



Happily Ever After: Your Love Helped Breezy Heal, Find Forever Home

When you see Breezy play fetch or give kisses to her new forever mom, Sheila, it's easy to forget that this lively Labrador mix was once just one more shovel strike away from death.

With your help, her worst wounds have healed now; only her eye betrays the trauma of that day last October.

She loves liver treats and going for walks, like every dog. This sweet pup who was pulled from a dumpster half dead seven months ago has learned to trust again. And when she runs as fast as she can with a ball in her mouth, it's obvious she doesn't remember anything about the day her former owner – the person who was supposed to protect, and care for

her – nearly killed her. Now, after six months of life-saving, loving care, Breezy has her happy ending. She would never have come this far without you.

With your help, her worst wounds have healed now; only her eye betrays the trauma of that day in October.

Her new forever family will continue to work with a specialist to make the best decision for her eye. She'll never be

able to see out of it again and it may need to be removed someday.

All Breezy knows is that she'll now be spending her days exploring her new neighbourhood, her nights curled up at the foot of her forever family's bed, all because your support helped the Ottawa Humane Society be there when Breezy needed us most.

Here's what Breezy, by way of Sheila, had to say recently:
 "I had the most wonderful send-off imaginable from all my friends at OHS and want to thank everyone there for making me feel so special. My new home suits me



After six months of recovery, Breezy has found a forever home with her new family.

very well. There don't seem to be any rabbits here but I have seen a few squirrels nearby. People are very impressed with how well I am and how well I behave (most of the time). They say it shows what terrific care I received from the Ottawa Humane Society, the veterinarians and my foster family. Thanks to their loving care and the generous outpouring of support from the people who heard my story, I'm now a happy, playful and energetic young dog."

Keep your eye on our Facebook page for updates from Breezy's new forever family! 🐾



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From the Executive Director's Desk

By the time you read this article, what we call "kitten season" will have begun here at the Ottawa Humane Society. The date varies a bit each year, but it arrives, just as sure as the sun rises in the morning. We



brace ourselves each year. Between this inevitable influx, and a bit later, the huge rise in numbers of animals surrendered by their owners before summer holidays begin, along with the steep increase in the number of stray animals admitted in the warmer weather, our daily intake moves from a dozen or so in the winter months to a staggering 40-plus animals admitted to our care most every day.

It is a mammoth undertaking every year, and comes at a time when our hard working staff and regular volunteers want to take a well-deserved summer holiday.

To be as prepared as we can be, and to ensure the best possible outcome for every animal, we increase staffing hours, buy more food and supplies, recruit more foster volunteers, reach out to our existing 300 or so foster families, ramp up our adoption promotion, and put a host of other seasonal plans in place. We also ask you to dig a little deeper into your pocket to help us care for these animals who have nowhere else to go.

Of course, we don't accept that this season has to be like this. The season is largely a cat phenomenon now, but 40 years ago, it

extended to dogs. Boxes of puppies arrived, just as kittens do now. A lot of dogs need your help today, but thankfully there is no longer a puppy season because of the efforts of our predecessors in creating lasting change.

Today, with your support, we are working toward lasting change for our feline friends. Our school program changes the attitudes of more than 4,000 school-aged children every year. Our LEAD and Adult Pet Education programs target populations that may be, or are more likely to, contribute to the problem. Our media and public awareness campaigns chip away at the old behaviours that

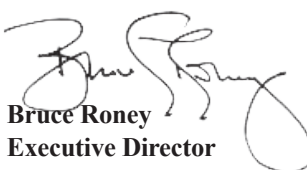
perpetuate the problem. Just achieving the long-sought goal of sterilizing all OHS animals prior to adoption – made possible with your help in 2005 – surely has been a part of the solution.

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Planning for our seasonal influx is our annual challenge, planning to end it is even harder. And balancing our efforts and expenditures for the animals that arrive every day with preventing the need for these efforts and expenditures is even harder.

With your help, we hope that, like puppy season, one day kitten season will be a thing of the past. 🐾


Bruce Roney
Executive Director

New Obedience Classes Help Strengthen Human-Animal Bond

You helped us build our 245 West Hunt Club Rd. location and we promised to expand our services. The extra room means we can increase our programs, like dog obedience, to help strengthen the bond between animals and humans.

Seeing adopted dogs progress through our eight-week program is such a privilege for staff and owners – it is remarkable to see the behavioral transformation that can be made with just a little focus and determination.

Recently, feedback from both donors and previous participants indicates that there is a growing need for specialized workshop classes. Based on these recommendations, we have now run three successful loose-leash walking workshops, and look forward to our first recall and pre-adoption workshops this spring. During these hour and a half sessions, owners and their canine companions have the opportunity to focus on specific troublesome behaviours, gaining essential tools and training techniques to better their

relationship. In every class we see families actively creating better relationships with their canine companions, resulting in a community of well-trained dogs and well-trained owners, helping to create a brighter future for Ottawa's animals. 🐾



OHS obedience classes help build the bond between dogs and owners.

Hayley Doyle Shows There Are Many Different Ways You Can Help the Animals

Hayley Doyle is a generous donor who backs up her financial gifts with the gift of time. She is always more than willing to lend a helping hand. Recently her employer, TD, matched her gift with an additional \$500 gift to the animals at the OHS.

Hayley can be seen helping at fundraising events throughout the year, including our annual Wiggle Waggle Walkathon in September and our FurBall gala in April. She also helped the OHS raise money for Ottawa's animals by being a "runner" at our weekly Sunday bingo at Overbrook Forbes Bingo Palace.

Hayley's ongoing enthusiasm and generosity helps save animal lives each and every day at the OHS. She says, "supporting the OHS fits in with my interests and I love giving my



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time and helping the animals. I also direct my United Way gift to the OHS and enjoyed being a United Way ambassador this year



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and encouraging my fellow TD employees to do the same."

We would love to hear your story on why you support the animals at the OHS and to profile you in a future edition of Our Best Friends. We hope that others will read your story and be inspired to pitch in and help too. Please send your story on why you give to donate@ottawahumane.ca.

If you would like to match Hayley's dedication to helping animals in need – please check out our website at www.ottawahumane.ca for more information on how you can donate and help a needy animal, volunteer your time, or have your workplace match your gift of time or money and double the number of animals helped. 🐾

Community Kudos

Algonquin College Bartending Program practiced their skills and hosted an evening food and drinks to raise donations for the animals. Thank you so much for your support!

- Andrea G and Jacquie B, Starbucks baristas, donated coffee



- Mush Larose – dog sledding and skijoring fundraiser for OHS
- Pet Valu store in Rockland – collected cat litter for OHS cats
- Erin and Mark Mailot collected toys for the animals
- Bartending class at Algonquin College (above)
- Algonquin College Veterinary Technology's Public Awareness

Assignment

- Anne-Marie Ricard for her hard work in organizing a Euchre Tournament to benefit the animals!
- Besos Pet Salon held a fundraising day for the OHS
- Monthly Survey of Manufacturing team from Statistics Canada
- Vista Credit Corp did a staff fundraiser
- Riverside Campus of the Ottawa Hospital: Registration Department made donations to the animals for Jeans Day
- Bel-Air Lexus Toyota Scion
- Ye Olde Bagges Clubbe
- Nepean Housing Corporation – office fundraising auction
- Entrust Company Christmas party and auction
- Kevin Colbourne and Tim Cormier held a Wine and Cheese Party
- Strandherd School Age Program – fundraiser for Thunder and Lightning (dogs at OHS)
- Sir Winston Churchill Public School
- Mary-Jean Harris, who collected used ink cartridges for a “Cash for Cartridges” program
- First Place Alternate School
- Sacred Heart Catholic High School: Ms. Lane's Entrepreneurship Course
- St. John the Apostle Catholic School
- Canadian Union of Public Employees: holiday luncheon fundraiser
- National Capital Vegetarian Association – book launch “We Animals” by Jo-Anne McArthur 🐾

Cool Kids

Thank you to the following for fundraising for the animals!

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| • Amy H | • James G | School – Grade 6 |
| • Anika H-N | • Jenna B | • St. Thomas More |
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| • Freddie E | • Willow M | |
| • Georgia N | • 3rd Kanata D | |
| • Hannah M | Colony Beavers | |



Victoria raised money for three Buddy & Belle animals for her birthday! Thank you, Victoria! Your generous contributions will help these injured animals heal. 🐾



Thank you to William Barrett, who baked brownies by himself and sold them to raise funds for the animals! Here he is holding one of the cats available for adoption at the Ottawa Humane Society.



Lynsey M (with her brother and OHS Brightening Lives dog, Oakley) saved her own money to donate to Breezy and animals like her. 🐾



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OHS Investigating Animal Hoarding, Rescues 65 Animals from Neglect

The tiny kitten you see on the right was born of a mother rescued from an animal hoarder.

This little guy got lucky – rescued by OHS agents in time for a chance at a happy life – because donors like you have identified animal rescues as a priority for your support.

The OHS has two animal hoarding cases on its hands right now. In one, 35 cats have been surrendered to the OHS since August. It's a first-time offence for that couple and OHS agents are working with them to make sure it doesn't happen again.

"Hoarding is a mental health issue," said Miriam Smith, OHS inspector. "We like to give people the opportunity to help themselves but if it happens again we will have to lay charges to protect the animals."

The second case is still under investigation.

Smith said animal hoarding has nearly a 100 per cent recidivism rate, which means that once a hoarder starts, they're not likely to stop.

There are three different types of animal hoarders, Smith said: overwhelmed caregivers, rescue hoarders and exploiters. Most start off wanting to help animals – to save them all – but then they get overwhelmed as the numbers start to climb.

"The problem becomes neglect," Smith said. "When the numbers get high the care goes down and the animals suffer."

Once rescued, not all the animals survive, she said. Some are in such bad shape they



This kitten was born of a mother rescued from an animal hoarder.

have to be humanely euthanized to end their tremendous suffering.

The OHS typically investigates one large hoarding case in Ottawa every year, Smith said, adding the two ongoing cases may be a reflection of more awareness in the community leading to more reporting. 🐾

Typology of Animal Hoarding



Overwhelmed Caregiver

- Some awareness, more reality-based
- More passive acquisition
- Problems often triggered by change in circumstance
- Unable to problem-solve effectively
- Likely to be socially isolated
- Self-esteem linked to role as caregiver
- Fewer issues with authorities



Rescuer Hoarder

- Mission leading to unavoidable compulsion
- Fear of death
- Active vs. passive acquisition
- (Believes s/he) is the only one who can provide care
- Rescue-followed-by adoption becomes rescue-only care
- May have extensive network of enablers or be a group activity



Exploiter Hoarder

- Tends to have sociopathic characteristics
- Lacks empathy for people or animals
- Indifferent to harm caused
- Rejects outsiders' concerns
- Superficial charm and charisma
- Lacks guilt or remorse
- Manipulative and cunning

Source: Animal Hoarding: Structuring interdisciplinary responses to help people, animals, and communities at risk. Patronek, Loar, Nathanson, eds. 2006

Court updates

New Charges

Ms. Kayla BOUCHER has been charged with failing to provide adequate medical attention and permitting an animal to be in distress after allegedly allowing her cat to suffer 10 days after her vet indicated the cat needed emergency medical care. She first appeared in court March 27.

Ms. Sharon SMITH was charged with permitting an animal to be in distress and not providing the standard of care after her Great Pyrenees dog did not receive the vet care it needed. It had to be humanely euthanized. She first appeared in court March 27.

Mr. Jason WOODRUFF has been charged with failing to provide adequate food, water or medical attention and permitting an animal to be in distress after his emaciated Great Dane was sold on Kijiji. He last appeared in court April 16.

Mr. Adrien PAQUETTE faces animal cruelty-related charges after allegedly dragging his dog, Tyson, from his truck as punishment for running away from home. He first appeared in court April 4.

Pending Cases

Mr. Brian BISCOPE was charged with failing to provide adequate medical care for his sick Rottweiler. He last appeared in court April 14.

Mr. Daniel KENNEDY was charged Dec. 12 after allegedly throwing a rabbit to its death off a balcony. His last appearance in court was April 2.

Mr. Jonathan LALONDE was charged Sept. 23 with permitting distress and failing to provide adequate standards of care for a horse and a bull in his care. His last appearance in court was March 19.

Ms. Michelle MAYER, of the Navan Animal Rescue Corporation, was charged in September 2012 with failing to provide suitable and adequate standards of care for over 50 dogs in her care. She last appeared in court March 14.

Ms. Tracey MCCULLOUGH was charged

with failing to provide suitable and adequate standards of care after seven live and three dead cats were found inside a house living in deplorable conditions. She did not show up for her court date and a warrant has been issued for her arrest.

Mr. Trevor MIAZGA was charged Oct. 1 after witnesses said he choked and hit his dog while taking it for a walk. His last appearance in court was March 19.

Mr. Mario MIREAULT was charged Nov. 8 with permitting distress and failing to provide adequate care after a pit bull in his care was found with a broken leg. His last appearance in court was March 19.

Ms. Andrea NOEL was charged Nov. 22 with four counts of failing to provide adequate food and water for four Pomeranian dogs that were found dead in her care. Her last appearance in court was April 2.

Mr. Dylan WILCOX was charged Nov. 8 after a witness reported seeing him beating his black Labrador retriever. He has been charged with causing an animal to be in distress. His last appearance in court was April 3.

Completed Cases

Mr. Donald FOX pleaded guilty to permitting distress and failing to comply with the standards of care for failing to provide adequate and appropriate medical attention for a husky-type dog. He was sentenced to two years of probation, restitution, and a two year prohibition on animal ownership.

Mr. Dave NICHOLSON pleaded guilty to permitting distress and failing to comply with the standards of care after allowing his pit bull, named Parker, to suffer for six months with medical problems before being surrendered to the OHS for euthanasia. He was sentenced to two years of probation.

Mr. Michael ROBIDAS pleaded guilty to causing an animal to be in distress and failing to comply with the standards of care after a witness reported seeing Robidas beating his husky. Robidas pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years of probation and restitution. 🐾

Legally mandated to enforce the animal cruelty provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada and the Ontario SPCA Act, the OHS relies heavily on donations to perform this essential work.



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