

The Paw Press

2018 Summer Edition



Bear - The Loving Giant

Bear is an active, energetic, and friendly dog who just wanted a family to love him—all 90 pounds of him! This big boy came to the Guelph Humane Society as a stray in April.

When Bear arrived, it was obvious he had been neglected, as he was underweight and missing a lot of fur. He was never claimed, so we started treatment. Our Canine Care team and veterinarian partners were able to determine that his hair loss was due to a food allergy.

After spending time in a caring foster home, Bear is now feeling great! His fur has grown back, he is on a hypoallergenic diet, and he is back up to a normal weight.

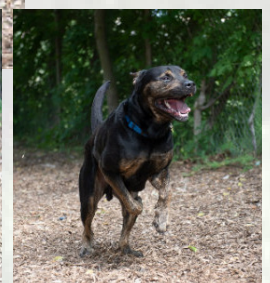
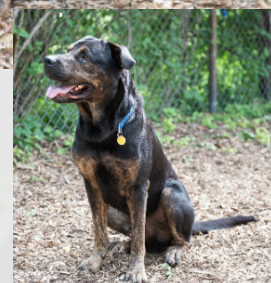
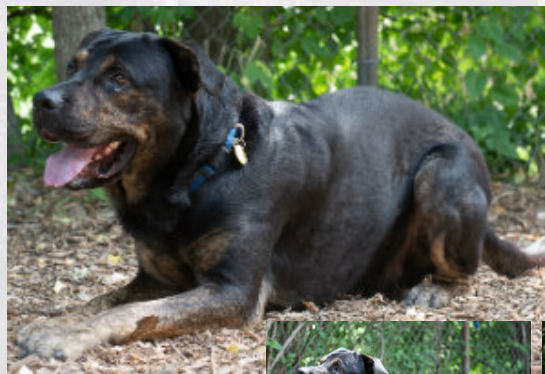
Bear was with us for over 4 months and finally found his loving home! Since he came to GHS with an unknown past and was a big boy, we knew it would be a very special match once he met his new family! He found a family who was willing to work with him, build his confidence, and teach him about being part of a loving home. Bear will now have lots of backyard to run around, play, and get all his energy out!

Bear, you won the hearts of all of the staff and volunteers at GHS and of your new family, we wish you the best as you get all the love and care you deserve!

Bear, when he first came to us...



Bear, today...



Our "Dream Team" has now been assembled!

We've been working hard to fill some of the gaps we had over the last few months here at GHS, but now... we've got the Dream Team assembled!

They are eager, they are excited, and they are here to make a change in animal welfare.

We are a not-for-profit and we love showing you the impact of your generosity...

Deb Lobbezoo, Director of Fund Development

Alyson Reynolds, newly appointed Donor Relations and Annual Giving Coordinator (previously Client Services Coordinator)

Finance is all about the debits and credits...

Shelby Pearson, Manager, Finance and Administration

Marketing and Events... creating designs that are community driven...

Louise Frost, Manager, Marketing and Communications

Claire Rooney, Events and Community Relations Coordinator

Front desk, taking calls one ring at a time...

Joanne Bach, Client Services Coordinator

Lauren Charron, Client Services Representative

Olivia Henstock, newly Part-Time Client Services Representative (also Cat Care Attendant)

For the love of dogs...

Alana Shular, Canine Care Coordinator

Hannah Brutin, newly Canine Care Attendant (previously Client Services Representative)

Animal Protection Officers (APOs) are on the front line saving animals' lives...

Scott, Part-Time Animal Protection Officer

We love our volunteers so much, we have a resource dedicated to them...

Melissa Stolz, transitioned to the Volunteer and Animal Program Coordinator

Educating the next generation...

Cailey Seymour, Camp Director and Animal Care Attendant



Joanne Bach



Olivia Henstock



Deb Lobbezoo



Cailey Seymour



Shelby Pearson



Melissa Stolz



Lauren Charron



Scott



Alyson Reynolds



Claire Rooney



Louise Frost



Hannah Brutin



Alana Shular

These animal-lovers join the rest of the amazing team to continue to do incredible things in our community. Building hope, care, and compassion by advocating for animals in the Guelph and surrounding areas.



Why did the Turtle Cross the Road?

...To get to the other side!
(then lay her eggs!)

UPDATE—We have already taken in more than 700 wild animals this year—helping many of them receive care in licensed wildlife rehabilitators, in order to get them returned back to the wild!

Summer is here!

Which means turtles are now making their journeys to find suitable nesting sites for their eggs! Since they enjoy laying eggs on the gravelly areas beside the road, they are immediately at risk from our cars driving by.

Ontario has 8 species of turtles, all of them are now considered Species at Risk. Turtles take many years to become sexually mature, which means their babies need to be protected in order to preserve the species.

How can you help?

- If you see a turtle crossing the road, pull over (and if it is safe to do so!) consider helping them across the street. Make sure you help them across towards the direction they were headed. You can pick up most turtles with two hands, one on either side of the shell. Do not pick them up by their tail as it could injure their vertebrae. If you think it is a snapping turtle, approach them from the rear, and firmly grip the turtle at the rear of their shell, on either side of their tail, and slide them onto a car mat or shovel. You can then slide them across the road, continuing to hold them by the back of their shell, until they are safely across the road.

- **Do not relocate turtles!** Turtles can carry a variety of diseases, viruses, and bacteria - it's best just to help the turtle cross and they will figure out where they need to go!

- If you know a turtle has created a nest, consider barricading it off, or putting up signs so that people know not to disturb the nest site.

- Are you a landscaper or handyman? Consider making a pond in your backyard to help native turtles, who are at risk due to the loss of habitat!

Have you come across an injured turtle?

- **Contact us OR a licensed wildlife rehabilitator!** Even if the turtle is gravely injured and it is a female, many rehabilitators can harvest the eggs, incubate them, then release the babies. If it is safe to do so, remove the turtle from the road and place it into a large tote. Please make sure you note the exact location where the turtle was found.

For more information about the native turtles in your backyard, please visit the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre website (<https://ontarioturtle.ca>).

Turtle conservation starts with you...here:

Consider reporting turtle sightings to The Toronto Zoo's Adopt-A-Pond and Ontario Turtle Tally, which will help researchers keep track of turtle populations: <http://www.torontozoo.com/Adoptapond/turtleally.asp>.

Donor Feature: Margaret Peter

Margaret Peter has been a longtime supporter of the Guelph Humane Society. She even worked in the cat room for 2 years a while back. She presently owns 2 indoor, beautiful, long-haired calico cat sisters and is Godmother to one that a friend adopted from GHS.

As an artist, she has focused many of her etchings over the years on images of cats. She recently had a retrospective art show of these etchings plus a few other critters like raccoons, rabbits, and roosters at the Kloefer Gallery at 18 Paisley St., in Guelph. All proceeds from the sale went to support our Building Fund. Many thanks to Margaret for her continued support!

If you missed the show, you can purchase many of these etchings at her home studio, 5 Birch St. during the Guelph Studio Tour Weekend, October 13 and 14, 2018.

www.margpeterprints.com



Contact us to learn more on how you can host an event in support of GHS!



Volunteer Highlight: Danielle Kinnear-Pietrangelo

What makes Danielle a very special volunteer to the GHS Team?

She's willing to help with anything and is ALWAYS there when we need her! From walking dogs, to driving dogs places (even to Nova Scotia!), to caring for them... Danielle loves to help and has a deep passion for animals.

Danielle has been volunteering with GHS for over a year and has had many different tasks. Her favourite activity is to work with our dogs—helping to assess behavioural issues and improve any challenging behavior before adoption. She also helps other volunteers that are handling the dogs to make sure they have the best experience with the dogs. Danielle helps during the week and on weekends. She is unbelievably generous to GHS.

She is always smiling, wants the best for each animals, and has a HUGE heart! Danielle you are our shining light, we are so honoured to work with you and thank you for all your help and everything you do!

We love all of our volunteers that give their time to GHS. We are so thankful to have the support of the over 300 volunteers and foster parents. You are why we can help so many animals, thank you for your support.



Find out how you can help save animals' lives! Call us today at 519-824-3091.

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

Microchip Clinic, Saturday, September 15th, Marden Community Centre

OCTOBER

Microchip Clinic, Saturday, October 13th, Ren's Pets, Guelph

NOVEMBER

SAVE THE DATE

A Royal Enchantment

Saturday, November 3rd at Old Quebec Street Shoppes.

A fundraising gala to celebrate the 125th anniversary of GHS! Food, music, auction, and more!



Keep up-to-date on upcoming events on our event page on our website!
guelphhumane.ca/calendar-of-events/

Other News

Volunteer Roles have been updated!

In order to provide a better experience for all of our volunteers, we have re-vamped our volunteer program to allow for individuals to have set shifts and become more specialized in their roles. We are excited to roll this out and utilize our volunteers to the fullest! Check out our website for information on each volunteer role: guelphhumane.ca/get-involved/volunteer/.



Did you know you can follow us and our stories on social media?

Check us out!

 @GuelphHumane

 @GuelphHumaneSociety

 @the_ghs

Abrah, a senior, diabetic cat who was adopted July 19.

Have you heard? We're moving!

Why are we moving?

For the last 50 years, the Guelph Humane Society (GHS) has been located at 500 Wellington St. W., in a small city-owned building next to Guelph's wastewater treatment plant. The City needs our current property to expand the wastewater infrastructure. This provides us an important opportunity for the construction of a new shelter.

About GHS

GHS advocates for all animals, and in particular those animals whose lives we can influence, through care, education, community support, protection, and leadership. We provide care and shelter for about 3,000 homeless, stray, injured and abused animals each year. GHS is a registered charitable organization that does not receive government funding.

Charitable Registration #: 119236305RR0001

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We have purchased land at 190 Hanlon Creek Boulevard and are in the process of planning the new building and outdoor spaces.

Our new facility will provide a modern space with expanded community programs and an improved experience for visitors.

We need support from you, our generous community, to help build our new home.

We encourage you to join with us to help build a new safe space for our community's most vulnerable animals.



Linda, adopted in 2017.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS PROJECT?

Contact Deb Lobbezoo, Director of Development, today at dlobbezoo@guelphhumane.ca!

Classifieds



CATS SEEKING F/T JOBS!

Working cats come:

- Spayed/Neutered
- Vaccinated
- Microchipped
- **NO adoption fee***

*We accept donations to support the Working Cat Adoption Program.

Adopt a working cat today!
519-824-3091

Our adoptive working cats are not suitable for a home environment. They would be great companions to help on a farm, workshop or greenhouse, etc...

guelphhumane.ca

WAYS TO GIVE

to vulnerable animals:

- 1) Donate online at guelphhumane.ca
- 2) Call 519-824-3091
- 3) Join the Super Paws Club and donate monthly!

Calling all Group Volunteers!

Do you want to do a team building day and not sure where to start? Help us help the animals!

Contact Claire Rooney at crooney@guelphhumane.ca

We need Neonatal Fosters!



These vulnerable and adorable kittens need to be fed every 3 hours, even throughout the night. If this fits your schedule, please contact contact Melissa Stolz at fosters@guelphhumane.ca