



A Broken Leg and a Heart Full of Sunshine

At five months old with a terribly broken leg, we can only imagine how much pain poor Sunny was in.

Because of you, this tiny Yorkshire terrier received the care she desperately needed. Your love and support provided the X-rays that discovered Sunny's bad break.

Unfortunately, Sunny's leg was beyond repair.

"It was hard seeing Sunny limping on her leg while still trying to be an excited, happy puppy," said Dr. Mary Thompson, OHS veterinarian. "But I'm really glad our donors were there to give her the care she needed and help her get on the road to recovery."

Because of you, Sunny was able to receive a life-changing surgery to remove her leg and ensure that she could live a pain-free life. You made sure that Sunny had a safe place to rest and heal from her ordeal.

And best of all, you helped Sunny find her forever home. Thank you for saving Sunny and other vulnerable animals just like her.



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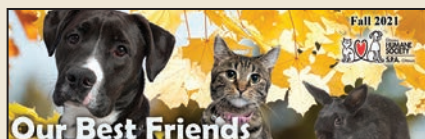
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From the President and CEO's Desk

The New Normal

Thank you for standing by the animals throughout the public health crisis. You have made an incredible difference in the lives of Ottawa's most vulnerable animals and have been a steadfast supporter throughout these challenging times. I cannot thank you enough for your commitment.

Before the pandemic and ubiquitous Zoom meetings, I would sometimes work late, attending committee or other meetings. As I would leave, visitors and staff would have gone home. The animals would be asleep, or at least quiet. The building was big, empty and lonely, almost like a mausoleum. The shelter was designed to be a meeting place for people as well as a safe haven for animals, and when there are few people, it feels, well, a bit sad. That is how it has sometimes felt through lockdowns and health precautions over the past year and a half.

Because of your ongoing support, on Sept. 8, for the first time since March 2020, the OHS opened the doors of the Shirley Kearns Memorial Adoption Centre to visitors. The day was a long time coming. Several times, we began preparations for reopening, only to delay because of COVID and provincial requirements.

Of course, you ensured core services — lost and found, animal care, veterinary care, adoptions, admission of owner-surrendered animals, emergency housing — remained available to Ottawa's animals during the pandemic. We have been very cautious, often going above and beyond provincial and public health guidelines, because an outbreak among staff would be disastrous for Ottawa's animals, left with nowhere to go.



Because of you, new programs that were launched during and because of the pandemic: the Emergency Pet Food Bank and Partner Support Program will continue for the foreseeable future.

Other programs offered on-site will require staff training and re-training and confidence that they can be offered safely, and as a result, will be re-launched over time.

For the safety of our staff and clients, and to comply with restrictions from the province and Ottawa Public Health, the Mobile Spay/Neuter Service will remain suspended for the time-being. The OHS is planning to resume this important service safely as soon as possible.

Thank you again. You've been there for the animals through the challenges of the pandemic, and I am so grateful for your support as we move out of these strange and, frankly, frightening times.

Bruce Roney
President & CEO

You Saved Petunia

Petunia, an eight-week-old kitten, was found lost and alone with a terrible injury to her jaw. She was rushed to the OHS and it was clear that Petunia was in severe pain. X-rays revealed that Petunia's jaw was broken.

Thanks to you, Petunia had somewhere safe to go to receive the life-saving care she desperately needed.

Because of you, Petunia received an operation to repair her jaw and had somewhere safe and comfortable to rest while she recovered from her surgery. You made sure this adorable kitten got all the support she needed to heal and recover.

Thank you for being there for animals like Petunia. Thank you for making sure that homeless, injured and abused animals have a safe place to go in their time of need.



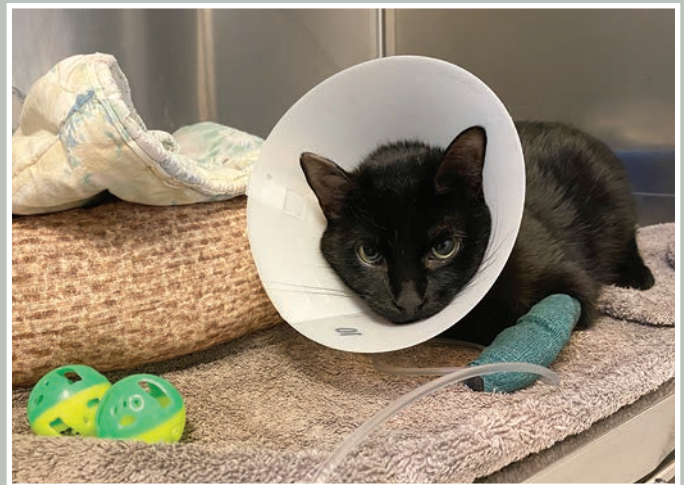
Sundae's Story will Melt Your Heart

Lost, hurt and afraid, Sundae, a two-year-old cat, was found on a hot summer night on a busy street, in heavy traffic.

Sundae was found all alone, lying in the street, in a lot of pain. It's likely that she was hit by a car.

When she arrived at the OHS, Sundae was in poor shape. She had obvious, painful injuries: a broken tail, a broken tooth and her front right leg hung uselessly. But other invisible injuries could not be ruled out. Did Sundae have brain damage or other internal injuries? Would she become stable and strong enough to have surgery?

Thanks to you, Sundae got the care she needed and started becoming stronger and stronger. As the days passed, she perked up, began to eat more, and was more affectionate with the staff.



Because you care, Sundae received surgery to remove her broken tail.

But Sundae still had a long road to recovery as her leg was still a concern. X-rays did not show any broken bones, making it clear that Sundae had suffered from nerve damage.

Thanks to you, Sundae was able to have her limp, painful leg removed so that she could live her best, pain-free life.

Because of you, Sundae got a second chance. Thank you for being there for Sundae and other animals just like her.

Critical Care

You make life-saving care possible for Ottawa's animals. At the OHS, the critical care unit is where many animals hang in the balance between life and death or in recovery from a life-saving surgery.

Without you, the animals could not receive this crucial level of care. You are a hero, and here are just a few of the stories you made possible.



Charlie

Because of you, this sweet, eight-year-old poodle, who was found alone on the streets, got the care he needed. Charlie had dirty, matted fur shaved away, received dental surgery and had a hernia repair — all because you care.



Sparky

Poor Sparky was found all alone in a corn field with a broken leg that had been injured for a long time. We can't say for certain how long Sparky had been enduring the pain, but when he was brought to the OHS, you made sure he got the care he deserved. Thanks to you, Sparky recovered and went on to find his forever family.



Leah

Leah, a 14-week-old kitten, was rushed to the OHS after a collision with a car had broken her leg and pelvis. Because of you, Leah received surgery to remove her damaged leg and is learning to walk comfortably on three legs. Without you, Leah's story would be very different.

These are only a few of the life-saving stories you have made possible. Thanks to you, Ottawa's animals who have experienced unimaginable ordeals can receive the care and treatment they desperately deserve.

A True Friend to the Animals

Patricia C.'s love of cats began as a child with a Siamese cat named Sam, who stayed with her all the way through university. In 1997, Patricia adopted her first OHS cat—Emma—and the love affair began. She adopted a second cat, Katrina, and after Patricia's interesting and varied career, she became a volunteer for the OHS in feline enrichment.

Patricia has been a librarian, non-profit executive, accountant, and volunteer for church, children and animals. But Patricia not only gives of herself, she also supports animals in need through her donations to the OHS.

During the pandemic, when volunteers aren't able to interact with their beloved charges, Patricia says that her gifts can make a difference for the cats that still need her: *"Although I was no longer working with cats in person, I felt that I could still contribute to the welfare of animals in some small way."*

What most excites Patricia about the OHS is knowing that animals are being given a second chance for a loving, caring home and that their medical and emotional needs are met. This and the dedication of the OHS staff inspire her to give, while she inspires us all with her generosity and love for the animals.



Patricia's cat, Angus, waking up from a snooze.

Roadmap to Returning programs at the OHS!

Fall 2021

- 🐾 Microchip clinics
- 🐾 Pet first aid classes
- 🐾 Newcomers program
- 🐾 LEAD program
- 🐾 On-site pet care and training classes



December 2021

- 🐾 Adults tours
- 🐾 Youth Apprenticeship program



January 2022

- 🐾 Child and youth tours
- 🐾 Day camps
- 🐾 Birthday parties



Stay Tuned!

- 🐾 In-person Scouts/Guides program
- 🐾 In-person Pet Loss Support Group
- 🐾 Brightening Lives Program
- 🐾 Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic



For more reopening information, visit ottawahumane.ca/reopen

Community Kudos

Since the start of the public health crisis, the OHS faced a number of challenges including the ability to safely host public events. But that didn't stop our community from creating safe and healthy alternatives to help support the animals in our care.

Graydon, Rowan, Maddy and Amelia

These paw-rific kids held a lemonade stand to support the charities in their community. Thank you for helping the animals!

The Interview Dudes & Merry Dairy

The Interview Dudes and Merry Dairy partnered up for a weekend to sell ice cream for the animals. Thank you for your amazing contribution and collaboration! You are heroes.

Elessa, Caroline, Jake and Aubrey

This amazing group hosted a lemonade stand to support the animals in their community. Thank you for your hard work and generous gift.



Chez 106

A big thank you to Chez 106 for their Thick Boy Summer T-shirt Sale and thank you to their listeners for choosing the Ottawa Humane Society as their charity of choice, raising \$10,000. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of Ottawa's animals!

We are so grateful to be part of such an amazing community, thank you all for your heart-warming support!

To see other OHS heroes, visit ottawahumane.ca/communitykudos.

Auxiliary

Formed in 1949, the OHS Auxiliary supports Ottawa's animals, raising funds for programs like foster care and adoption and for essential supplies like medicine, food and equipment.

The public health crisis hasn't stopped the group's incredible work. The Auxiliary has hand-crafted items like masks and other protective gear for shelter staff and cage pads to keep Ottawa's animals cozy and comfortable. A huge thanks to this mighty group!



You Save Animals in the Community

Because of you, more can be done for animals in our community. Thanks to you, pet owners can receive pet food and other essential supplies at the OHS Emergency Pet Foodbank. Through the OHS Partner Support Program, you also help local animal rescues who are struggling financially.

You make both of these programs possible, providing care and resources to more than 3,000 animals in our community. And that's on top of the close to 8,000 animals you save each year that come to the OHS.



Because of you, more can be achieved for our community's most vulnerable animals. Thank you for caring.



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