

# OHS Annual Report

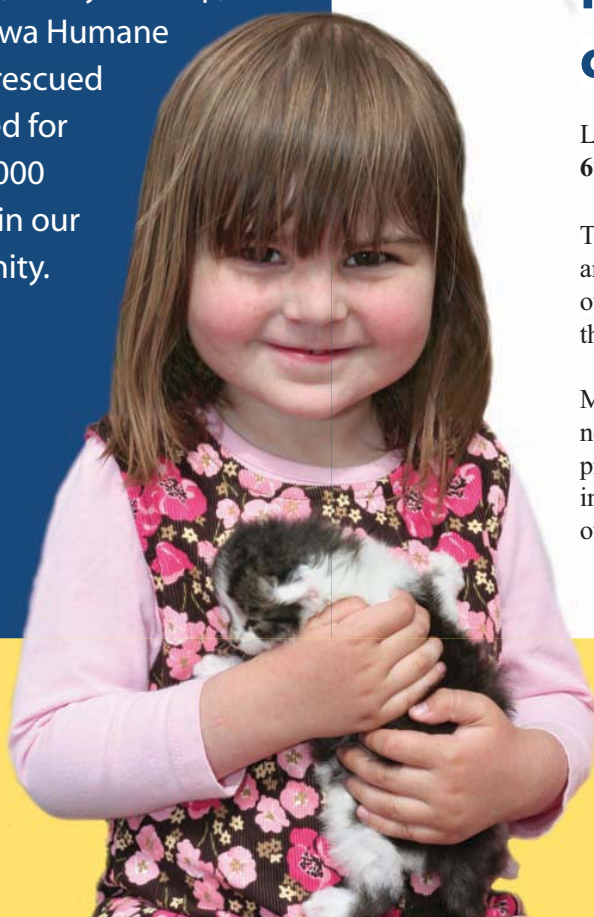
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Ottawa Humane Society



Last year, with your help, the Ottawa Humane Society rescued and cared for over 11,000 animals in our community.



## Helping animals in our community...and beyond

Last year the OHS admitted **7,439 cats**, **2,371 dogs**, **670 small animals** and **775 wildlife**.

Thanks to you, we found new, forever homes for 3,872 animals. More than 1,230 animals were adopted through our PAL (Pet Adoption Location) sites, and we facilitated the adoption of over 200 animals with special needs.

More than 100 animals were flown to Ottawa from the north for a second chance at life as part of our Iqaluit program. In addition, we took in 275 animals from shelters in surrounding communities, and another 2,321 pets from owners who were no longer able to care for their animals.

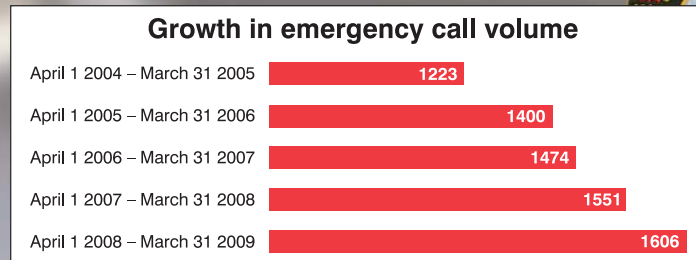
To work in and with our community to provide leadership in the humane treatment of all animals, to address the causes of animal suffering, to encourage people to take responsibility for their animal companions and to provide care for animals who are neglected, abused, exploited, stray or homeless.

— Ottawa Humane Society Mission Statement

## Rescuing and protecting animals

The Emergency Animal Protection Services (EAPS) team logged **1,070 investigations** last year and laid 13 charges of animal abuse and cruelty under the Criminal Code of Canada or the OSPCA Act.

Although legally mandated to enforce the animal cruelty provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada, the OHS does not receive any government funding, or funding from any animal welfare group, to perform this essential work.



## Helping animals in need

The OHS provides life-saving medical treatment for animals, as well as important spay/neuter surgeries to address pet overpopulation in our community.

Number of surgeries performed in the in-house OHS clinic last year: 3,747

Number of spay/neuter surgeries: 2,989



## Helping animals return home

The problem of lost animals in our community continues. Last year, **only 5%** of lost cats were claimed by their owners, compared to **58%** of dogs.

To combat these dismal numbers, the OHS strives to promote its public microchip clinics. Last year 299 animals received permanent identification at one of our clinics.

## Connecting people and animals



The OHS is linked with the community in a variety of ways, from teaching children about responsible pet ownership, to promoting the human—animal bond and recognizing the beneficial role animals play in people’s lives.

Number of **Humane Education** school presentations: 182, reaching over 5,000 children

Number of **Brightening Lives Animal Visits**: 568 (to 62 long-term care facilities, hospitals and shelters)

## Volunteer contribution

The OHS could not exist without the support of the community. The OHS is able to help animals find new homes, be reunited with their owners, or receive a second chance, thanks to the continued commitment of its dedicated volunteers.

Number of OHS volunteers: 595

Number of foster volunteers: 267

Number of animals fostered last year: 1,817

**Total number of volunteer hours worked: 41,055**



## Working together

The OHS relies heavily on the support of individual donors. Over 17,880 supporters like you gave gifts to the Ottawa Humane Society last year, totalling \$2,257,315.

# Building a brighter future

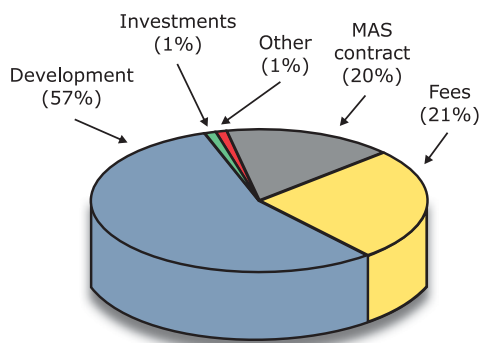
Our goal is always to provide for the animals in our care and to create a brighter future for all of Ottawa's animals. To achieve this, we've launched a public fundraising project to build a new shelter. To date, you've helped us raise more than 65% of our \$9.5 million target in our Breaking Ground campaign. To find out how you can help us build a new home for the animals, visit [www.breakingground.ca](http://www.breakingground.ca)



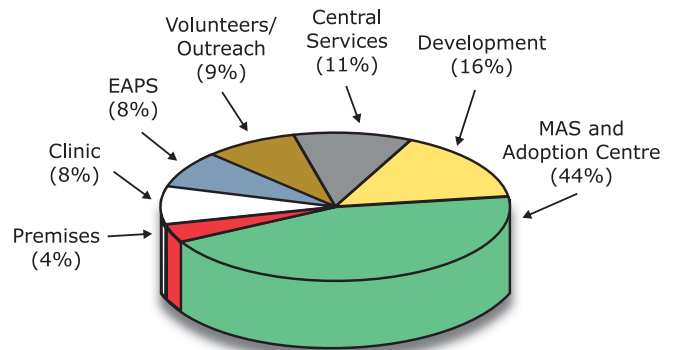
**Breaking Ground**

## Financial report

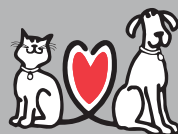
### Operational revenue sources



### Operational expense areas



The **OHS Auxiliary** continues to be a tremendous financial supporter of the animals, raising more than \$112,678 last year from a substantial bequest, bazaars, auctions, garage sales and gardening seminars.



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