



# Homeless Cats

## A Problem We Can *Fix*

Homeless cats: It's certainly not a new problem, but we've got a new solution. This summer, we are proud to introduce the new Ottawa Humane Society Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic.



Our custom-built, state-of-the-art mobile facility is staffed by a qualified veterinary team and has been fully accredited by the College of Veterinarians of Ontario. Our mobile clinic and crew provide subsidized spay/neuter services to qualified pet owners in Ottawa. Currently, we are running a community-based pilot (operating a few days each week and spay/neutering an increasing number of animals as we progress) as we prepare to deliver our long-term, full-service program. By this fall, we will be sterilizing up to 25 animals per day, operating four days per week, and setting up shop in ten targeted neighborhoods across the city.

The primary goal of this exciting new program is to reduce the number of

homeless cats in Ottawa and, by doing so, decrease the number of cats entering the OHS each year. Ultimately, we will be creating a community with fewer unwanted, homeless, suffering cats living on the streets. We plan to achieve this goal by providing \$20 spay/neuter surgeries to pet owners who do not have a veterinarian and cannot otherwise afford to provide this important surgery to their pets.

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## No Matter How long The Stay, Animals Like Boston Have a Place at the OHS

They say that good things come in small packages but, in this case, Boston's new family will have to politely disagree. One look into this soulful eyes of the 56 kg German Shepherd, and you are hopelessly in love. Spend some time with him and

your heart is further claimed by this cuddly, living embodiment of a stuffed toy. To him, it doesn't matter that he is the height of some basketball players when he stands on his hind legs, he is convinced that he is a lap dog who commits all of his time to showing his family how dedicated he is to them.

First arriving at the OHS in late March as a stray, five-year-old Boston, or Big B as OHS staff affectionately called him, quickly won over every person he

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# From the Executive Director's Desk

## Finally a Solution.



*Too many cats will continue to live wretched lives as long as there are too many cats. These words appear in the Ottawa Humane Society's five-year*

strategic plan as the underlying theme for the goal of addressing cat overpopulation.

I have always believed that cats are undervalued in our community, and many communities, mostly just because there are so many of them. I have visited communities in the U.S. where dogs and puppies are nearly as numerous as felines, with boxes of puppies surrendered to shelters already full to the brim with young dogs. And those shelters are begging for adopters to give them \$25 for a dog that would be adopted in minutes here at the OHS at a much higher fee.

In those communities, dogs are devalued in the same way as I believe cats are in ours. The dogs rarely see vets, live chained in the backyard, and are too frequently discarded when they no longer look or act like puppies.

Ultimately the only way to improve the lot of felines is to ensure that they are as valued as dogs, and the way to do that is to reduce their numbers. This is a key goal for the OHS in the coming years, and the primary way we will achieve it is through a subsidized, mobile spay/neuter service focused on cats.

This is a very exciting prospect and I believe it will be the greatest leap forward in animal welfare in Ottawa since the construction of the West Hunt Club shelter in 2011. We care for and rehome thousands

of cats every year, but I would much prefer that we solve a problem rather than manage it.

There are studies that suggest that in a city the size of Ottawa, achieving 6,000 subsidized cat spay/neuter surgeries annually will result in a sharp decline in the population. The OHS mobile spay/neuter clinic aims to achieve these numbers in the second full year of the program. Real change is possible, and it can come soon.

While most of the capital cost to set up the program has been supported by PetSmart Charities, not so the annual operating costs. And the operating costs are going to be relatively hefty. As always, though, I have faith in our community and people who care to come through for the animals.

The stakes are high, but the benefits for felines — not just for today's cats, but for the many more in years to come — are worth it.

**Bruce Roney**  
Executive Director



# OHS Agents Are in the Middle of Their Busiest Season

Beginning in late spring and lasting into the fall, OHS Rescue and Investigations Services agents are busy responding to calls of dogs left alone in hot cars.

Last year, the OHS received a 36 per cent increase in calls reporting dogs in hot cars, and four people were charged. This year is expected to be busy as well, with July historically being the busiest month.

When the thermometer soars, a parked car can quickly become a furnace, endangering an animal's life, and making the owner liable to criminal charges. If you see an animal alone in a car with the owner nowhere in sight, call the OHS emergency line at 613-725-1532 or call the police. Thanks to donors like you, the Ottawa Humane Society is able to perform this essential work in our community. 🐾



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Of course, this impactful new program could not operate without the generous support of PetSmart Charities of Canada and our dedicated OHS donors. We want to say thank you to our supporters for helping us launch our Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic and provide this much-needed service. Spaying and neutering pets benefits our animals, their owners, and our whole community. We are thrilled to have this new opportunity to extend ourselves beyond our shelter walls, connect with our community, and support the invaluable human-animal bond by supporting our new clients and promoting veterinary care for pets in Ottawa. 🐾

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came in contact with. His easy going and loving nature made it easy for him to make friends with everyone, well, almost everyone.

While Boston loves being around people, he is not comfortable around other dogs. This made getting adopted a bit trickier as many of the people interested in him already had a canine friend at home. During his almost two month stay in the Adoption Centre, Boston met with many potential families. Unfortunately, his size and lack of love for other dogs resulted in Big B continually heading back to his dog pod sans family. To help keep the blues away during his lengthier stay, OHS staff and volunteers worked very hard to make sure that he received tons of love and exercise including longer outdoor playtimes and swimming lessons.

In mid-May, though, everything changed when this big boy's dreams came true and he met with an adopter who thought nothing of his size and had no problem with the fact that he didn't want to hang around other dogs. It didn't take long for sparks to fly and like that, he was part of a family walking proudly out the front doors next to his new home. Now Boston is living the good life as you can see from the wonderful update his new mom shared with us:

"Boston is amazing! He is super happy in his new home and I am so happy to have him as my new best friend. He's perfect. I love him so much. He will never have to worry about finding another home. He'll be treated like a king. Boston loves his three walks a day. Especially the evening walks when it's a bit cooler out. He LOVES swimming. I don't know what he likes more...his king size Tempur-Pedic dog bed or my king size Tempur-Pedic bed. He sleeps with me every night, cuddles and he's always wagging his tail when I wake up."

Every day there are amazing and equally deserving animals just like Boston at the OHS waiting for their chance to say that they now have a family who loves and cares for them. Thanks to you, the OHS can be there for all of them. 🐾

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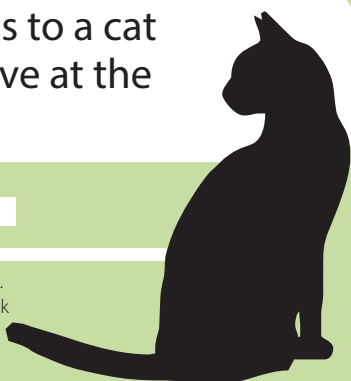
# The Ohhs and Awws of Kitten Season

They are cute, fluffy, precious little beings that melt our hearts and become extended members of our family. The thought of 800 kittens is almost too much cuteness for one to imagine — but that’s how many we will likely see here at the OHS over the summer and early fall months.

And, after we get past the ohhs and awwws, the tiny paws and sweet little faces, what we are really dealing with is an influx of feline friends that require extra time, attention and resources.

From litters of unwanted and orphaned kittens to nursing moms, and don’t forget about our older felines friends and special needs cats, with your help, we will help more than 800 kitties this “kitten season”. 🐾

## What happens to a cat after they arrive at the OHS?



Dec. 21, 2015

Stray cat Mufasa arrives at the OHS. He is vaccinated and a health check reveals he has an ear infection and needs dental work.

Dec. 24

No one has claimed Mufasa so he’s assessed for adoption

Dec. 28 – Jan. 18, 2016

Mufasa is treated for ear mites, vaccinated and has a vet check-up

Jan. 19

Mufasa enters the feline enrichment program

Jan. 21 and Feb. 3

Mufasa has two dental surgeries

Feb. 6 and 11

A vets check how his mouth is healing

Feb. 12

Mufasa has third dental surgery

Feb. 13

Vet tech checks lumps on shoulder

Feb. 14

Vet tech checks how mouth is healing

Feb.16 – March 7

Mufasa has 8 vet checkups

March 11

Mufasa goes to a foster home

March 14

Vet checks his teeth

March 29- April 12

Has four checkups

April 19

Available for Adoption!

April 22

Mufasa is adopted!

## WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO HELP PRECIOUS KITTENS?

Kittens receive a minimum of 2 vet tech check-ups and 1 veterinary check-up



Kittens receive, on average, 4 vaccinations and 4 deworming treatments

On average, each kitten stays with a foster volunteer for 5 weeks



## Make a Gift of Love to Tomorrow’s Animals

You can create a brighter future for Ottawa’s animals by leaving a gift to the Ottawa Humane Society in your will.

It’s easy to do.

It will give you a sense of pride and comfort to know that you will continue to make an extraordinary difference in the lives of the animals in our community.



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## Donor Profile

### Renee Geauvreau

Renee Geauvreau is one of our loyal PAW donors and has been supporting the animals since 2006. When asked, Renee was thrilled to share her story with us about why animals are such an important part of her life.

*I've always loved animals growing up — I got that from my mother. Because she was a single parent, we couldn't afford a home with a backyard so I was raised most of my early years in an apartment, where a hamster was the most practical pet. Since then, we have owned several dogs, including my beloved Ernie, and what a pleasant experience it has been.*

*I was inspired to become involved with the OHS for my all around love and respect for animals. Years ago, I volunteered my time as a*



*dog walker, and felt a connection to the dogs I would take on strolls. It truly broke my heart to put them back in their kennels and say goodbye until the next time. Today, I am very fortunate to have a good job that enables me to take care of my family but to also donate monthly to the OHS, for all creatures in need.*

*I love knowing my monthly contribution is making a difference to the animals and it is my belief that if we could all donate just a little bit or become more aware of animal issues and rights, then the world would be a much more peaceful place for all.*

— Renee + Ernie

Just like Renee, you too can give Ottawa's animals a second chance at love and happiness. If you're interested in joining the Ottawa Humane Society's PAW monthly giving program, please call 613-725-3166 ext. 254 or email [paw@ottawahumane.ca](mailto:paw@ottawahumane.ca). 🐾

## Supporter Testimonial: Science Diet® Wiggle Waggle Walkathon Team MooseLake Labs

### MooseLake Labs + Friends Continue to Walk for a Good "Paws"

Team MooseLake Labs has been supporting the animals at the Ottawa Humane Society by being a part of the Science Diet® Wiggle Waggle Walkathon. We asked the team to share with us why they support the Ottawa Humane Society:

*Having a pet is a very special thing. It's a deep understanding of receiving unconditional love. It's a built-in best friend who constantly makes you laugh, is always free and wants to do everything with you. It provides security, the loyalty of family and owning one means you belong to something bigger than yourself. Having a pet is not a right, but a privilege. In fact, it's a gift.*

*As every human, all animals deserve: care, adoration, affection, exercise, food, shelter, comfort, safety, a warm place to sleep and to be loved. The Ottawa Humane Society provides that for those who aren't so fortunate and we wanted to help.*

*MooseLake Labs + Friends have more than 50 humans and over 60 dogs walking every year and we're still growing! We've*



*raised over \$22,000 to date and are coming into our third year walking together. We raise money in traditional ways, like asking for donations — but we also have our own creative ideas to raise funds. Last year we made and sold British Lab decals for our cars, we designed and sold team t-shirts, we partnered with K9Kanteen where you can order five star food samples in exchange for a small donation to our team, some of our younger members bake cupcakes and sell them at school, and we did a MooseLake Labradors calendar where all profits go to our fundraising efforts.*

*What started as a socialization exercise for two young MooseLakers, London and Peri, became something larger than we could have ever imagined. Join the Walkathon — it's a wonderful cause and a great day out for you and your pet.*

Every day, we see the difference donors like Team MooseLake Labs make in the lives of animals. You can give them a second chance at love and happiness too. If you're interested in taking part in this year's Science Diet® Wiggle Waggle Walkathon visit [www.ottawahumane.ca/walk](http://www.ottawahumane.ca/walk) to register today. 🐾

## Community Kudos



A big OHS “Thank You!” goes out to Jane Kelly and the team at the City of Ottawa Social Services. This wonderful group of coworkers held their second-annual Amazing Race fundraiser during the summer of 2015. They brought in tons of treats and food, and raised much needed funds for the animals in the care of the OHS. The OHS wanted to give this special group a very special “Thank you!” on behalf of the staff, volunteers and animals in our care! Keep up the great work — the animals think you’re AMAZING!



The Royal Canadian Legion Westboro Branch 480 held its 10<sup>th</sup> Trivia Challenge for Charity — an event where teams compete to win donation to their favorite charities. Team Makin’ Bacon Pancakes placed third in the tournament and chose the Ottawa Humane Society as their recipient charity, meaning \$200 for the animals at the shelter! Big thanks go out to Scott T., Jen T., Lexi C., Kristen W. and Michael V. Who knew that donating to help Ottawa’s animals was the right answer!



Rebecca A. celebrated a very special 11th birthday in April 2016. This young lady chose to ask for donations in support of the Ottawa Humane Society in lieu of presents for herself. She raised a massive \$200 for Ottawa’s animals! Even Rebecca’s friends and family donated on her behalf! A special girl like Rebecca making a special birthday request to help Ottawa’s animals means that her birthday will help Ottawa’s animals all year long. From everyone at the OHS — furry and human — we say “Happy Birthday!” and send our warmest thanks!



As a school project students Kekoa T. (pictured), Vincenzo F., Marie S. and Shalisa S. entered into a class-wide venture challenge where they had to own and operate their own business for an entire month. These amazingly entrepreneurial students came up with stellar business model, developed a website for their product and sold the item through an online store they developed with the help of Shopify. The best part? The donated ALL proceeds they made from this project to the animals at the OHS – to a tune of \$1223! Looks like we have some future Steve Jobs working on our behalf!

To see other humane heroes who have helped the animals at the Ottawa Humane Society, please visit [www.ottawahumane.ca/communitykudos](http://www.ottawahumane.ca/communitykudos).

## Court updates

### New Charges

**Mr. Dylan Sardinha** was charged with wilfully causing unnecessary pain, suffering or injury to an animal after he allegedly punched and choked his puppy. He was scheduled to appear in court on Jun.16, 2016.

### Completed Cases

**Mr. William Pryor** and **Ms. Lorna Sutton** were charged with permitting distress, not seeking medical care, failing to comply with an order, and interfering with an agent after they allegedly hid a dog in need of medical care. Charges were withdrawn; however, both individuals received two years' probation including follow-up inspections by SPCA agents. 🐾

*Although legally mandated to enforce the animal cruelty provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada, the Ottawa Humane Society does not receive any government funding or any funding from any animal welfare group to rescue animals in distress and only receives partial funding for investigations. The Ottawa Humane Society relies on donors like you to help perform this essential work in our community.*

## Wanted: OHS Seeks Large Indoor Parking Space!

### Be a partner in ending cat overpopulation in Ottawa

Got space? The OHS is seeking a large, indoor parking space for its new Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic. This vehicle will be on the road four days a week providing low-cost feline spay/neuter surgeries to at-risk populations—helping us to end cat overpopulation in our community! Our ideal parking space will provide a secure home-base for our mobile clinic and accommodate the following:

- The Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic measures 29'L x 8'W x 14'H
- It requires an outlet to plug in the vehicle at night
- Staff need daily access to the vehicle (including Saturdays), between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- Ideally, the space would be in close proximity to the shelter at 245 West Hunt Club Road

### Sponsorship opportunities are available!

Please direct inquiries/offers to Supervisor: Mobile Spay/Neuter Services at 613-725-3166 ext. 201 or [mobileservices@ottawahumane.ca](mailto:mobileservices@ottawahumane.ca).



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## The Science Diet® Wiggle Waggle Walkathon and Run for the Animals returns Sept. 11, 2016!

The Walk and Run is the Ottawa Humane Society's largest fundraiser of the year and it's a great opportunity for the community to come out with their four-legged friends to raise funds for animals.



Not only do the day's events include a fundraising walk and run down Queen Elizabeth Drive, but also a festival site at Queen Juliana Park for all participants, their family, and furry friends to enjoy! The festival site offers a wide variety of activities, including a Pet Pavilion Marketplace, a K9 Fun Zone, Family Fun Zone, as well as food vendors. There is also a silent auction and great prizes awarded throughout the day.

Register now as a team or individual and lead the pack in your fundraising goals! For more information visit [www.ottawahumane.ca/walk](http://www.ottawahumane.ca/walk) or [www.ottawahumane.ca/run](http://www.ottawahumane.ca/run)



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## Join us!

-  Look for the OHS at the Capital Pride festivities – Aug. 21
-  OHS Microchip Clinics – Aug. 14, Sept. 11, and Oct. 2 – 245 West Hunt Club Road
-  Science Diet® Wiggle Waggle Walkathon and Run for the Animals – Sept. 11 at Queen Juliana Park
-  Bingo – Every Sunday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., at the Overbrook Bingo Palace

Visit our website at [www.ottawahumane.ca](http://www.ottawahumane.ca) for more information



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