



# Guelph Humane Society

## VOLUNTEER Impact Report 2025

Betty Green (Feline Friend) and Sandra Shore (Canine Companion) at our appreciation event at The Bookshelf

Volunteers are at the heart of everything we do. Your time, compassion, and dedication allow us to expand our reach, enhance the quality of care we provide, and strengthen our connection to the community.

**National Volunteer Week** is our chance to pause and recognize the incredible impact you have on our organization, on our animals, and on each other. Every single act of care, every hour you give, every moment of patience and compassion, it all adds up in ways that truly matter. We are so proud to share some volunteer highlights and achievements from 2025.

## FOSTERS

Fostering is one of the most powerful ways to offer comfort, trust, and a second chance. It gives animals the stability they need to thrive, especially those who may struggle in a shelter setting. In 2025, **71 community members** opened their homes to GHS homeless animals.

Kelly (foster parent) and Belle meeting for the first time before taking her home to foster. Robin, our Intake and Foster Coordinator provides all the support for a successful experience.



## WILDLIFE DRIVERS

A lifeline for animals in need of the care they deserve.

**2,146 sick, injured or orphaned wildlife** received care and our incredible drivers transported **563 wildlife** to one of our licensed rehabilitation partners.

### 441 DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

Across **19 different roles** and growing.

Together, our volunteers contributed an average of **778 hours** each month, a **28% increase** from last year.

### 9,335 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Our volunteers played a vital role in supporting daily operations, enhancing animal care, and strengthening our community impact.

This year, Volunteer Canada has chosen the theme “Ignite Volunteerism,” and we can’t think of a more fitting way to describe what happens at GHS every day. Each volunteer brings a spark—of compassion, of generosity, of dedication—and together, you create something powerful. You ignite care, connection, and hope for the animals and people who rely on us.



## PAW PAMPERING CREW

In 2025 our Nail Trim Clinic volunteers supported **174 cats and small animals nail trims**. That’s bringing low-cost wellness services to help keep pets safe at home.



## LEASH LEGENDS

With approximately **1,721 hours of walking**, our Canine Companion volunteers have covered an incredible **7,000-8,600 kilometers of dog walks**. That’s thousands of tails wagged, one step at a time and the same distance as walking across Canada, from coast-to-coast...for the love of dogs!

## THE WHISKER GUARDIANS



Sharon and Ted Klimkosz (in photo above) each contributed **271 volunteer service hours**, the highest number in 2025. They support the animal care team in two roles: **Cat Room Cleaning** and **Feline Friends**. They truly are a spark of compassion and inspiration to all of us at GHS.

## IN SHELTER VOLUNTEERS

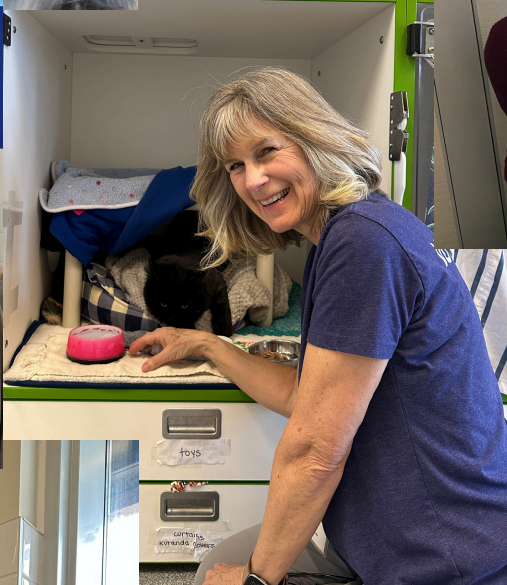
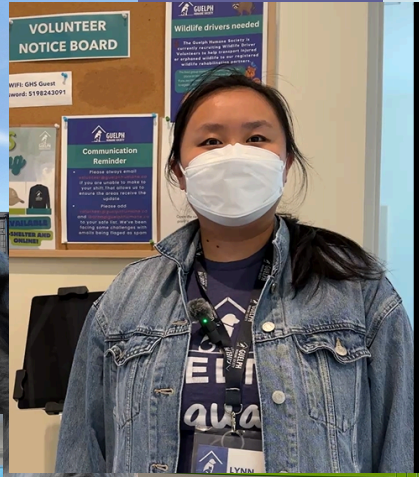
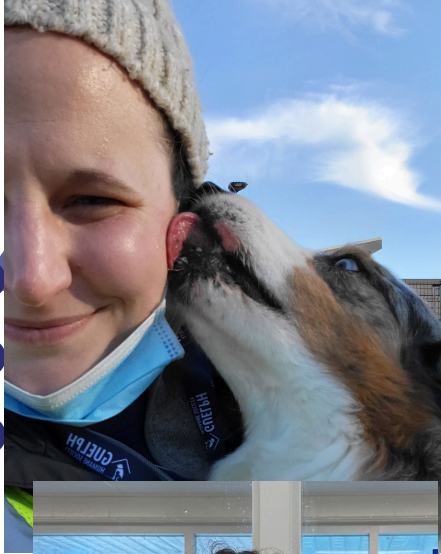
## GENTLE HANDS, BIG IMPACT

In the Small Animal Adoption Room, Brian Redden helped our small animals to come out of their shell. In 2025, Brian contributed **223 hours of service**. Mimiky (in photo) certainly appreciates all the love and patience you bring with you every shift, Brian.

In photo: Mimiky and Brian



## HAPPY NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK!!!



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