

The Paw Press

2021 Fall Edition



There's No Place Like Home Variety Show & Lottery

The Guelph Humane Society is thrilled to be hosting our first-ever LIVE television event! Join us for our "There's No Place Like Home" Variety Show, which will be broadcast live on **Rogers tv** (Guelph, KW, Brantford and Stratford) on **Thursday, November 4th at 7pm**, as well as live-streamed on the Rogers tv website. Hosted by The Weather Network's Kim MacDonald, the evening will include:

- a tour of our new home, sponsored by Royal Canin
- musical entertainment from The Wizard of Oz, sponsored by Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada – with live performances from Guelph Symphony Orchestra and musician Kat Steeves
- educational segments on animals and pet care, featuring the animals at GHS
- an online auction, and sneak-peek at new merchandise
- local food vendors offering take-out dinner and dessert for the evening, with proceeds going to GHS



Ginny, adopted 2021



Pixie, adopted 2021

Learn more about our Variety Show by visiting:
www.guelphhumane.ca/tv

The GHS "There's No Place Like Home" 50/50 Lottery, sponsored by Sleeman Breweries, is now open!

Purchase your tickets from October 1st until 8:30pm on November 4th...and the winning ticket will be pulled at the end of our show!

Take a chance on winning BIG, while giving animals in our community a second chance.

Visit www.GHSLotto.ca to get your tickets. (New! Tickets can also be purchased in person at GHS)



Piper (formerly Biscuit), adopted 2021



Winnie, adopted 2019

Introducing the newest Directors on the GHS Board

On June 22nd, GHS virtually held its 127th Annual General Meeting (AGM). At the meeting, members confirmed four new Directors to the GHS Board:

- David DiMatteo
- Dr. Lena Levison
- Meaghan Middleton
- Earla Smith

They join Peter Tesche (Treasurer), Troy Ford (Secretary), Alex Ciccone, Jim Kearns, Katie MacDonald, and Gael van Veen to round out the GHS Board.

Dr. Shane Bateman, who led the AGM, has stepped down from his role as Chair after 10 years of dedicated service on the Board – more than half of that time spent as Chair.

GHS is forever grateful to Dr. Bateman for his leadership. He remains as Past Chair, and even joined the 10 Directors this summer for the (Bad) Pet Portraits fundraiser (see back page for more on that event).

"The future is bright for the GHS. There are strong foundations for continued growth and support of our community and those animals and people that need support. The organization is in incredibly capable hands, and I am so excited for the future of the organization." – Dr. Shane Bateman

Meaghan Middleton has been named the new Chair of the GHS Board of Directors. Meaghan joined the Board after adopting a black kitten, Evinrude (formerly Cashew), from the shelter last December. Passionate about community engagement and animal welfare, she has served on several boards through her career, including the Canadian Dachshund Rescue.

"GHS has achieved some amazing milestones, not the least of which is the new facility," Meaghan says. "I look forward to working with the team to ensure that we continue to improve and innovate to support the community. Time will tell what that looks like!"



From left to right: Meaghan Middleton (Chair), Dr. Lena Levison, Earla Smith, and David DiMatteo.

The "third wave" of kitten season

Kitten season begins around April and lasts through October. We typically see three rounds of kittens coming into our care: the first kittens of the season arrive in spring, the majority of litters arrive over summer, and one last wave of litters arrive in the fall.

Our Animal Care team has noticed over time that kittens born in the third wave tend to face additional health challenges and require more veterinary care. For example, kittens born in the fall often come in underweight and infested with internal/external parasites. This is less likely to happen to kittens born in the spring, since the weather is colder and there are less parasites around infecting mom.

Mamas can also have multiple litters during kitten season, so by the time fall rolls around her resources may be drained and she is unable to provide her kittens what they need to thrive. Plus – kittens born early in the year are large enough to have their own litters by the fall. They can experience **pediatric pregnancies** and they have less resources for providing nutrients to their babies.

Multiple litters and pediatric pregnancies can be avoided by keeping cats indoors, where they are safest. Additionally, cats should be spayed as soon as is recommended by your veterinarian.



Tanjiro was born on September 8th.

Texas pups find hope, care and compassion at GHS

Six dogs from an overwhelmed shelter in El Paso, Texas, have found new homes in Guelph – thanks to the generous donors who made our new building possible. On Sunday, August 15th, 84 dogs flew from Texas to Windsor, Ontario, on a private plane coordinated and funded by Bissell Pet Foundation. Two GHS team members drove down to Windsor to bring six of those dogs back to Guelph.

“Our friends at the Windsor/Essex County Humane Society have been part of rescue missions before, but this was their largest,” says Adrienne McBride, GHS Executive Director. “In our old building, we were never able to help out and take in animals from other regions because we didn’t have the space to quarantine them. But at our new home we specifically built dog – and cat – quarantine rooms so that we have the ability to bring in animals from other parts of Canada and the world that need assistance, and safely quarantine them before they can be adopted out into our community.”

The six dogs (Austin, Laredo, Star, Willow, Amarillo and Dallas) quarantined for two weeks, with dedicated staff members dressed in full PPE when caring for them. Once quarantine finished, five of the dogs went up for adoption – and all five had multiple adoption applications in just 12 hours!

Austin, Laredo, Star, Willow and Amarillo have all found their **Canadian #HappyTails**, and we know Dallas will, too. He just needs some extra veterinary care before he is ready to find his new home!



Dallas needed extra care, but will be up for adoption soon.



Amarillo



Laredo, grateful for his second chance.

Happy Tails Begin Here - Kennel Adoption Program

Looking to do something special in honour of, or in memory of, a loved one?

Part of a business or group of employees who want to show their support for our community?

This program could be for you.

The Guelph Humane Society's new **Happy Tails Begin Here - Kennel Adoption Program** is a unique opportunity to provide on-going, reliable support to vulnerable animals in our community.

Inside our new facility we have 90 cages and kennels available for “adoption.” Like the rest of our building, these cages and kennels are larger and brighter than before. The dog kennels have outdoor access, and the cat cages have viewing domes and are portalized – allowing cats to move between multiple cages!



Blaire, adopted in August, showing off his “home” - complete with viewing dome.

Think about it this way: these cages and kennels provide hundreds of animals each year with a “home” before their adoption. It’s a warm, safe environment, equipped with toys for enrichment and food and treats to keep their bellies full. By adopting a cage or kennel you will be giving animals hope that their Happy Tails are about to begin.

You can “adopt” one of these kennels or cages in a public (or non-public) space in the building, be recognized with a customized plaque on that location – and you can even come and visit it! To learn more about this program and our flexible “adoption” options, visit www.guelphhumane.ca/kennels.

Late summer events made a splash...

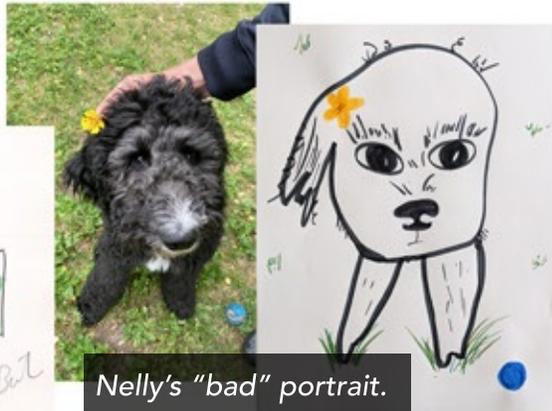
On Labour Day Monday, GHS joined the City of Guelph for their first-ever free public dog swim at Lyon Pool! With more than 100 dogs in attendance, registration for the event sold out in only two days. Donations to GHS were accepted at our booth, and our friends at Arki Frozen Dog Treats were there with treats for the pups. We hope that this becomes a tradition in Guelph every Labour Day!



The first GHS Bottle Drive at our new building took place on September 11th, and our community exceeded all of our expectations! We collected roughly 11,000 empty cans and bottles, raising \$1,434.90 for the animals in our care. Thank you to everyone who saved up their empties for us - and a special thank you to the volunteers who helped with the bottle drive: Dean, Brenda, Kathy, Trish, Will and Peter (who is also a GHS Director!).



Hector's "bad" portrait.



Nelly's "bad" portrait.

Last, but certainly not least, our **(Bad) Pet Portraits** fundraiser! In August, individuals could purchase a portrait of their pets. The catch? Portraits were hand-drawn by our Directors...none of whom are artists! Not only did this fundraiser catch the attention of local media, but it was featured on CBC News: The National, which led to more sales from across the country! A total of 359 pet portraits were purchased, raising \$8,085 to help care for vulnerable animals in our community.

That's a wrap! Critter Camp brings 140 kids to GHS



Each week, campers learned the proper way to greet a new dog.

Our summer 2021 Critter Camp was **sold out** for all nine weeks, bringing 140 children to our new facility throughout the summer. Each week, children learned about animal care, wildlife and the environment around us. Campers enjoyed interacting with the animals at the shelter every day - and the animals enjoyed it, too! We look forward to having campers back next summer!

SAVE THE DATE

GHS Holiday
Open House
December 4, 2021
Stay tuned for details.

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