

# Pet Talk



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# Animal Protection with Heart

**On November 21st, Inspector Tracy Thom arrived at a homeless camp in Waterloo Region of about 20 tents along a set of train tracks. She found a large dog in excellent body condition running loose. She had the Humane Society truck in park and watched as the dog saw her and came towards the truck barking. She stopped and she revved the engine slightly, hoping it would run back to its owner. Instead, the dog got down into a play bow, and she put the truck in drive and inched forward in a jerky motion. The dog jumped up and ran in circles ... they are playing. She honked the horn – again hoping to rouse the owner but there was no movement in the camp. Within perhaps 5 minutes, the dog disappeared into the sea of tents and Inspector Thom was unable to verify which one the dog had gone into. She left the scene with a plan to return.**

On Friday, November 23rd, Inspector Thom, joined by Inspector Vivian LaFlamme, Manager of the Animal Protection Team at the Humane Society returned to the Tent City. This time, they came with a truck stocked with dog beds, toys, treats and food. When they pulled up at the location, a few people were milling about. When the Inspectors stepped onto the tracks and yelled “Hello”, a male started to approach them and dogs could be heard barking. The Inspectors saw two large breed mastiff type dogs tied up. A woman appeared behind the man and Inspector Thom asked if they own the dogs. The man indicated that the dogs belong to the woman, “Sam”. The look on their faces turned from worry and anger to sheer excitement and joy as Inspector Thom told them she had supplies for the dogs as they realized that the Humane Society was there to help the animals. In speaking with them, the inspectors learned that the woman and her dogs had



Inspector Tracy Thom with an Adoptable Dog

a place to stay/move starting December 1st and that the place had a large back yard for the dogs. The inspectors met the dogs and while they didn't appear to have much, they made do with what they did have. The dogs were in excellent condition and very happy.

The inspectors found no concerns for the welfare of the dogs, bid “Sam” and the camp well, and gave them a business card and informed them that should they need anything else, to please give the Humane Society a call. On December 4th, Inspector Thom returned to the site and spoke to the man she'd spoken to previously. He confirmed the woman, “Sam”, moved into her place.

The Humane Society's Animal Protection team is compassion in motion and we are proud of the work they do in our community. Helping people, helping pets.

# Giving Every Animal A Chance



## CAINE

**Emergencies can be costly. Sometimes, the urgency demands an immediate solution – anything to stop the pain and prevent further illness or injury. Pets coming to our centres often arrive with no history but with illness or injury. Fortunately, the Humane Society has staff veterinarians who are able to provide timely diagnosis and treatment.**

In the fall of 2018, we received an injured one-year old Mastiff, Caine. It was obvious to our staff that he was in incredible pain with a damaged leg. Ordinarily, the cost of a femoral repair combined with rehabilitative care could easily have exceeded \$7500. However, with the generous support of the Southampton Vet Clinic, we were able to provide Caine with the care he needed. Caine's journey to a forever home hit a small bump in December when he fell and damaged the repaired leg. Once again, our partners in care at the Southampton Vet Clinic found time for Caine.

We are happy to report that Caine recovered fully from his injury, surgeries, and the stress of being weeks in care. He now lives with a family in a home where he is given lots of exercise, treats, and love.

Working with community partners, like veterinarian clinics providing specialized care, ensures that we are able to deliver timely and appropriate care for the injured or ill pets. The Humane Society believes that every animal deserves a chance – support from our community ensures we make that happen.



## ODIE

**The picture of a stray cat, scraggly and skinny, closely fits the reality of Odie.**

Odie was brought to us as a stray that had been found at the side of the road. His coat was dull and he was very dehydrated. It took only one quick look to recognize that it would take emergency medical care by the veterinarian team to nurse him back to health.

We began treatment immediately, keeping Odie in our animal hospital for 72 hours. In that short period of time, he became a brand new cat. His appetite returned; he became energetic and affectionate, and even his coat started to shine. This positive response to treatment meant that Odie could be moved to the intake room for monitoring while he was prepared for adoption.

Having a committed team of foster volunteers meant that Odie could recover in a home. For the next six weeks, his condition was monitored and tests were run again. He continued to thrive in his foster home, gaining weight, eating well and showing no signs of illness.

Odie came to the Humane Society on October 12th, 2018. As he progressed from being a scruffy looking stray to a handsome homebody, we continued to watch for signs of lingering illnesses, but none came to light. On December 28th, after 76 days in our care, Odie was adopted.

Stories like Odie's are common in the Animal Welfare world. Staff and volunteers were excited to see Odie go home with a family of his own. Thank you to our adopters who give these lost and lonely pets a second chance.

# SUPPORTING Pets & People

**The Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth works with other community agencies to support both pets and pet owners. With a focus on doing what is in the best interest of the pets, we have programs and services in place to help even those pet owners who find themselves in challenging situations – homelessness, temporarily unable to care for their pets, or simply not able to afford basic pet health care.**

In the Waterloo Region, a much-needed support for pet owners who are homeless or vulnerably housed is facing an uncertain future. The Community Veterinary Outreach (CVO), which delivers basic health care to the pets at locations easily accessible by their owners, serves a population of about 100 people. The Humane Society has been a key partner with this initiative for several years and this year, 2019, will assume full oversight responsibility.

Estimates place the number of homeless and vulnerably housed individuals who own pets at slightly more than 400 (in Waterloo Region, it is estimated there are 2726 permanently homeless individuals). The goal is to scale up the CVO program to deliver four clinics a year, thereby benefitting up to 300 more pet owners each year.

In addition to providing care for the pets, the Humane Society provides pet care education, giving pet owners the strategies and supports needed to keep their pets healthy.

In other communities, the CVO model is paired with public health professionals. This model allows for the delivery of human health care in a non-threatening environment. A number of studies have indicated that pets have a positive influence on the health and behaviour of street-involved individuals.

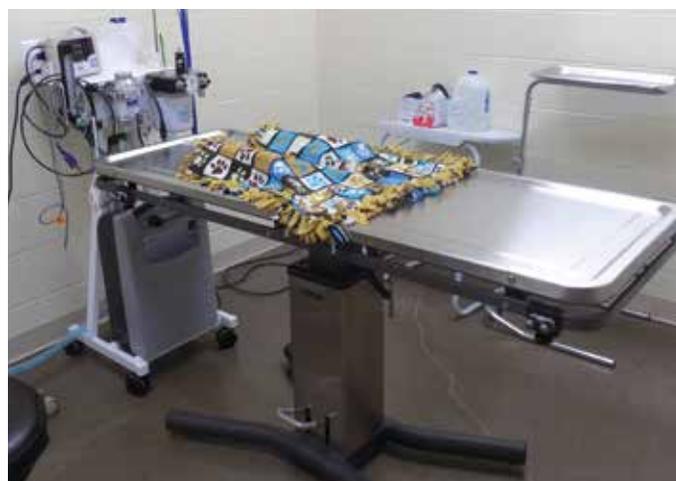
We are grateful to our donors and funders who make our pet care programs possible. By working within the network of local social service agencies, we can become a part of the solution to persons exiting the streets and finding suitable housing.



# STRATFORD PERTH HUMANE SOCIETY

# Opens Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic

**Animal overpopulation is a serious problem in our communities, like many others around the country. Spaying or neutering our pets is an important and responsible means of helping to control the pet population. It reduces or removes the risk of disease, infection and cancer of the pet's reproductive system and reduces or eliminates hormone related behaviours including aggression and ultimately helps keep our animal companions happy and healthy.**



Every pet deserves to be healthy and The Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth is committed to keeping animals healthy and to helping manage the pet population.

“In 2018 we had 144 pets attend our Rabies and Microchip Clinic in Stratford. Of those pets, approximately 50% of their owners reported they did not have a “regular veterinarian”. Every day we receive calls from pet owners looking for assistance, looking for a low-cost clinic. We know there is a need,” says Kathrin Delutis, Executive Director.

We are excited to announce our Stratford Perth Centre opened a Spay & Neuter Clinic, for the public on March 5th. The services, based on a business and operational model developed by Humane Alliance is low cost, high quality, high volume, and self-sustaining. The public and rescue groups are welcome, regardless of geography or income level. The pet overpopulation issue is a direct result of animals left unaltered, and we want to be part of the solution.

The Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth Spay & Neuter Clinic will offer vaccines, flea treatment, and microchip services with every spay/neuter for cats and dogs (some restrictions). The general public can complete an on-line application form on our website or call the centre for more information and to book a date. Rates begin at \$95 for feline neuters. This program is made possible through the generous support of our community and we will continue to look for donors and sponsors to ensure we are able to continue to provide this much needed service.

The clinic has started one day a week, and as the need increases so will the number of days. It is anticipated that by the fall, the Clinic will be open three-days a week.

To make a donation to the SPHS Spay & Neuter Clinic or for more information about our Clinic, visit [www.sphumane.com](http://www.sphumane.com)

# HOMeward BOUND

An Evening for the Animals



The summer of 2012 was a life-changing time for Steve Jenkins and Derek Walter.

When a friend could no longer look after their 4-week old “mini pig”, they asked animal-loving Derek Walter to take her in.

Over the next three years, as they discovered there was no such thing as a “mini pig”, little Esther grew to an enormous 650 pound, full-sized commercial pig. Alongside numerous dogs, cats and a few rabbits, crammed under the roof of a 1,000-square-foot bungalow, Derek and Steve knew they had no choice but to move to a larger space. In 2014, thanks to a bit of luck and some generous donors, Happily Ever Esther Farm Sanctuary was born.

*Hear Steve and Derek tell the incredible story of Esther-the-Wonder-Pig and how she led them to purchase Canada's first large-sized animal CT Scanner and gain the support they now provide to animals at their sanctuary farm in Campbellville, ON.*

## EVENING'S DETAILS:

Thursday, May 9th, 2019 at 6:00 pm.  
University of Waterloo – Federation Hall, Waterloo ON.

\$90 (tax incl.) individual ticket,  
\$900 corporate table of 8

Sponsorship opportunities: please contact  
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To purchase tickets or book your corporate table, visit:  
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/kitchener-waterloo-north-waterloo-humane-society/events/homeward-bound-an-evening-for-the-animals/>

## Save The Dates

### Yoga (SPHS)

April 11, 2019

### Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week

April 7 – 13, 2019

### Dog Training Starts (SPHS)

Register Now – Space is Limited

April 23, 2019

### Yoga (SPHS)

May 2, 2019

### Homeward Bound (KWHS)

May 9, 2019

### Sr. Vets In Training Starts (KWHS)

Register Now – Space is Limited

May 16, 2019

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