



2019 ANNUAL REPORT



Unleashing Hope

NEW BUILDING CAMPAIGN EDITION

*Pumpkin,
adopted in 2019.*

A message from our LEADERS...

2019 was a banner year of change and growth within GHS, and we are delighted to share our highlights with you. I hope, as you read through this annual report, that you are as inspired as I am by our community's commitment to GHS's vision – a world where all animals are treated humanely, with respect and compassion.

In our 125 years in the Guelph community, GHS has grown in-step with our population, always advocating for the animals that live here. In 2019 we also had an opportunity to reflect on our organization's long history of animal protection, as we passed the torch to the provincial government which, at year's end, assumed the responsibility of conducting animal cruelty, abuse and neglect investigations. You can read more about this on page 19.

In September, we 'Unleashed Hope' and broke ground on our new facility. This momentous occasion was made possible thanks to an incredible \$5 million gift from Kim and Stu Lang, and large and small donations from hundreds of other supporters. Following this strong start to our capital fundraising campaign, our 2019 Happy Tails Gala was our most successful to date. We celebrated in style with more than 300 guests, raising more than \$265,000 for animals.

Our team of dedicated and passionate staff are on the front lines every day making a real difference.

They rescue neglected animals. They work tirelessly to find every adoptable animal a loving home. They organize microchip clinics, spay/neuter clinics, and foster homes. Most importantly, they fill our current tiny space with warmth and brightness, which is felt by the animals and people alike.

We could not accomplish all that we have without our compassionate volunteers. Those committed individuals—along with our community partners, donors and sponsors—embody generosity in their continued efforts to support vulnerable animals. Our community is a better place with them in it.

Yours with gratitude,



Adrienne McBride
Executive Director



In challenging times, it is human instinct to hold what is dear to us a little closer. And in all times – it is often our beloved pets who bring us so much comfort.

In September 2019, GHS began "Unleashing Hope" – with the launch of our new building capital campaign. Our new building—and our capacity to do more for animals in our community—comes at a welcomed time. The building's development sends a signal of growth and renewal. It is a promise of the all that is possible for animal-lovers in our community as we continue to persevere with hard work and dedication.

2019 has been a successful year for GHS. Our organization was part of a small group that provided guidance and feedback to our provincial government while they developed new legislation for animal protection in our province. This legislation, PAWS, sets an important standard and will certainly be modeled in other jurisdictions in the coming decade.

We were also one of the few agencies that provided temporary cruelty and neglect investigations support during the transition to the new *Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) Act* in Ontario. I am sincerely proud of the many contributions that we make to shaping a better future for the animals in our care.

More than anything, I can say on behalf of the board of directors and our entire organization, we are so humbled and grateful to you. **Thank you for your gracious support of our vision.** Your investments, your enthusiasm, and the ways you relate to animals we all care about are why we do what we do. We are so excited for the next chapter in our story at 190 Hanlon Creek Blvd.! Please join us by unleashing your own hope for the future!

Very sincerely,



Dr. Shane Bateman
Chair, Board of Directors

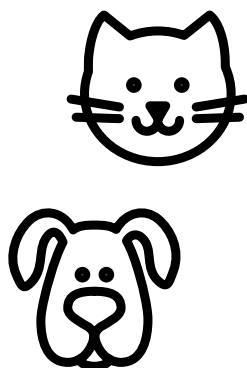




*Alvin,
adopted in 2019.*

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VISION:
GHS envisions a world
where all animals are
treated humanely,
with respect and
compassion.

MISSION:
GHS advocates for all
animals, and in particular
those animals whose lives
we can influence, through
care, education, community
support, protection, and
leadership.

Your IMPACT...

Donors help vulnerable animals receive preventative healthcare, surgeries, and the love they need while they wait to find their new families.

Donors save thousands of animals just like Bootsie, adopted in 2019.



SUPER PAWS CLUB members help rescue more animals!

Thank you for your generous monthly gifts.

Donors provided **\$340,000** in veterinary care for animals in need

Your gifts save animals in our COMMUNITY



\$25



Toys and treats

\$50



Nutritious food

\$100



Pain medication

\$250



Surgical supplies

\$2,500



Lifesaving surgery

Donors are why we can give HOPE to so many animals

Gifts \$5,000+

Kim Lang
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Gifts \$2,500+

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RiverHouse Condominium Residents
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Village Cigar + Barber Shop
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Katherine White
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Grants

The Guelph Community Foundation - Kids to Camp Grant
PetSmart Charities Canada - Pets in Transition
PetSmart Charities Canada - Spay & Neuter Program
Summerlee Foundation - Wildlife Grant

Estate Gifts

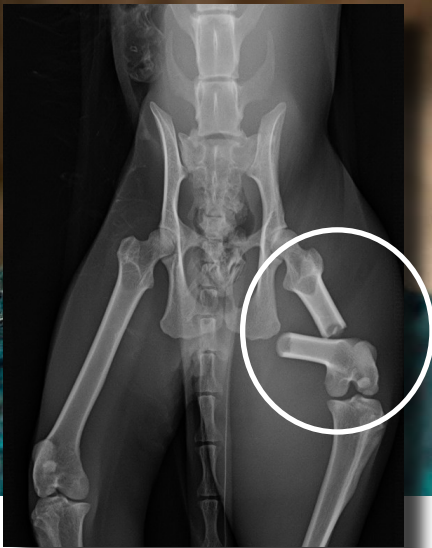
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Estate of Emmy Elizabeth Honegger
Estate of Frank Ewald Wedekind
Estate of Jacqueline Nikki Turner
Estate of June Elizabeth Clarke
Estate of Laurene Patterson
Estate of Dr. Leonard Cooper

DUKE'S FUND saves the lives of vulnerable animals



Delilah, resting after her surgery. Adopted in 2019.

Photo by Douglas Productions



DELILAH

Delilah, a 1-year-old stray cat, was brought to GHS when a Good Samaritan noticed she had a severely injured leg. She needed help right away, as it was evident she was in tremendous pain.

The GHS team acted quickly to provide immediate medical care. An x-ray showed her femur (leg bone) was badly broken. At the recommendation of a veterinarian, Delilah had emergency surgery to have her leg amputated. At first timid and overwhelmed, this quiet girl came out of her shell with time. Delilah learned to love and trust again and gave many cuddles to her foster mom and then her new family.

Our generous Duke's Fund donors make #HappyTails like Delilah's possible. Thank you for continuing to support our most vulnerable animals.

OVER
\$60,000
SPENT TO SAVE LIVES
FROM DUKE'S FUND

Lost pets reunited with owners

21%  **86%**
(118 cats)  (241 dogs)

(National shelter stats are 11% for cats and 70% for dogs—Humane Canada)

DUKE'S FUND

provides emergency and specialized medical care to pets in need. It was established in 1995 to help a 6-year-old pug named Duke, who desperately needed lifesaving surgery. Duke's Fund continues to be lifesaving for homeless, neglected, and abandoned pets.

CARING for animals, young and old



Cara and her puppies.



Photo by Nicole Buzzing



Aunt Reese (purple collar) and Mom Cara (pink collar).



Photo by Nicole Buzzing

The pups were so sweet, we named them after chocolate bars!

- Sweet Marie
- Oh Henry
- Rolo
- Baby Ruth
- Aero
- Kinder
- Peppermint Patty



NEW BUILDING IMPACT:

Our new building will have a special place to house moms with litters.

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Cara and Reese are two beautiful and sweet one-year-old sisters who came to GHS when Cara was nearing the end of her pregnancy. Because the sisters were so deeply bonded, the GHS team got to work finding a special foster home that could manage two big dogs, plus all the bundles of joy that were about to arrive.

Cara was closely monitored by dedicated staff members and veterinarians until she had all seven of her puppies! The pups spent eight weeks exploring the world with Mom Cara and Aunt Reese. Then, just before the holidays, the pups went to their new homes, and Cara and Reese were eventually adopted together!

Their care was made possible thanks to the generosity of donors and dedicated foster homes. Thank you for helping them all get the best start in life.

As we move into our new building we will be looking forward to having a safe place for future moms to rest, while we welcome their young ones into this beautiful community.

COMPASSION for all sizes

What do you do when it's a hot summer day and **18 guinea pigs arrive unexpectedly**? Welcome them in, of course – and start tending to their needs. That's what happened last August, when GHS had a large intake of small animals.

Thanks to the generous help of our foster homes, we were able to successfully care for all of the loving piggies until they were adopted and finally found their Happy Tails.

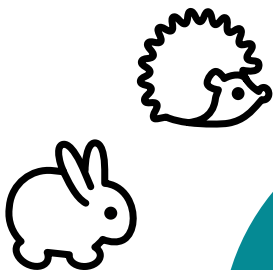
Fostering provides animals a place to be supported and loved. Gillian, a GHS foster and supporter has always had small animals in her home, and there's a special place in her heart for guinea pigs. When she heard about our large intake, she stepped up to help out.

“FOSTERING is an amazing opportunity to provide loving care and set the animal up for their new journey. Small animals are so fragile and cute, they depend on us (humans) to nurture them with love and support them to find their loving home!”

— Gillian, a GHS foster and supporter



Three of the 18 guinea pigs who stayed with fosters.



214
SMALL ANIMALS
cared for including guinea pigs, rabbits, rats, hamsters, chinchillas, mice, gerbils, and more.

NEW BUILDING IMPACT:

Small animals like rabbits, guinea pigs and birds will be adoptable from a dedicated, quiet space designed with their needs in mind.



Over **1,600**
companion animals cared for in 2019, including...

TRANSFERS from other humane societies



GHS is proud to give animals from other communities a second chance for a #HappyTail in Guelph when our partner organizations are at capacity.

Every animal deserves LOVE



Fred, adopted in 2019.

FARM ANIMALS

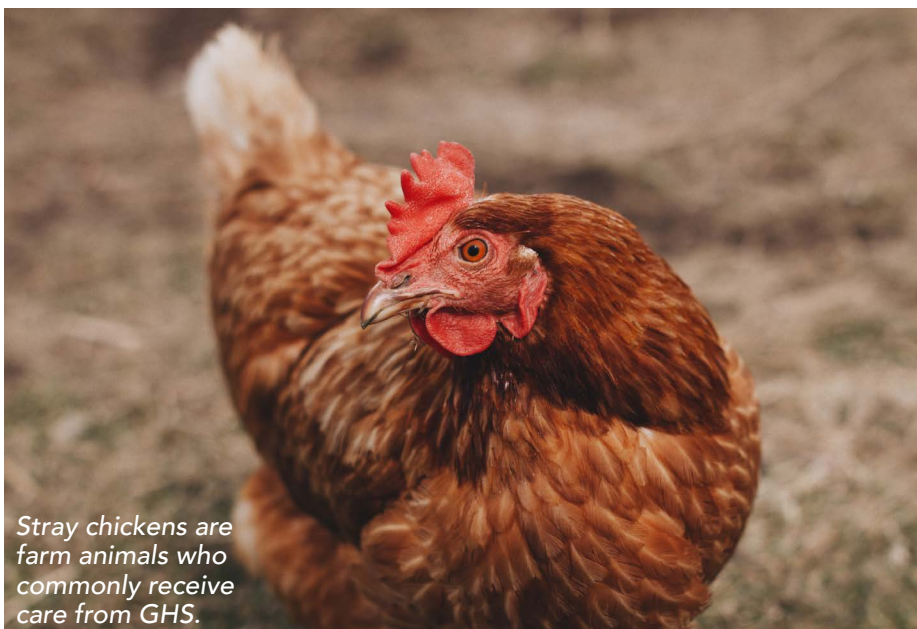
Jenny, a Muskovy duck, was found wandering just outside Guelph, with an injured foot. She loved people, and had clearly once been a special pet to someone. Our animal care team noticed she was suffering with a broken toe and damaged webbing. Her condition required specialized veterinary care to have her toe amputated.

Helping Jenny recover from her surgery required a creative use of space. The GHS team got to work transforming a hallway nook into a housing space where Jenny spent four weeks recovering with a cast on her foot. In time, she was moved to a foster home.

Jenny is a one-of-a-kind duck, who charmed our staff, volunteers and her foster family with her gentle nibbles and kisses. She wagged her tail and made cooing sounds when she was patted and stroked. We are quacking with delight to report she eventually found her #HappyTail!



Jenny showing off her cast.



Stray chickens are farm animals who commonly receive care from GHS.

NEW BUILDING IMPACT:

Dedicated space to temporarily house farm animals like Fred and Jenny.

22 farm animals
cared for in 2019.

Breaking Ground

for our new home!
September 2019



Photos by Douglas Productions

Bentley, adopted in 2019.



In 2019, we broke ground on our new home and **started construction**. We celebrated this momentous occasion with a ground-breaking event.

"...one of the things that [GHS does]... is they match dogs like Bentley up with families like ours. They look after these dogs, give them all the medical care, support and love they can handle, and then they watch them walk out the door. That's an incredible thing to do—and an incredibly hard thing to do, but it allowed us to find Bentley, and for that we thank them."

—Bentley's dad

Unleashing Hope

New Building Capital Campaign



Architectural rendering

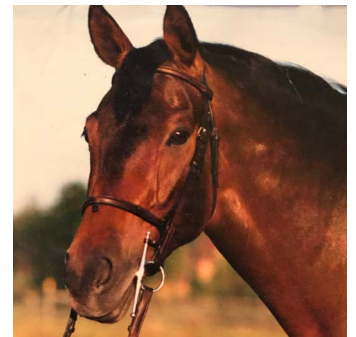
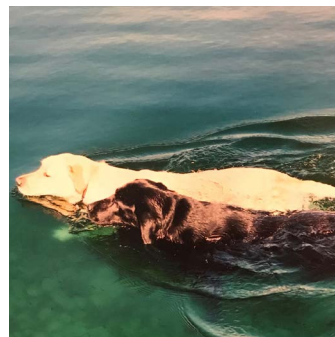
The groundbreaking of our new building was made possible thanks to lead donors Kim and Stu Lang, who are long-time Guelph-area residents. They have shared their lives with a large number of beloved animals, including

dogs and cats (most of which have been rescues) and horses. Supporting an organization like GHS is especially meaningful to them, since **GHS gives vulnerable animals a second chance for a happy and healthy life!**

“As a lifelong animal lover, I’m absolutely thrilled to be able to help GHS with the building of their new, much needed facility! I like a quote from the humanitarian and philosopher Albert Schweitzer: ‘until he extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, mankind will not himself find peace.’ GHS has been extending compassion to countless living things for 125 years and it is a profound pleasure for Stu and I to be included among the many generous people who have been able to contribute—in every way possible—to the work of the GHS, ensuring safe, healthy futures for animals at risk in the Guelph area for many, many years to come.”

— Kim Lang

Together, we are
Unleashing Hope



Pictured are some of Kim and Stu Lang’s beloved pets.

New building donors

are making a huge impact

Milly, adopted in 2019.

THANK YOU for your donations and pledges!

\$5,000,000

Kim and Stu Lang

Gifts \$75,000+

Estate of Mary Anne Thompson
Somerville
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PetSmart Charities of Canada
Kathy White

Gifts \$25,000+

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Frederick Seymour
Christine Waters
Katherine White
Sean White and Shruti Patel

You are making our new home a reality.



SERVING the community

HUMANE EDUCATION

Our humane education programs are about building a future where animals are treated humanely, with respect and compassion. Children who join our education programs get the opportunity to learn about a variety of animals through safe interactions with several of pets including snakes, pigs, cats, dogs, rabbits and more.



PETS IN TRANSITION

Pets in Transition is a vital program that meets the needs of pets while their families are in crisis. Through the program, GHS is able to offer everyday pet care items, services and veterinary care, as well as confidential foster care by caregivers who have received special training.

Community partners include Community Veterinary Outreach (CVO), Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis (WiC), and the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) of Waterloo Wellington.

PetSmart Charities of Canada generously funds important GHS programs including Pets in Transition and spay/neuter grants.



Canadian Mental Health Association
Waterloo Wellington

Association Canadienne
pour la sante-mentale
Waterloo Wellington



Community Veterinary Outreach



PETS IN TRANSITION

SPAY/NEUTER CLINICS

GHS is tackling pet overpopulation by bringing up to 10 spay/neuter clinics (approximately 150 spay/neuter procedures) to under-resourced families at no cost. This initiative—a partnership with Ontario Veterinary College and Community Veterinary Outreach—is the first of its kind in our region.



One of many cats getting microchipped.

MICROCHIP CLINICS

GHS is committed to reuniting lost pets with their owners by providing cost-effective solutions to helping them identify lost pets. We provide microchip clinics twice a year.

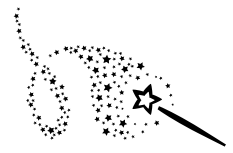
220 cats and dogs were microchipped at our clinics in 2019.



NEW BUILDING IMPACT:

Our new larger Community Room will provide new opportunities for us to invite the public to participate in education and activities that will lead to more compassionate animal care throughout our community. The Community Room will be double the size of our current Community Room. We are looking forward to hosting many more events in our larger space.

Celebrating HOPE, CARE, and COMPASSION

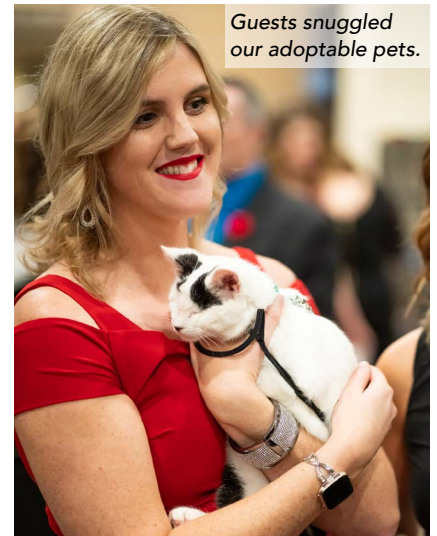


Thank you to all who celebrated, volunteered, and donated towards our **2019 Happily Ever After Gala!**

We raised over \$265,000 for the most vulnerable animals in our community. Over 300 attendees (including some GHS furry friends) enjoyed a three-course dinner, silent and live auctions, games, photos, and a raffle. For the GHS

Highest Priority Needs, over \$89,000 was raised! To top that off, during our Fund-a-Need for the Unleashing Hope campaign, over \$89,400 was raised. An anonymous donor then matched this amount to bring it up to \$178,800.

It was our largest and most successful gala to date thanks to your support!



Guests snuggled our adoptable pets.

Title Sponsor



Barry W. White and Family
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Bentley visited!



VIP table



Front entrance

Wine Sponsor



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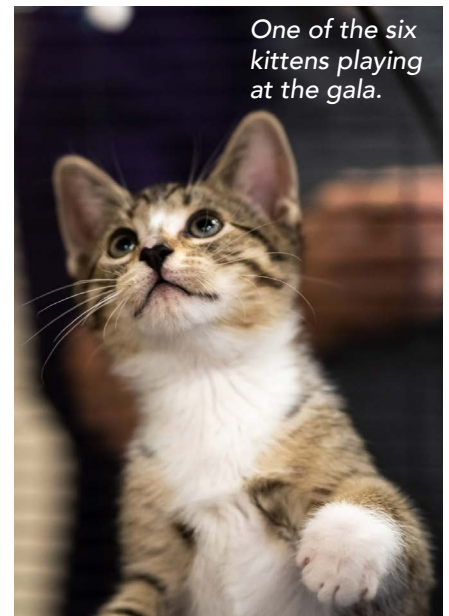
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Gala images continued...



Marshmallow came to visit, adopted in 2019.

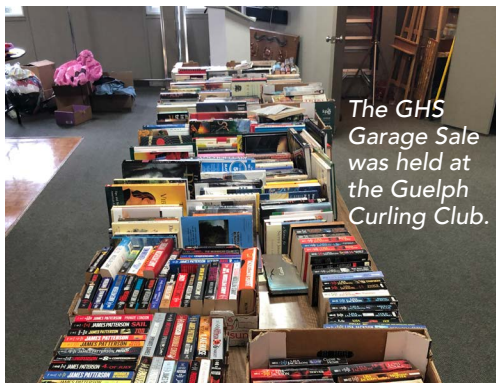
once upon a time an animal found their happy tail



One of the six kittens playing at the gala.

Photos by Douglas Productions

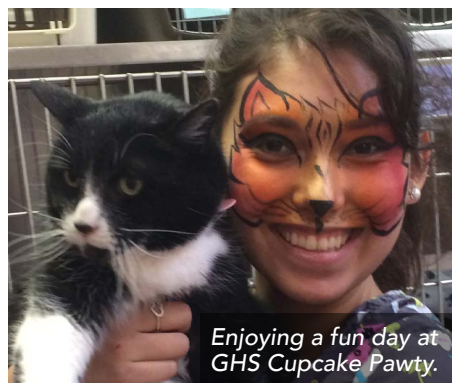
Other 2019 GHS EVENTS



The GHS Garage Sale was held at the Guelph Curling Club.

GARAGE SALE

Our community garage sale raised over \$6,500!



Enjoying a fun day at GHS Cupcake Pawty.

CUPCAKE DAY

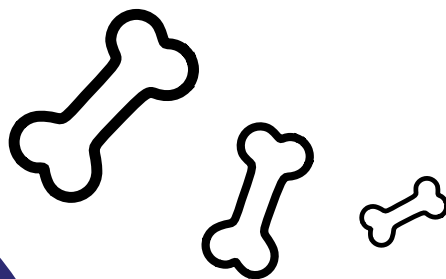
In February, our bake sale raised over \$3,500.



Nala, adopted 2019, at our September Adoption Event.

ADOPTION EVENTS

Our largest PetSmart Adoption event in 2019 helped over 30 animals find their #HappyTails.



Members and groups in the community hosted over 100 events to support GHS animals!

Stay up to date on these community events at [guelphhumane.ca!](http://guelphhumane.ca)

Livin' the "WILD" life...



Common snapping turtle.

Saving turtles, one egg at a time!

Our urban world can be tough on turtles and—since many are a *species at risk*—they need all the help they can get. Sadly, turtles face high mortality rates and most will not grow to reproduce and contribute to future generations.

Female turtles can lay up to 60 eggs in a clutch, but many are hit by cars in late spring while attempting to bury their eggs in sand along roadways. In 2019, GHS partnered with Cambridge-based *rare Charitable Research Reserve* to do our part.

The partnership allowed us to protect turtle eggs that were laid in precarious locations, including sports fields or beside roadways. Together, we supported the incubation and release of 2,000 turtle hatchlings from 64 snapping turtle nests and three painted turtle nests. We are grateful to our partners that make this work possible.

Species at risk is any naturally-occurring type of plant or animal in danger of extinction or of disappearing.



Thanks to a grant of nearly \$14,000 from **the Summerlee Foundation**,

GHS hired a summer student to help care for wildlife. We were also able to purchase food, medication, field supplies and equipment that helped enhance our award-winning wildlife program.

30 injured turtles cared for at GHS!

NEW BUILDING IMPACT

Our new building is designed with a safe, temporary haven for wildlife in mind. Design elements aim to minimize stress, noise and disturbance.



OSPREY RESCUE

The Osprey fledgling pictured was precariously caught under its nest at the top of a hydro pole. He had a piece of twine twisted around his leg and couldn't escape.

A concerned member of the public called GHS and we attended the scene along with Hydro One workers to perform a dramatic rescue. The bird was then transported to a wildlife rescue thanks to our wildlife summer student! The Osprey made a full recovery and was released.

“ It was great to see GHS's wildlife program grow this summer! Guelph is such an animal friendly place, and GHS has become the main contact the community calls for help with wildlife concerns. With the grant we were able to build relationships with even more wildlife rehabilitators and we were able to help more animals in Guelph and Wellington County. ”

— Erin Longo, Summer wildlife student at GHS



Above: Osprey at GHS receiving immediate care.

Right: Osprey being rescued by Hydro One.

Over 1,700 wild animals cared for in 2019.



Coyote cub resting before heading to a rehabilitator.

Answering the call of the wild!

37%

increase from 2018 in sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife cared for

53%

more transfers to rehabilitators compared to 2018

945

injured, orphaned, or sick baby wildlife in our care



Robin nestling.

TEAMWORK makes the dream work!

Our volunteers and fosters support our animals with love, care and compassion. We couldn't do all the great work we do without their help!



Royal Canin volunteer group helped clean up our yard outside!

Over
8,500
volunteer
hours
in 2019!

Volunteers help enrich animals' lives while they stay with us. Volunteers walk, play, pet, cuddle, feed and love each animal that is in our care.

Wildlife volunteers help to transport injured, sick, or orphaned wild animals to rehabilitators.



THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who work tirelessly to support the animals!



Nala, resting on her comfy bed in her foster home.

Nala got the comforts of home while she waited for her new family!

Nala has a unique, but controlled, medical condition that requires some extra financial commitment—that's why it took a little longer for her to find the right family. She spent 250 days in foster care with GHS.

Thank you to Nala's foster mom for her time and commitment to her care until she found her #HappyTail.

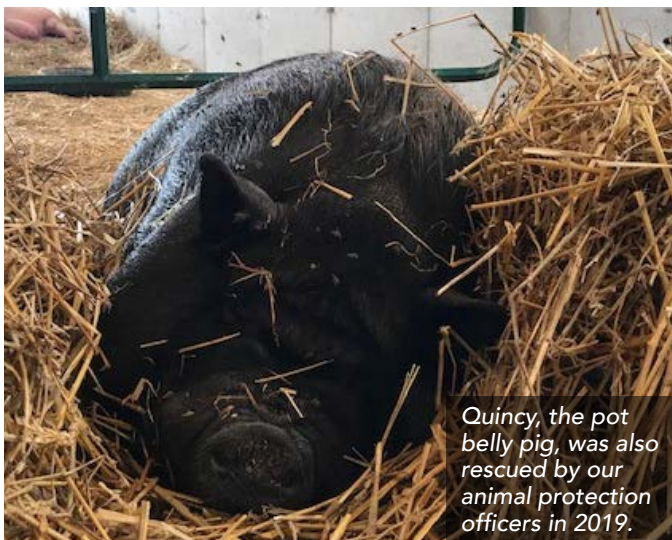
It's the 'END OF AN ERA'



Inspector Len Shaw with the society's first ambulance.



These 2 miniature horses were rescued by our animal protection officers in 2019.



Quincy, the pot belly pig, was also rescued by our animal protection officers in 2019.

In 2019, GHS learned that the Ontario SPCA would end its work in investigating and enforcing animal cruelty laws. This was difficult news for GHS, because our trained officers proudly enforced provincial animal welfare legislation in Guelph and Wellington County on behalf of the OSPCA.

As **fierce advocates of animals in our community**, GHS connected with local MPPs (including Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner) to discuss the need for a smooth transition to the new system. As a result, GHS was among the organizations that had their investigation and enforcement authority extended as an interim measure.

Our team of four provincial inspectors continued to protect animals at risk over the six-month transition period in the latter part of 2019, while the Ontario government developed its new animal protection act.

The new act—the *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act (PAWS Act)* saw the Province take over enforcement on January 1st, 2020.

Thank you to all of the dedicated officers who have **helped GHS protect animals** in Guelph and Wellington County for over 125 years!



Oscar, adopted in 2019.

GHS is contracted by the City of Guelph, the Township of Centre Wellington, and the Township of Guelph-Eramosa to provide provincially mandated animal control services.

Did you know the contracted fees GHS receives to provide animal control services only cover a portion of our operating costs, but we do so much more. Other important GHS activities—including extensive medical care, spay and neuter surgeries, microchipping, training, enrichment and pet adoption—are supported by generous donors in our community.



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