



Saving a Puppy in Pain

Because of you, animals in need have somewhere to go to receive shelter and life-saving care. You save animals like Scooby, a great Dane puppy.

In early spring, Scooby was found lost and alone and was brought to the OHS. When he arrived, he was yelping in pain. It was obvious something was very wrong. Scooby's jaw was red and visibly swollen — a nasty bruise, but unfortunately, that wasn't the only problem Scooby was facing.



While his bruised jaw was more than enough reason for Scooby to be crying in pain, he was also struggling to move. X-rays showed that he had several broken ribs. We don't know what inflicted such awful injuries on this puppy, but we are so glad he had someone caring like you to look out for him.

Scooby was on strict cage rest and pain medications for several weeks in the OHS critical care unit. It was heartbreaking to see a puppy that should be bouncy and full of life curled up in a nest of towels, unable to move without causing himself agony.

But Scooby got better. With each passing day he regained more strength and was getting back to being a happy, healthy puppy.

It didn't take long before Scooby was doing great. He excitedly ran to meet staff, volunteers and just about anyone he saw. Best of all, Scooby found his forever family. All thanks to you.

Thank you for being there for animals like Scooby when they need you most.



A Bright Future You Made Possible



As someone who cares about animals, you know how difficult it is to see an animal at their absolute lowest point. It's terrible to see the pain in their eyes and wonder how could something so awful happen to such an innocent creature.

Harvey was unfortunately one such animal who begged that question. There is no nice way to put it. Harvey arrived at the OHS with half his face hanging off, exposing his teeth and gums.

Thanks to you, even in such a dire state, Harvey was able to receive the life-saving care he needed to ease his pain and

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From the President and CEO's Desk

Change and a Return to Normality

It's hard to believe that we are in year three of the COVID pandemic. When I look back at some of our planning materials from March 2020, it amazes me that we could have thought that the crisis would last only a few months. It also scares me to think about just how bad the situation was in those early months. We couldn't find enough masks. We thought the government was going to take our ventilators. We were shutting down in-person programming while we struggled to remain open as a refuge for the animals who really needed us.

I recognize that a lot has changed since those early days, and I also recognize that some things are simply not going to return to what we took as normal before the pandemic.

Some things are returning to normal here at the OHS, though. Our Mobile Spay/Neuter Program is running trial clinics as a part of our plan to return to full service. All of our programming for children and youth have relaunched in-person or are about to. Birthday parties, camps, tours, and programming for Scouts and Guides are once again hosted in-person here at the OHS.

In the wake of the biggest period of dog acquisition I have ever witnessed, the OHS has relaunched in-person dog training to support the tremendous number of people who have brought a dog into their family and are struggling.

In fact, shortly all but one of the 32 programs the OHS offers out to the community will be operating once

again, helping animals, helping our community and helping create a better future for generations of animals in Ottawa.

The one program that remains on hold is our Brightening Lives Animal Visits. The program brings volunteers with companion animals into long-term care facilities, treatment centres, shelters and other local institutions. We all recognize how welcome this program is for its beneficiaries, but the risk to residents is still too high.

Some things at the OHS may never return to what we understood as normal. The pandemic has made some fundamental changes to our community and we will need to adapt. To support this, the OHS Board of Directors has embarked on a new strategic plan. The pandemic thwarted the completion of the previous plan in its final year and some important elements need to be brought forward to our now changed society. New threats and challenges for animals and for our community have emerged since 2020 and these need to be faced and planned for as well.

One thing that has not changed, and I pray it never will: our community's unwavering support for the Ottawa Humane Society and the animals in our care.

Bruce Roney
 President & CEO

mend his horrific wound. There was no time to wait, Harvey underwent emergency surgery with our chief veterinarian shortly after his arrival.

The surgery wasn't Harvey's only need. It was critical that his recovery was closely monitored to ensure that his skin was healing properly as there was a risk his nostril would seal up, preventing him from breathing normally. You made it possible for Harvey to receive the intensive care he needed to heal properly and live his best life.

Now, Harvey is fully healed and has found his forever home. Because of you, so much more can be done for homeless animals like Harvey.



Major Improvements for Dogs Kept Outdoors in Ontario

Thanks to your advocacy, there has been a major update for standards around dogs kept outdoors in Ontario. The update provides greater clarity and broader scope for how dogs should be kept outside and what their care must entail.



The previous standards for dogs kept outdoors were lacking and left considerable room for an interpretation that would not be in the dog's welfare.

The update is a welcome change and the enhanced standards, if properly enforced, stand to drastically improve the welfare of dogs throughout the province.

The update is substantial, including specific guidance around shelter requirements, access to food and water, tethering, grooming, and maintaining the wellbeing of sick and injured dogs.

These kinds of improvements are only possible because people like you raise their voice for the animals.

Protect Your Pets from

Ticks



Tick bites can cause Lyme disease, a painful and deadly illness that can be difficult to treat.

You can help prevent Lyme disease:

Use a tick preventative

Perform thorough daily tick checks

Avoid wooded or grassy areas

Talk to your veterinarian about Lyme disease prevention

Stories You Make Possible

Each year, you save thousands of animals. Here are just a few of the miracles you've made possible.



Harley

Harley, a sweet, four-year-old Presa Canario, came to the OHS with a condition known as pyometra — a life-threatening infection in her uterus. Harley needed an urgent surgery and spent several days recovering in the OHS critical care unit. Thanks to you, Harley is well on her way to recovery and will soon start searching for her forever home.



Venti

This seven-month-old tabby cat arrived at the OHS with a serious problem in his intestines that needed a life-saving surgery. He couldn't keep food down, and it was obvious that he was in terrible pain. Because of you, Venti was able to get the life-saving care he needed and had somewhere safe to recover.



Simon

Simon is a sweet cat who came to the OHS with horribly matted fur and a painfully damaged tail. He was found lost and alone, but you made sure he got the care he needed. After getting cleaned up and receiving a surgery to remove the injured part of his tail, Simon found his forever home.



Bertie

Bertie, a tiny, seven-month-old dog, came to the OHS with two broken ribs and a broken leg. He was in a lot of pain, but thanks to you, he had somewhere safe to go in his time of need.

Bertie needed surgery to fix his leg, and his journey wasn't over after his operation, he still needed lots of rest and medication to ease his pain and help with his recovery. Because of you, Bertie was able to fully recover and is now living happily ever after in his forever home.

Connie Nunn Steps Up for the Animals

Connie Nunn is an incredible hero for the animals. She volunteers her time and provides ongoing support as a PAW monthly donor.

“I hope my donations help keep the number of stray cats down, so that more resources can be focused on critical care for the animals that need it. Seeing more animals that need extra attention enter the foster program, I would love to support further education for adopters. So many people miss out on wonderful little guys and gals because they don’t realize they’re able to provide them with the care they need.

Just know that when you donate to the Ottawa Humane Society, you’re supporting an organization that looks at all the different sides of the issues and works hard to resolve animal welfare concerns at

the source. You’ll feel good knowing you helped both the animals and the people in your community.”

After retiring from a lengthy career helping deliver health care in areas of the world that needed it most, Connie moved back to Ottawa, ready for the next chapter in her life.

Connie reached out to the OHS and inquired about volunteering through the OHS’s foster program. To date, Connie has fostered 113 cats.

She also has served as Membership Chairperson of the OHS Auxiliary since 2017.

Connie, you’re an outstanding volunteer and a true friend to the animals. Thank you for your dedication, hard work and compassion.

For more information on how to become a PAW monthly donor, please contact Linda at 613-725-3166 ext. 254 or by email at paw@ottawahumane.ca.



Canine Enrichment

As you know there’s a lot more that goes into providing for Ottawa’s animals than just food, shelter and medical care.

Animals need enrichment to keep them happy and healthy. This crucial care also reveals more of the animal’s personality and helps them find a perfect match.

At the OHS, canine enrichment volunteers help provide this vital service for the animals. Volunteers spend quality, one-on-one time with the animals, playing with them, taking them for walks, giving them basic training exercises, or simply keeping them company.

We thank you and our volunteers for making this incredible level of care possible for the animals.



Community Kudos

Ottawa cares about animals! Here are a few of the incredible people in our community who went the extra mile for the animals.

Chenxing

Chenxing showcased her talent and her generosity by hosting a beautiful piano concert with all proceeds being donated to the animals. Thank you for your amazing support!



Avery

This cool cat warmed our hearts, selling jars of hot chocolate in support of homeless and sick animals in our community. Avery, thank you for being an amazing Humane Hero!

Breton

Breton recently turned nine! He made a difference for animals in need by donating half of his birthday money to the OHS. Happy birthday, Breton, and thank you for your amazing donation!

Andrew

A big thank you to this amazing hero! He raised funds for the most vulnerable animals in Ottawa by creating an online art auction! Thank you, Andrew, for being so generous.



Les louveteaux de la 43^{ème} Franco-Ouest

A big thank you to these kind and considerate Scouts who held a bottle drive to support life-saving care for our community's animals. Your hard work and generosity is inspiring!

Obscura Tattoo

Thank you to Obscura Tattoo for hosting a fantastic flash fundraiser event and donating all the proceeds to the animals! Thank you for being an amazing part of the community!

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

Building a More Humane and Compassionate Community

While the public health crisis put many of our programs on hold, many have returned since the spring along with a few new ones. Here's a snapshot of what's come back to the OHS.

March Break Camps



March Break Camp came back this year! Campers got to learn all about the OHS and got up close and personal with some of Ottawa's animals. Our friends at Ottawa Fire Services even dropped by to give the kids a tour of a fire truck.

Youth Pet Sitting Course



Brand new to the OHS is our Youth Pet Sitting Course! Teens learn everything they need to know to start their own pet sitting business and how to safely care for all kinds of pets.

Tours



There's nothing like a behind-the-scenes-tour of the OHS! Kids and adults alike get to see firsthand the incredible care you make possible, and learn a thing or two about being the best pet owners they can be.

Virtual HE



One of the many ways you help the animals is by investing in the next generation of pet owners. We've been virtually joining elementary classrooms around the city to teach kids how they can make a difference for the animals.

Become a PAW Monthly Donor!

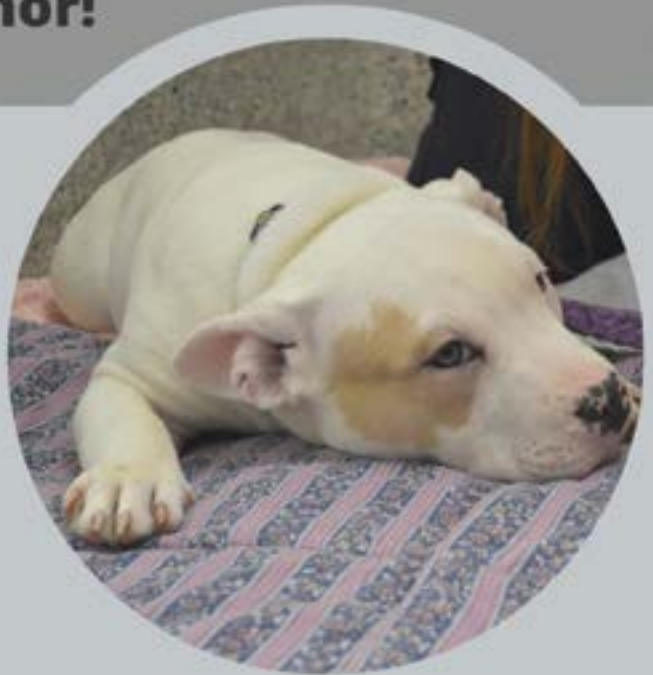
Animals like Icy are counting on you to provide them with a new start at life and get them into loving forever homes.

Icy is just one of the many animals in the care of the Ottawa Humane Society. This 13-week-old puppy came to the OHS with her sibling in need of hernia repair. Thanks to PAW monthly donors, Icy had somewhere safe to heal and recover.

Will you help Icy and other animals just like her by becoming a PAW monthly donor?

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monthly giving saves lives

THE DOG-TOR IS IN.

Did you know pets are good for your health?

Interacting with pets for as little as 10 minutes can reduce your stress levels and lower your blood pressure.

Every pet has power.



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