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CHARTING OUR FUTURE DIRECTION

GHS LAUNCHES NEW STRATEGIC PLAN 2024 - 2027

This spring we are excited to share our new four-year strategic plan, "Charting our Future Direction", which will serve as a roadmap for 2024-2027.

"As chair of the Guelph Humane Society board, I am thrilled to present our new strategic direction which sets forth our commitment to prioritizing animal welfare and engaging with our community," says Meaghan Middleton, GHS Board Chair. "This plan underscores our dedication to making meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of animals and the communities we serve."

Through the plan, our focus will be on advancing animal welfare through responsive care and community engagement.

Priorities are also focused on driving organizational growth and strength through financial sustainability, promoting a culture that fosters well-being, and inspiring the community through shared values and goals to drive positive change for vulnerable animals.

"This strategic plan represents a pivotal moment for the GHS as we chart our course for the future," says Lisa Veit, GHS Executive Director.

"By focusing on program excellence, organizational health, and community collaboration, we are poised to make a meaningful difference in the lives of animals and the well-being of our community." ♥

**Learn more about *Charting our Future Direction*
at guelphhumane.ca/strategic-plan**

HAPPY TAILS UPDATE

2024

216



Because of you, 216 families were created so far this year from January through until the end of April.



136

136 kittens, adult and senior cats found their happy tail.



50

50 dogs, including 20 puppies so far this year, have been given their second chance because of you!

25



21 small animals, including guinea pigs, rabbits, rats, gerbils and 4 birds found their new families.



4

Farm animals found their new home because of your support!

A big thank you to CanFel Foundation for contributing a \$10,000 grant to support GHS's Spay/Neuter Program. Funds help animals that need these surgeries before their adoption.



TRANSFORMATIONS BECAUSE OF YOU

Garfunkel arrived at GHS dirty, matted, scared and alone. At just two years old he was living a life that no animal should have to endure. His history was unknown to us, but it was clear that he had not been cared for in far too long. His face was a mess of dirt and knots, his body was shaved so close there were razor burns on his skin.

You saved Garfunkel

from a life that no dog deserves, discarded with no one to love him. Garfunkel's transformation is more than just physical. He is learning bravery and independence. Because of you, Garfunkel found his happy tail in a new loving home. You make a second chance possible for animals like Garfunkel.

Thank you so much for everything you do.♥





DARYL'S JOURNEY: A HEARTWARMING TALE OF A CAT'S SECOND CHANCE

There are countless heart-wrenching stories of animals that come to GHS in desperate need of life-saving care. Today, we'd like to share the particularly touching tale of a brave little cat named Daryl, whose life was saved because of your kindness.

When three-year-old Daryl was brought to our door by a kind-hearted community member, he was cold, alone and badly injured after being hit by a car. He looked up at us with his big, scared eyes, not understanding why he was in so much pain. Thanks to you, we were able to rush him to veterinary care immediately.

Daryl's injuries were severe. His tiny body was battered, his jaw dislocated, and his right eye badly damaged. He needed urgent surgery to survive. Despite his pain, this little trooper remained sweet and affectionate, purring softly whenever anyone came near him.

Tragically, Daryl lost his right eye due to the accident. To repair his jaw, our dedicated team worked tirelessly with veterinarians to find the best path forward. Ultimately, Daryl's jaw had to be wired shut, and he was given a feeding

tube to ensure he could get the nourishment he needed while he healed.

Daryl stayed in our cat isolation room for a quiet and peaceful recovery. Our team diligently monitored his progress. Despite everything, Daryl's resilience and sweet nature shone through as he began to heal.

Once Daryl was able to eat on his own, he moved to one of our wonderful foster homes for longer-term recovery. There, he continued to receive the love and care he so desperately needed. His foster family showered him with affection, and he repaid them with endless purrs and cuddles.

Thanks to your unwavering support, after three months of dedicated care and recovery, Daryl was ready for adoption. In February 2024, he found a loving family who fell in love with his brave little heart.

Daryl's story is a testament to the power of compassion and generosity. Because of you, this adorable, resilient kitty got a second chance at life. Your support not only saved Daryl but also gave him the opportunity to find happiness and love in a new home.♥

KIBBLES & BITS

GHS CRITTER CAMP

The Guelph Humane Society's Summer Critter Camp happens in July and August! Join us this summer each week from 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday to Friday, for fun-filled, animal-themed programming!

Sessions available for kids grades 1-3 & grades 4-6. Each week-long session costs \$350. Before and after care services are also available.

Register at guelphhumane.ca

GHS BIRTHDAY PARTIES ARE BACK!

Do you know a child who is wild for animals? The Guelph Humane Society is now hosting birthday parties for children ages 5- 11!

Find out what you need to know about planning your next birthday at GHS!

Email our team for more info at programs@guelphhumane.ca

KIDS' GROUP TOURS

Calling all Girl Guides, Scouts, 4-H Clubs and other kids' groups. The Guelph Humane Society offers kids' group tours on weekday evenings.

Minimum donation: \$10 per person. Email us at programs@guelphhumane.ca to learn about program options, date availability and other details.

Visit the education page at guelphhumane.ca

Thank you to our amazing 2023 Happy Tails Gala Sponsors. Together, we raised more than \$135,000 to help vulnerable animals in our community

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HIGHLIGHTING THE MAGIC THAT PETS BRING TO OUR LIVES

We sat down to talk to Laura Wombwell, a local pet photographer, to learn how pets have inspired her career and giving back to GHS

Please share how you got into pet photography.

I've been a professional pet photographer since 2018. It all started with my soul dog; a rescue named Stella. She was getting older and I wanted to make sure that I had some nice pictures of her, so I invested in a camera and fell in love with highlighting the magic that pets bring into our lives.

What do you love most about your job?

I love meeting new people and their pets. I always tell people, I'm in it for the cute models! But seriously, it's wonderful to work in a creative and collaborative field, and it's such an honour to create art that captures the memories that we share with our animals. I really enjoy the conceptual art pieces that I create, and I feel especially drawn to sessions with

elderly and palliative pets. I believe that everyone deserves beautiful images of their best friends, no matter what the circumstances.

What inspires you to help animal charities, like GHS?

Since I was young, I've loved animals and supported animal causes and I'm so honoured that I'm able to give back with my current career. A huge part of why I photograph pets is to raise awareness about rescue and to encourage folks to help the animals in their community. My rescue pets give so much to me, the least I can do is give back.

Laura is currently donating 10% of art sales back to the Guelph Humane Society. Just mention you saw this article in Paw Press and use code 'GHSSummer24' before August 31, 2024. Book your appointment at laurawombwell.com and follow Laura on @laurawombwellphoto.

PHOTO:GHS ALUM, HONEY, BY LAURA WOMBWELL.

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Pelee Island Wineries introduces a heartwarming and innovative way to celebrate your furry companions with the "Pet Pics" custom wine label promotion. This unique offering allows customers to personalize their wine bottles with cherished photos of their beloved pets, creating a truly one-of-a-kind keepsake. **20% of proceeds** from every Guelph Pet Pics bottle sold will be **donated back to the Guelph Humane Society.**

Visit guelphhumane.ca/wine to place your order today. ♥

If you would like to give back to the Guelph Humane Society through volunteerism, hosting a community fundraising event or through your business, please reach out to our team at 519-824-3091 or email info@guelphhumane.ca.





NEW GHS SWAG AVAILABLE

We are thrilled to announce that our retail shop is officially live online. Whether you're looking to spruce up your wardrobe with some GHS flair or seeking out specialty pet items, we've got you covered. T-shirts, crews, hoodies, ball caps and more, **NOW AVAILABLE!** Proceeds go to help vulnerable animals in our community.

Shop the full line online at guelphhumane.ca/store. Limited stock can be found in the GHS lobby in our Happy Tails Boutique which also features new and gently used pet supplies.♥



WORKING CATS NEED FAMILIES TOO!

GHS is in need of Working Cat Adopters that have a barn or outbuilding for feral cats to live.

Are you interested in giving a warm place for a feral cat to live? Taking part as an adopter in GHS's Working Cat Program can be a wonderfully fulfilling experience. Not only are you providing food, comfort and safety to a cat that would not do well in a traditional home setting, but the program also offers many benefits such as rodent control. The cats come spayed/neutered, microchipped and up-to-date on vaccines.

There is no fee to adopt. If you own a barn or outbuilding and would like to adopt a working cat, please fill out the following survey at the link <https://guelphhumane.ca/adopt/working-cat-adoption-program/>


Looking for more information? Please contact our team at adoptions@guelphhumane.ca or call **519-824-3091**.♥



BIG YELLOW BAG GIVE & GROW PROGRAM

Our BigYellowBag® Give & Grow Program fundraiser is back! Use code **GUELPHHS24** when you purchase soil. Not only will YOU save \$5, but the BigYellowBag® team will also donate \$10 for to GHS for each bag sold. Place your order at www.bigyellowbag.com TODAY!♥

ARE YOU READY TO BECOME A GHS FOSTER?



Calling all animal lovers in Guelph and Wellington County! GHS needs your help! We're thrilled to announce that we're recruiting foster volunteers to join our compassionate team.

Fostering is a rewarding experience that provides temporary homes for animals waiting for their happy tails and families.

As a GHS foster, your love and care can make all the difference. We

have opportunities available for cat and rabbit fosters. Additionally, with the increase in dogs entering shelters we are in high need of individuals and families interested in fostering adult dogs. Previous dog experience is preferred. If you're ready to open your heart and home to a furry friend in need, we want to hear from you.

Apply at guelphhumane.ca or email volunteer@guelphhumane.ca.♥

BECOME A GHS SUPER PAWS MEMBER



PHOTO:GHS ALUM. BY LAURA WOMBWELL.

JOIN OUR GROUP OF MONTHLY DONOR SUPER HEROES YOU can SAVE MORE LIVES all year long!

Lisa McAughey and Don Dennison were inspired to join the GHS Super Paws Club almost 20 years ago when they were looking to adopt. On their search they learned about all of the work happening at GHS. "We were especially inspired by Duke's Fund, and how older animals and animals with serious medical issues are provided important veterinary care through this initiative," shares Lisa.

Lisa and Don decided to sign up right then. Monthly giving is important to the family. "Seeing that line for the GHS donation on my credit card statement is a reminder every month that I'm doing something to make a difference for animals in need," says Lisa. "Some folks leave

charitable giving until the end of the year, intending to do an annual donation around the holidays, but that time of year is so busy. I don't want to take the chance I'll forget, won't find time, or realize I haven't saved enough to feel like I'm making an impact. With giving monthly, it's automatic and all set up - and lets me contribute and help throughout the whole year."

When you sign up as a Super Paws Club member, you help ensure that reliable, on-going care is available 24/7, 365 days a year for the more than 3,000 animals who arrive at our door annually.

Learn more by contacting us at give@guelphhumane.ca or call 519-824-3091 ext. 6.♥

COMING EVENTS: Visit guelphhumane.ca for more details.

JUNE 23, 2024

GHS PET FOOD DRIVE

Support the GHS Cares Pet Food Bank! We are grateful to accept any brand of unopened food and litter. We ask there is at least 2 months until expiry.

JULY 6, 2024

GHS BOTTLE DRIVE

10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Our volunteers will be at GHS accepting all cans, bottles, kegs and wine bags.

AUGUST 2024

CUTEST PET CONTEST

Enter your pet in our 2nd annual cutest pet photo contest. Contest opens August 1st on our website, guelphhumane.ca

JUNE 1 TO 30, 2024 GREAT CANADIAN GIVING CHALLENGE

In June of each year, you can help GHS win \$20,000 just by donating! It's called the Great Canadian Giving Challenge (GCGC), and for every \$1 donated through Canada Helps you'll be giving us a chance to WIN the \$20,000 prize. **PLUS your GIFT will be matched dollar-for-dollar ALL MONTH LONG.** Double your impact for animals in need guelphhumane.ca/great-canadian-giving-challenge



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