

The Paw Press

2020 Fall Edition

Unleashing Hope

New Building Campaign



Building a brighter future for all vulnerable animals in our community!

As the weather changes to autumn and we continue to adjust to the new normal of the COVID-19 pandemic, here at the Guelph Humane Society (GHS) we truly have so much to look forward to! **The construction of our new facility at 190 Hanlon Creek Blvd is so close to completion.** We are currently preparing for the big move and will be in our new home by early 2021! In a few short months, the over 3,000 animals we help each year will have this beautiful space to rest, run, and play in.

As we prepare for our move, **we want to share Cara and Reese's story**, sweet hound sisters who came into the care of GHS together, and would have benefitted greatly from our new building. Their sisterly love was so powerful, we always had to keep them together, as they would become very stressed whenever they were apart – even just for a minute. We knew the best thing to do was to keep them together, however, one slight complication was that Cara was also pregnant, and due any day! Since our current building can be noisy and stressful because of different smells and lots of commotion, it was a challenging place for a new mom and her babies.

Cara went to a vet clinic to give birth and then into a loving foster home, with Reese by her side, so she could properly raise her seven puppies. Once old enough, Cara's

puppies were quickly adopted, however, Cara and Reese took longer to find a new home where they could stay together and spent a total of 120 days in our care.

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Your gift will help build the new legacy of GHS, where animals will receive the same expert and compassionate care they always have, but in a bright, modern, and comfortable facility.



Cara and Reese are now living out their #HappyTail in their new home.

Donor Feature: Susan Frasson continues her father's legacy of compassion

As a child, Susan spent hours begging her parents for a dog. When she was 9 years old, her father John arrived home with a surprise – a Beagle mix puppy from the humane society, who she named Frisky.

Her father felt **it was important for Susan to experience the responsibility of caring for a pet** and the unconditional love from a dog. Susan grew a strong bond with her beloved Frisky. Thanks to her father, Frisky would be one of many dogs in Susan's life.

Today, Susan has a loving partner, four beautiful children, four dogs, and four cats! Recognizing the importance of helping animals, Susan has generously donated to GHS over the years, and more recently, has sponsored a Dog Adoption Area at our new

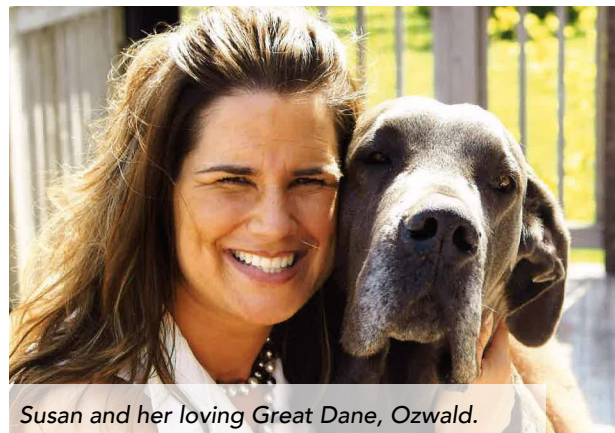
facility in memory of her late father. When asked why she supports GHS and the new building, Susan explained

*"The new building will provide renewed spaces for animals, expert care, outdoor dog runs and surrounding walking trails. It will also provide a welcoming atmosphere and **greater opportunities** for outreach and education for our community. It will be a **hub for teaching future generations** to be loving and kind, especially at a time when mental health is so important".*

Here at GHS, we are so grateful for supporters like Susan, who make our vision for a more compassionate community come to life.



Susan's children have also grown up loving and caring for animals.



Susan and her loving Great Dane, Ozwald.

"Animals bring so much joy into our lives. Humans rely on them as much as they rely on us. It is important we take care of them and find them the right home."

– Susan Frasson,
New Building donor

The holiday season is coming — don't leave the animals behind

What a great time to combine your personal and work related socially distant festivities while supporting GHS! Here are some fun ideas to incorporate into your holiday giving/celebrations:

- 1) Accept donations at the door instead of hostess gifts.
- 2) Donate to GHS animals in lieu of gift giving. We will mail a card to the recipient on your behalf.
- 3) Donate in lieu of annual holiday parties that may not be happening this year OR check in to see if your workplace is looking to support a special cause this holiday season.
- 4) Collect your empty bottles, return them to The Beer Store then donate the cash to GHS animals!

There's no small idea... **every dollar counts** towards helping to save an animal's life! **We can't do what we do without you.**



Charlie (formerly Butterscotch), got his #HappyTail in 2019.

GHS SERVICES UPDATE

The GHS building remains closed to the public. However, adoption pick-ups and surrenders will be available by appointment. All payments, whenever possible, will be done via phone for contactless pick up. Physical donations still cannot be accepted at this time, we hope to have an update on this in the upcoming months.

Questions? Call us at 519-824-3091 or email info@guelphhumane.ca.

Your support saved Spring's life

Donate today!

This sweet little kitten came to us in a lot of pain. At just 3 months of age, Spring had to have her rear right leg amputated, due to an injury that could not be repaired.

This cuddly kitty is building confidence and trust in her new surroundings, while also adjusting to moving on three-legs. Spring gets a little nervous at times, but it's nothing a good snuggle can't solve. **She's a purr-machine**, preferring your lap over other places for a snooze. She's one of the most loving and calm kittens we have ever met.

After some cage rest at GHS while recovering from her surgery, sweet Spring joined Pearl (another stray kitten with a hard-luck story) in foster care. The two girls became friends right away! Pearl is teaching Spring to run, play, and jump – and of course Spring is teaching Pearl to sit still for head scratches. It's a perfect match!

As soon as both kittens are ready, they will look for their new families and #HappyTail.



Beautiful Spring is feeling more confident each day.



Pearl (white kitten) and Spring became quick friends while at GHS.



Spring, relaxing after surgery.

Thank you to our donors for supporting animals like Spring and Pearl!

Front Page: New building story continued...

Imagine how different Cara and Reese's experience could have been in our new building?

Cara, Reese, and the puppies could have had their own private room, together – free from the noise and bustle of shelter life. Our new facility will make this possible. It will also include walking trails, more spacious animal kennels, more opportunities for interaction, and much larger outdoor play pens.

Our new home will also have features to benefit people in our community. **A larger community room that will allow us to host more educational and community programming at GHS** (while providing the ability to maintain proper social distance). Furthermore, the design of the new building will also improve the experience for adopters and visitors, with more flexible opportunities to interact with animals - both indoors and outdoors. With less stress and more space, animals will be able to let their true personalities shine!

Join us in reaching our fundraising goal of \$10 million dollars! DONATE TODAY to Unleash Hope and build a brighter tomorrow for the animals in our community!



GHS staff stand outside of the new building.



The new building will have more space for animals and public programming.

We look forward to welcoming you into our new home early 2021!

Events help support our animals

The Purrfect Feline Adoption Event was a huge success!

COVID can't stop us from finding loving homes for beautiful kitties! On Saturday, August 29, we hosted our first adoption event of the year. We were able to help **14 cats and kittens find their #HappyTail!**

Guests were warmly welcomed to 500 Wellington St. W. in hopes of finding their new purrfect feline friend. This event was carefully structured to ensure we followed all COVID-19 protocols and adopters were able to spend time with the cat of their choice prior to bringing them home. Pre-recorded meet and greets with the cat's foster home and descriptive bios of all the cats allowed a smooth adoption process for the adopter!

Stay tuned for more adoption events like this!



Cassia and Avalea snuggled together before getting adopted!



Norbert relaxing before finding his #HappyTail.

Our online auction was a huge success!

We partnered up with **Bids for Benefit for an online auction** during the week of August 13th to 20th. The auction had a variety of art, sports memorabilia, jewelry, and so much more to choose from. It helped raise \$1,735 for the animals! **We plan to host another auction in the upcoming months...Stay tuned!**

Host an event and help support the most vulnerable animals in our community!

Have you wanted to give back to GHS during COVID-19, but not sure how?

Why not host a small fundraiser to support our animals? Here are some of our most successful community-driven events from the past year:

1) Bottle Drives are so easy, even if it is just returning your family's empties to The Beer Store every month or so. You can collect the cash and then donate it back to GHS. So easy! Get the whole neighbourhood/apartment building involved and together you can fundraise with minimal effort. **Contact us to learn more!**

2) Lemonade Stands were also popular events this past summer. These young ladies (pictured right) raised over \$400! WOW! With drinks, bracelets, a donation box set-up, and lots of bright signage, the neighbourhood couldn't help but support. Heading into the fall season, consider a hot cider or hot chocolate booth!

3) CanadaHelps.org Fundraisers

This fundraising platform makes it easy to set-up your own personal fundraising page! Ask for donations for birthdays or events (in lieu of gifts) or try peer-to-peer fundraising by challenging your friends to raise the most money for animals in need.



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