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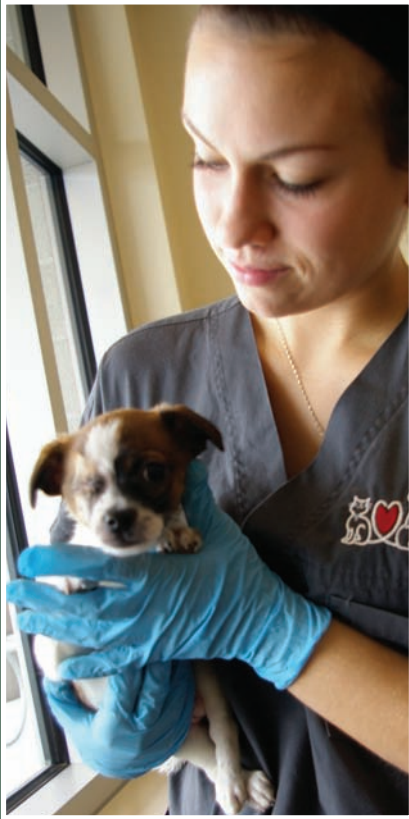


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mission

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.



Peko is a Jack Russell terrier/ Chihuahua mix who was the victim of an attack by another dog in his home. His eye was so severely injured in the attack that it needed to be removed. Peko's owner, unable to afford the cost of veterinary care, surrendered him to the OHS so that he could receive the care and surgery he needed. The OHS veterinary team has extensive experience performing "enucleation" procedures. This strong puppy recovered quickly from his ordeal and was adopted into his forever home through the OHS Foster-Me-First program.

Helping animals in our community...and beyond

Last year the OHS admitted 7,327 cats, 2,453 dogs, 526 small animals and 896 wildlife.

Thanks to you, we found new, forever homes for 3,472 animals; reunited pets with their owners; rehomed others through our partners in placement program; and placed more than 1,500 in foster homes to be cared for until they were ready for adoption. There were 93 special needs adoptions last year, and 1,021 animals were adopted through our PAL (Pet Adoption Location) sites.

We took in 2,552 owner-surrendered pets—a 6% increase from last year, and we also accepted over 300 animals that were transferred from other shelters.

Helping animals return home


Dusty, a much-loved five-year-old pet parrot, flew the coop when he was spooked by the sound of a loud plane overhead. He went missing from his home for two weeks and his devastated family feared that he would never return. Two weeks later, Dusty was found and brought to the OHS. OHS Lost and Found staff was alerted to an online ad about a lost parrot and contacted the family to let them know a lost bird matching Dusty's description was at the OHS, and because no one had claimed him, he was in the Adoption Centre. A joyous reunion with his owners soon followed!



The Foster-Me-First program was developed in late 2010 to place adoptable animals undergoing treatment for minor ailments, or recovering from surgery, into their forever homes sooner. Animals still under the care of the OHS are looked after by families willing to foster them first—during the treatment period—prior to adopting them. The animals benefit tremendously as they tend to recover faster in a home environment. As of March 31, 2012, 36 dogs and 14 cats were adopted through the Foster-Me-First program!

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: 3,239

 Number of spay/neuter surgeries: 2,565

Rescuing and protecting animals from cruelty and abuse

The OHS Rescue and Investigation Services team rescues sick and injured animals in emergency situations, and investigates cases of suspected cruelty and neglect. The team logged 1,116 investigations last year and laid 42 charges of animal abuse and cruelty under the Criminal Code of Canada or the OSPCA Act—a 27% year-over-year increase. The number of yearly investigations has remained fairly constant at almost 1,200 over the last 5 years.

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 and relies on donations to perform this essential community service.

Number of Charges Laid:

April 1, 2008—March 31, 2009	13
April 1, 2009—March 31, 2010	44
April 1, 2010—March 31, 2011	33
April 1, 2011—March 31, 2012	42



Last year, the OHS hosted 12 final year Ontario Veterinary College students completing their external rotations. Students were at the OHS for a combined total of 16 weeks, assisting in surgery and with medical rounds, and completing approximately 250 sterilizations on top of the regular surgical load for that time frame.

As a result of this successful relationship, 250 animals were ready sooner to be adopted into their forever homes, and 12 vets gained valuable surgical and clinic experience to help launch their careers. We look forward to welcoming more students next year!



Lexi, an 11-month-old German Shepherd, was picked by the OHS Rescue and Investigation Services team after someone reported a stray, limping dog in their neighbourhood. Lexi's back leg was in so much pain that she never allowed her paw to touch the ground. The OHS veterinarian determined that she had a painful, growing bone spur and that her leg needed to be amputated. Following the surgery, Lexi had a new lease on life and was adopted into her forever home through the OHS Foster-Me-First program.

Connecting people and animals

The OHS is a leader in animal welfare in our community in a variety of ways, from teaching children about responsible pet ownership, to strengthening the human-animal bond and recognizing the beneficial role animals play in people's lives. The completion of our new building gives us more educational opportunities, including tours of the facility.



Each year, OHS volunteers and staff visit area schools to deliver presentations to children of all ages about compassion and respect for animals. The visits usually include a canine companion who comes to the classroom to receive lots of attention from the children.



Number of school program presentations: 115



Number of visits to schools/groups: 61 visits, reaching over 3,000 children



Number of Brightening Lives Animal Visits: 456 visits to 67 long-term care facilities, hospitals and shelters.

Volunteer contribution

The OHS relies heavily on the time and talent of volunteers. Volunteers are major contributors to our ability to care for animals, serve our community and to change the future for generations of Ottawa's animals. Thanks to the commitment of our volunteers we are able to help animals find new homes or be reunited with their owners.



Number of OHS volunteers: 578—an 8% increase over last year



Number of foster volunteers: 271—a 7% increase over last year



Number of Brightening Lives Animal Visit facilities: 57—a 9% increase over last year

Year round, volunteer veterinarians from our community donate their valuable time and skills to save lives and perform much needed specialized and routine surgeries and procedures including spays and neuters, orthopedic and dental surgeries. The OHS is grateful to the 22 community veterinarians who generously provided their services to help the animals last year.

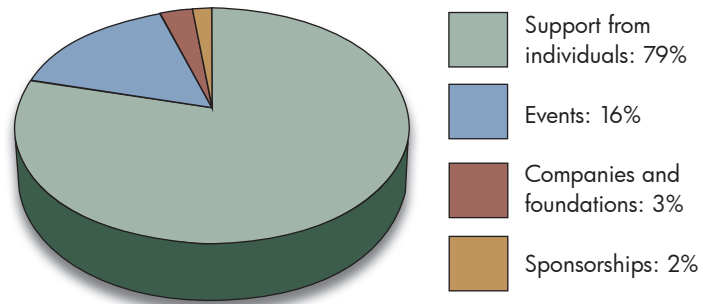


Working together

The OHS relies heavily on the support of individual donors. Over 19,000 supporters like you gave gifts to the Ottawa Humane Society last year, totalling \$2,891,003.

The community continues to respond with generosity to our fundraising events for the animals. Our 2011 Wiggle Waggle Walkathon raised close to \$200,000 and our springtime FurBall gala raised more than 160,000.

This chart shows where the financial resources of the OHS came from.



FurBall guests Jason Dehni and Lisa Ray with Mrs. Laureen Harper, Honorary Chair of the 8th annual Ottawa Humane Society FurBall gala.

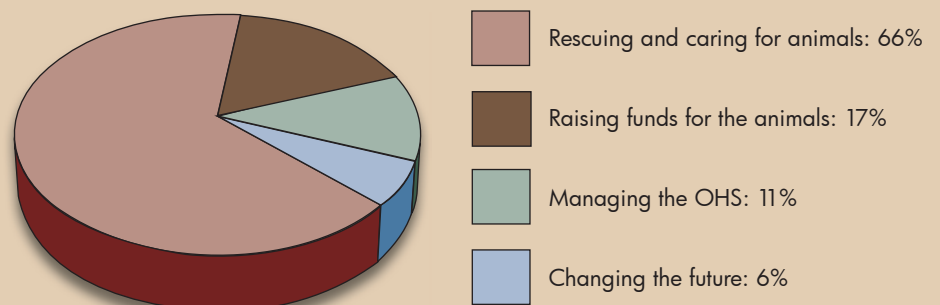


There were over 2,000 participants and companion animals at the 2011 Wiggle Waggle Walkathon for the animals!

OHS Resource Breakdown

This chart shows how OHS resources are used to help animals.

The OHS Auxiliary continues to be a tremendous financial supporter of the animals, raising more than \$10,000 last year from bazaars, auctions, garage sales and gardening seminars.



Helping animals and supporting our community!

One of the most exciting aspects of the new OHS facility is that we can now engage with, and be part of our community in ways that were not previously possible.

The OHS team is delighted to host a variety of public events and offer activities that let our supporters get to know us and the services we provide, and come in to see firsthand how their gifts are helping the animals.

In-house training and seminars for adults and families on topics such as pre-adoption and dog behaviour will soon be available, and for young animal enthusiasts, this will be the first summer for our “Off-Leash” children’s day camps. Children ages 6 to 11 are introduced to shelter life at the OHS, interact with animals, participate in activities related to animal care and welfare, as well as join in typical camp fun and games.



We will continue to host several special events throughout the year, including numerous open houses where our community is welcome to visit and learn more about us and the animals we care for. Additionally, the Education Centre can be reserved and rented by the public for children’s birthday parties, meetings, events etc.

In the months to come, and based on the feedback we receive from you, we will continue to fine-tune our programs, develop new activities, and provide leadership in the humane treatment of all animals in order to meet the needs of the community that so strongly supports our work.

Dora was found abandoned with her kitten, after her owners moved out and left her behind in the cold winter weather. A concerned neighbour phoned the OHS Rescue and Investigation Services team, who saved Dora and her kitten Muffin and brought them to safety at the OHS.

Poor Dora was in bad shape. She had suffered a trauma that had torn off most of her tail. The remaining bones of her tail were exposed. Despite obviously being in a lot of pain, Dora was cooperative and friendly, greeting the staff with purrs. Dora required complex surgery, close to the spinal cord – posing a risk that she would never walk again. The OHS veterinarian performed life-saving surgery. Dora slowly recovered and she and Muffin were eventually adopted into happy new homes.



Ottawa Humane Society Supporters

BOB-FM	Platinum	South Carleton High School	Silver
Community Foundation of Ottawa	Platinum	United Way of Toronto Donors	Silver
CTV Ottawa	Platinum	WCPD Foundation	Silver
IAMS (Proctor & Gamble)	Platinum	Westjet	Silver
Ottawa Citizen	Platinum		
Telus	Platinum	Allegra Print & Imaging – Bank St.	Bronze
United Way of Ottawa Donors	Platinum	Barefoot Wine and Bubbly	Bronze
		Bird Dog Design	Bronze
Deborah Davis and Segue to Jazz	Gold	Chez Lilli	Bronze
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York Street Spa	Gold	Fairmont House Design	Bronze
		Hogs Back Brewery	Bronze
Alyea's Jewellers	Silver	Humane Wildlife Control	Bronze
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Billings Bridge Shopping Centre	Silver	Monterey Hotel	Bronze
Canadian Bank Note Company Ltd.	Silver	National Capital Commission	Bronze
Critter Crafters	Silver	National Gallery of Canada	Bronze
DPA Industries	Silver	Petsecure Pet Health Insurance	Bronze
EMC	Silver	Phillip Craig Studio Gallery	Bronze
IBM	Silver	Rings Etc.	Bronze
Knock on Wood Communications + Events	Silver	Star Motors	Bronze
MHPM Project Managers Inc.	Silver	The Recreation Association of the Public Service of Canada	Bronze
Osgoode Properties	Silver	Urbandale Construction	Bronze
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Rogers Communications	Silver	Worwin Foundation	Bronze
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