.

Congratulations to Brett and Darlene, and thank you to everyone who participated in the GHS 50/50 Summer Lottery. Every ticket purchased has helped to support the hundreds of animals in our care!

We are excited to announce that we will be running a third 50/50 lottery this fall – with **the winning ticket being pulled on LIVE TELEVISION as part of our 2-hour television variety show.**



Julie (with daughter, Jillian, and dog Redford - adopted from GHS in 2016) was the winner of our \$500 Long Weekend bonus draw.



### SAVE THE DATE

Our "There's No Place Like Home" variety show will air on Rogers tv **November 4th**, and will also be streamed live. Hosted by The Weather Network's Kim MacDonald, the show will feature animal guests, local musical acts, and so much more!

Media sponsor:

**ROGERS tv**

Hosted by TWN's Kim MacDonald



## 52 #HappyTails for 52 rats

Earlier this spring we announced that roughly 25 rats were surrendered into our care from outside of our jurisdiction because no other shelter would take them. Well, several of those rats were pregnant when they arrived at GHS - and in the end, we had 52 rats from this one surrender.

This story was covered by CTV Kitchener and other local news outlets, and there was a lot of interest from members of the community to give these rats new, loving homes.

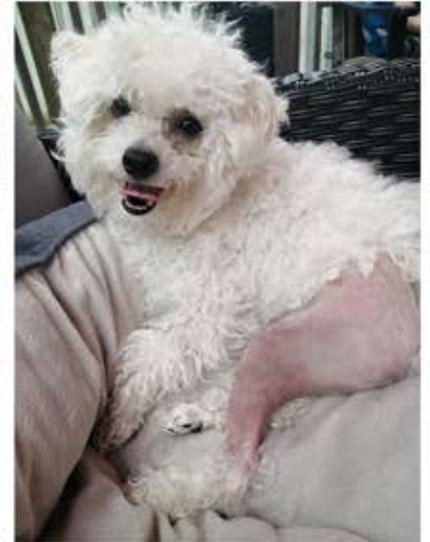
We are pleased to report that on June 15th, **Perdita** (right) was picked up by her new dad. Perdita was the final rat from the group of 52 to find a home - making that 52 #HappyTails!



## pudding gets a second chance thanks to our Duke's Fund donors

Pudding is a one-year-old Bichon who came to us when her owners could no longer care for her medical needs. Pudding has what's known as luxating patellas in both hind legs, which was affecting her ability to walk properly – causing her to stumble and fall over a lot.

Thanks to our Duke's Fund donors, Pudding received the surgery she needed to help her live a more comfortable life. Following her surgery, Pudding was required to spend six weeks on "cage rest," while staying with a loving foster. Pudding has a follow-up appointment with her veterinary team in early August, and we're hopeful that she will be cleared by her doctor so that she can be placed up for adoption and find her #HappyTail!



*Pudding is being carted around like a queen while on her six weeks of cage rest! She even got to enjoy some time at the cottage this summer, thanks to her foster mama (who is also a GHS staff member!)*

### IMPORTANT UPDATE:

If you have the previous GHS after hours emergency number saved to your phone, please delete it. We have changed our process as of July 2021. Moving forward, if you need to report an animal emergency at any time of the day, please call our main line and follow the prompts: 519-824-3091.

## Kitten season started late – but has since picked up speed

On April 21st, Pancake became our first kitten of the 2021 kitten season. It took a few weeks for more kittens to arrive, but by the end of May we had dozens of kittens in our care. We've received stray kittens that unfortunately got separated from mama. We've also seen entire litters of kittens brought in from either stray, feral, or barn cats.

Once a kitten comes into our care, they are assessed upon intake, spend time socializing in a home environment with our amazing fosters, and are spayed/neutered when they reach the appropriate weight. All of this happens before they are ready to be placed up for adoption.

Between May 1 and July 1, GHS adopted out 19 kittens - with hundreds more still expected to need homes through the fall as they become available for adoption.



*Lovingly referred to as "the Disney 5," Nala, Mufasa, Dory, Nemo, and Jasmine came into our care early June.*

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Kittens under 3 weeks old need to be stimulated to eliminate (a.k.a. poop)
- Kittens under 5 weeks old require a constant source of heat because they cannot regulate their temperature on their own
- Until at least 4 weeks of age, orphaned kittens can only be fed Kitten Milk Replacer (KMR) – although most kittens aren't weaned off of KMR until 5-6 weeks of age

Kittens require a lot of specialized care! If you ever find a kitten outside, please give us a call for help and advice: 519-824-3091.

## In case you missed it...

### And the winner is....

A huge thank-you to everyone who participated in our calendar contest in May. The contest raised nearly \$20,000 for GHS! In June, the top 12 vote-getters (including three sets of bonded pairs!) came by our new building for a professional photoshoot with **Laura Wombwell Photography** - and we think you're going to LOVE our 2022 calendar, which showcases the winning pets travelling to some of the most famous destinations in the world. While we will keep the final edited travel photos a surprise just a bit longer, here's a sneak peek at our winner: **Winnie!** Look for the calendar to go on sale this fall.



*1-year-old Winnie was the winner of our 2022 Calendar Contest.*

### AED donation

GHS was honoured to receive an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on June 25th, thanks to the Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund. OPP Sgt. Patrick Armstrong, who founded the Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund, presented the AED to Gloria Kovach, in honour of her daughter, Guelph Police Const. Jennifer Kovach - who died on March 14, 2013, as a result of an on-duty motor vehicle collision.

Gloria said the AED donation to GHS reflects Jennifer's "dedication to her community, her love for people and enhancing their lives, and her absolute love for animals."

The AED will be placed in an easily accessible space of the front lobby at 190 Hanlon Creek Blvd.



*Adrienne McBride, Patrick Armstrong & Gloria Kovach at the AED presentation June 25th.*

## The (many) cute faces of our Wildlife Program

Our Wildlife Program receives more calls about nestling and fledgling birds than any other animals, followed by cottontail babies. As the wildlife team prepares for another busy wave with squirrels having their second litters of the season over the next few weeks, check out some of the more "unique" wild animals that came into our care this summer. With the help of our volunteer wildlife drivers, these animals were successfully transported to licensed wildlife rehabilitators.



*We've helped 2 kits and 1 juvenile beaver this season, all found in Riverside Park, orphaned.*

*GHS has cared for 21 skunks since April 1st, including 8 orphans (like the one in this photo).*

*Known as Patty, this orphaned baby porcupine was found in Guelph on Mother's Day.*

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