



We're home!

After years of planning and anticipation, the Ottawa Humane Society has a new home. While the initial planning and fundraising for this major project began years ago, the design phase began in earnest just over two years ago, and was followed a year later with the ground breaking in May 2010.

The months flew by as our hole in the ground became a steel structure, and then as the walls closed in, the building quickly took shape. At each phase of the project, we told ourselves that that part was probably the hardest—

each time proving ourselves wrong! From determining room size requirements to selecting the right finishes to make our shelter the best—and the safest—we could for the animals in our care, each phase had its unique set of challenges. Because of the infrastructure funding we received from the federal government to subsidize part of the construction, we were under huge time constraints, which meant making a lot of decisions very quickly while making sure they were the right ones for the animals. Which lighting

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Breaking Ground Building Campaign reaches goal!

At a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Ottawa Humane Society on July 6 marking the opening of the new facility, Bruce Roney, OHS Executive Director, announced an anonymous gift of \$1,500,000. This generous donation, by far the largest single, individual gift, helped us reach our Breaking Ground Building Campaign fundraising goal.

We thank everyone who contributed to our building campaign. Without your support we would not have been able to build this beautiful facility which will serve the needs of Ottawa's animals well into the future.

The animals and staff are now settled comfortably into our new facility. There are noticeable smiles on the faces of staff, volunteers and guests in our facility. With the proper space and equipment to care for the 11,000 animals we care for every year, we now

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OHS ribbon cutting ceremony.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Home at last

Finally! After 43 years, the Ottawa Humane Society has moved! I am pleased to report that the transition went very smoothly. Not an easy task, since the Adoption Centre was closed for only two days and Lost and Found didn't really close at all. Our staff was amazing. As always, our volunteers went to tremendous lengths for us, and for the animals. After only a short while, because of a huge amount of pre-move planning, we are fully operational in our new digs at 245 West Hunt Club, finally ending a journey that began five years ago, and should have begun 20 years before that.

We are, of course, experiencing growing pains, but they too have been minor—locks that won't lock or unlock, dripping taps, misplaced plugs, the inevitable little issues that end any construction project. But it's worth it. Seeing the cats in the community rooms and cats condos is truly a heartwarming experience—moving as they have, from cramped cages in our old shelter, to these large, bright spaces that allow the cats to be cats, to climb, play, and nap in comfort. It is also wonderful to see the public spend time with the cats right in the rooms, rather than poking fingers between narrow bars.

One visitor commented that the difference he noted was on the faces of our staff, who appeared to have permanent smiles on their faces. What I see is a calm that surrounds our entire facility. It is very noticeable, and we are all sharing it—animals, staff, volunteers, and visitors alike—we all have a new serenity created by sufficient space, natural light, and fresh air.

There have been challenges. We moved the animals on June 23, and by Canada Day, only seven days later, we reached our cat capacity of

over three times that of our former shelter. Our intake numbers for the first week at West Hunt Club were an astounding 60% higher than the previous year—341 animals admitted in just one week. This was not unexpected, though admittedly faster and more extreme than predicted. Fortunately, a new foster volunteer reception, an expanded and more efficient clinic, and flexible spaces allowed us to address what would have meant virtual disaster conditions in our old shelter. It did dampen our celebrations somewhat, though, as we struggled to keep up with the needs of the animals in our care.

The number of animals admitted is a sobering reminder of the irresponsible behaviour that creates animal homelessness and overpopulation, and the need for the Ottawa Humane Society in the first place. It also reminds us of the work that we still have to do in our community. The reality is that a community can never solve its animal problems by building more and more shelter space, no matter how beautiful, large or well-planned. No community or organization could ever keep up. An excellent humane society, a progressive and responsive municipality and a caring community have to work together to address the causes of animal suffering. This is the long-term solution. This is what we will continue to build now that the paint is dry on our new shelter.




Bruce Roney
Executive Director

“In the Dog House” Raises \$75,000 for the animals

On June 16, many local community leaders, “top dogs and cool cats” were in the dog house at the OHS new facility, participating in a “jail and bail” fundraising event sponsored by Iams, that raised \$75,000 for the Breaking Ground Building Campaign.

After facing a variety of unique charges from Judge Stuntman Stu, and being thrown in the dog house, some of Ottawa’s most notables, including Dave Smythe, BOB-FM’s Sandy Sharkey, and /A/ Ottawa’s Kurt Stoodley, successfully raised their bail money and were “sprung” from the dog pods, community cat rooms and rabbitat that were their cells.

Over 150 guests attended and bid on an assortment of donated items at the silent auction and received a sneak peek at the new OHS facility before the animals moved in.

The event was a huge success. A special thank you goes to our volunteer chair Susan Gray. Many local restaurants and caterers graciously donated the food and beverages for the evening. thanks as well to our led sponsor Iams. In the



Councillor Keith Egli raises his bail money from inside the dog house.

Dog House is one of the many new special events that will be held at our new shelter. Watch our website, newsletters and e-bulletins for more information.



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system is best for animals? What level of grit in an epoxy resin coated floor provides the best cleanability, but is the most slip-resistant, given the amount of water that we pour on it every day? No sooner would we resolve one issue than we were faced with another. Fortunately, despite a minor delay from the original move target of May 2011, by late winter it was clear we would be in our new home by early summer.

Meanwhile, back on Champagne Ave., it seemed like we couldn’t move fast enough. The building systems, designed for many fewer animals in 1968, were quickly failing, and between a lightning strike, a fire in our HVAC system and a break-in, staff and volunteers were anxiously counting the days. Our move committee began meeting regularly to ensure a smooth move for the animals in our care, to communicate with the many generous volunteers

eager to help us make the transition, and to ensure that the move caused minimal disruption to our clients. The committee’s work was a huge success, and our move day of June 22 for equipment and June 23 for the animals was smoothly executed—thanks in large part to dozens of patient and tireless volunteers!



Following our opening, we were immediately overwhelmed, with an influx of stray dogs, and dogs surrendered by their owners. Within two weeks, we were caring for close to 100 dogs—something that never would have been possible at the old

facility. While we quickly realized that our staff resources were stretched to critical levels, we were thrilled at how well the shelter could accommodate the animals, without compromising their physical or mental health.

Over the months ahead, we look forward to implementing many great plans for our new facility to help the animals in our community: increases in our surgical capacity to ensure more animals can be made available for adoption more quickly, the introduction of new outreach programming in our new Education Centre...stay tuned!

Finally, as construction came to completion, we were thrilled to receive a most generous, anonymous individual gift of \$1.5 million that completed our campaign. As a result of this gift, and the tremendous support of the hundreds of individuals and groups that made this building possible, the Ottawa Humane Society is moving forward without mortgaging the animals’ future.



COMMUNITY KUDOS

Ottawa Folklore Centre has been a great supporter of the OHS for many years, raising a total of \$8,000 since 2004. In May, the Folklore Centre held a Folka Voca Concert to help the Building Campaign. They raised \$2,500 and are featured on the Building Campaign Donor Wall at the new shelter. Thank you for giving your time and talent to help the animals at the Ottawa Humane Society.



Wal-Mart South Keys held its grand re-opening in April. The dedicated associates at Wal-Mart donated \$1,000 to support the animals. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



The youth at **St. Paul's United Church Sunday School in Carp** held a pancake brunch and bake sale with all proceeds going to help the animals at the Ottawa Humane Society. Together, they raised \$241 for the animals. Thank you for caring so much about the animals!



Leah Lepage, a long time donor and volunteer at the Ottawa Humane Society, held a garage sale with proceeds to the Ottawa Humane Society.



Callum Ullrich, (shown with his mom **Lisa** and sister **Livia**), donates his birthday money to the OHS.

Despite a rainy day, she raised \$236 to help the animals. Thank you **Leah** for your continuous support and dedication to helping Ottawa's animals!



Class 5B of **Castor Valley Elementary School** held a bake sale at their school. The event raised \$210 to help care for the animals. Thank you! You have made a difference in the lives of many animals!



A huge thank you to **Avaya Intelligent Communications!** Staff voted to donate proceeds from its annual BBQ to the Ottawa Humane

Society. A total of \$140 was raised for the animals at the OHS.



Congratulations and a big round of "APAWS" to the couples whose wedding gifts were in the form of donations to the animals at the Ottawa Humane Society: **Bobbee and Sam** and **Morgan and PJ**



Wags and Purrs to the Ottawa Humane Society's youngest supporters:

- Ashley F**
- Sasha W**
- Faith G**
- Megan D**
- Kate K**
- Jacob N**
- Emily R**
- Callum U**
- Ben A**
- Kim R**
- Tara F**
- St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School (teacher's casual day)**
- Alta Vista Public School**

Mark your calendar!

Upcoming OHS events

Event	Date	Where
Walkathon pre-registration	September 8 & 9	OHS
Iams Wiggle Waggle Walkathon	September 11	Riverside Dr. across from RA Centre
Halloween @ the OHS	October 29	OHS—check website or contact us for more information
Meet your Match	November 19	Contact singlegourmet@rogers.com for more information
Holiday Open House	December 4	OHS—check website or contact us for more information
Santa Pet Pics	December 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 & 18	OHS—check website or contact us for more information

Profile: OHS new adoption centre



the same time last year at the old facility.

Our new Adoption Centre is the first place most visitors will see. So far, everyone who enters seems immediately awed by the contrast to the old Centre. We now have a large, open space designed for the comfort and enrichment of the animals.

Community cat rooms are open to the public.

Now a few weeks into our new digs, it's amazing to see and compare the tired-looking, overcrowded Adoption Centre at our old facility to the bright, airy and open Centre we are thrilled to now have. And one week after moving we were full. In the first two weeks at the new facility we had 44% more cats and 67% more dogs than at

Cats wait for adoption in spacious cat condos and community rooms, playfully pouncing on one another during active times and relaxing like only a cat can in patches of sunlight in our outdoor cat porch. Families stroll through the gallery, spending time playing with cats, perching over our

Rabbitat, peeking at all of the dogs in their spacious dog pods, shopping for pet treats or accessories in our new store, or watching volunteers working with dogs available for adoption!

The new Adoption Centre boasts three dog pods, each housing eight dogs and built to accommodate various sizes of dogs, seven cat condos able



Bigger, brighter Adoption Centre.

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A hot car is no place for a pet

Leaving a dog in a car even for a few minutes on a hot day could be fatal. Each year the OHS receives hundreds of calls about dogs left in vehicles on hot summer days. OHS Rescue and Investigation Services (RIS) resources are stretched to the limit during this extremely busy season. By early July RIS received 94 calls and rescued three dogs from dangerously hot cars, and stretching RIS resources during this extremely busy season. Charges are pending in these cases.

With only hot air to breathe, a dog's normal cooling process—panting—doesn't work. A dog can withstand internal body temperatures of 40°C for only a few minutes before brain damage or death can occur.

If you see an animal that may be suffering from these signs of heatstroke/heat exhaustion, call the OHS emergency line at 613-725-1532:

- Rapid heartbeat
- Heavy panting
- Lack of coordination
- Weakness or muscle tremors
- Unconsciousness
- Glazed eyes



Dogs die in hot cars



Moving



Volunteers help move Bowie to his new digs.



OHS staff check that animals are safe and secure for their trip.



OHS volunteer readies cats for the ride across town.



Don't forget me!



"Athena", the last dog to leave Champagne Avenue.

g Day!



Rescue and Investigation Services agents lend a hand.



Curious kittens wonder where they're going.



Checking out the new digs.



Happy to be at the new OHS.



Bowie explores the new OHS dog runs.



Iams Wiggle Waggle Walkathon

Sign up early and start collecting pledges for the animals!



Our 23rd Iams Wiggle Waggle Walkathon is only two weeks away! It's not too late to register and collect some pledges for the animals in our care. Sign up online at www.ottawahumane.ca or fill in the registration form in this newsletter.

Early sign in and pledge drop off:

September 8, 5-9 pm Billings Bridge Shopping Centre

September 8, 4-7 pm Ottawa Humane Society

September 9, 4-7 pm Ottawa Humane Society

September 10, 12-4 pm Walkathon site:

Riverside Drive at Data Centre Road (across from Billings Bridge Shopping Centre and the RA Centre)

September 11, 8:30-10:30 am Walkathon site:

Riverside Drive at Data Centre Road (across from Billings Bridge Shopping Centre and the RA Centre)



First-ever humane society exchange

Active participation in humane society fundraising events provided a unique benefit for a St. Croix, US Virgin Islands couple Owen and Carol Johnson, and Ottawa's Suzanne Gagnon.

By entering the highest bid at the St. Croix Animal Welfare Shelter's FurBall, and the OHS FurBall, they won a first-ever exchange between the two organizations. Suzanne travelled to the US Virgin Islands and visited the St. Croix shelter, and the Johnsons had an opportunity to visit the new OHS facility.

All three are active supporters of their shelters. As the Johnsons pointed out, they have similar, yet different challenges. The St. Croix Animal Welfare Shelter is 40 years old and is approximately the size of the old OHS facility. They face the same issues of overcrowding, and poor conditions as the OHS did. Additionally, they receive only \$70,000 per year in government funding. The remaining funding comes from what they refer to as "old money"—money from a donor base that is rapidly dwindling. "When we return to St. Croix, we will speak to the Executive Director there about what we've seen here in Ottawa," said Carol Johnson during her visit to OHS.

"We've learned some new ideas for fundraising and we hope to raise awareness about animal welfare issues and how to enforce laws against animal cruelty."



Owen and Carol Johnson with Bertha Norvor, OHS.

Breaking Ground

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look forward to expanding our programs and services within our community.

Anna Silverman's role as Manager: Building Campaign has come to a close, but her new role as Manager: Major Gifts begins. She will be working with individual donors, foundations and corporate sponsors to fund our many new and exciting programs and services. Contact her at annas@ottawahumane.ca or 613-725-3166 ext. 279.



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Become an OHS Volunteer!

The animals, staff and volunteers at the Ottawa Humane Society are excited to finally be in the brand new facility! While we are settling in and adjusting to new processes and procedures for our existing volunteer programs, we are also looking forward to many new volunteer opportunities.

The new shelter also has a fully equipped grooming room with a grooming table, tub, and supplies so animals can be spruced up onsite before heading to the Adoption Centre. Anyone who has professional grooming experience with cats and dogs, and is interested in becoming a volunteer is encouraged to apply through the OHS website www.ottawahumane.ca or contact the Volunteer Department at volunteer @ottawahumane.ca.

The new West Hunt Club building will also help fulfill the organization's public education mandate through the Education Centre. The Humane Education program is growing, and we can finally begin to invite classes and community groups to the shelter! We will be looking for volunteers to support the program, which will teach young people about the importance of responsible pet ownership, animal welfare, the human-animal bond, and the role of the OHS in the community.



Volunteer groomers needed!

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A real adoption “gallery”!

As another way for the OHS to communicate its animal welfare messages, and doubling as some great art on the walls of our new Adoption Centre, the OHS recently released an exciting new poster series. Each of the close to 20 education boards contains an important message about being a responsible pet owner or the role of the OHS in our community. Two of our most important messages, about the importance of animals wearing identification and keeping cats indoors, are placed in the most prominent positions in the Adoption Gallery.

So, after visitors to our Adoption Centre have had their fill of fun in the cat condos, or as they wait to meet a potential new pet, they can take a few minutes to learn about animal welfare and care.



At home—safe and warm

Keep Your Cat Indoors

- Every year the Ottawa Humane Society cares for thousands of sick and injured cats because they were allowed to roam outside.
- Outdoor cats have shorter life-spans.
- Indoor cats bond more closely with their owners.
- It's easy to keep an indoor cat happy with a variety of toys and regular play-time.

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One of the OHS new poster series on display in the Adoption Gallery.



DEAR BUDDY AND BELLE



Practical advice for companion animal owners

Dear Buddy and Belle,

My dog is terribly afraid of thunderstorms, fireworks and similar loud bangs. She's a big dog—a Pyrenees-mix—so there's nowhere she can easily go to hide. Is there anything I can do for her?

Sincerely,
Owner of a K9-Chicken

Dear Owner,

It's not uncommon for thunder and loud noises to frighten animals like us. We may panic when we're suddenly surprised by the "booms". People can help us feel safer by putting us into a room or crate, closing the windows and curtains and turning on some music, the television or a fan. For those of us who are absolutely terrorized by thunder or fireworks, we may need help from a veterinarian. Medication can be prescribed to help calm us temporarily.

Behaviour modification will help in the long term, so you might want to contact an animal behaviourist for assistance. These fears do not just go away. In fact they normally get worse. For owners who keep their animals out-

side for long periods of time, be aware of the weather when possible, and keep dogs and cats inside. Did you know that dogs will actually scale fences if they are scared enough? Dogs and cats running scared are at risk of being hit by cars or becoming lost.

Wags and purrs,
Buddy and Belle



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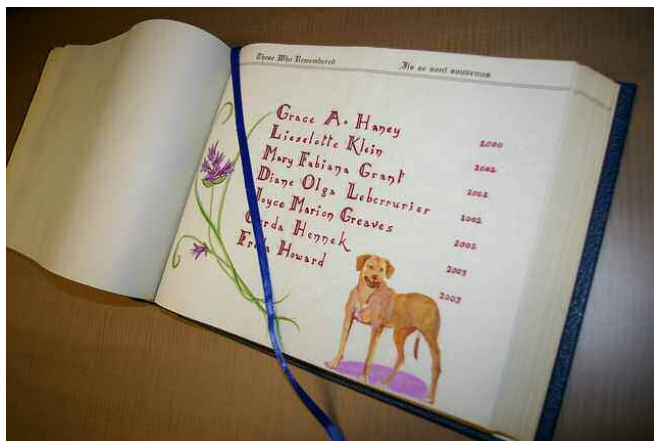
to hold up to four cats in each and two community cat rooms housing 12-15 cats each.

Finally, when we smile and say, "Welcome to the Ottawa Humane Society!" we say it with pride, joy and a real feeling of celebration!



OHS new Rabbitat is central to the new Adoption Centre.

A gift for tomorrow's animals



beautiful work of art —has now been updated with the names of legacy donors who made gifts between 1962 and 2005. The book is proudly displayed in our Administration Reception area. Legacy Donors who made gifts during our building campaign are proudly displayed on our building campaign donor wall.

For more than a century, the Ottawa Humane Society (OHS) has embodied compassion and caring for animals in our community. Legacy gifts continue to be essential to help us fulfill our mission. A gift provided in one's will, no matter the size, assures a future for the lost, abandoned, injured and mistreated animals in Ottawa.

Legacy gifts have had a lasting impact on the animals at the OHS:

- Legacy gifts helped build the OHS's new state-of-the-art shelter at 245 West Hunt Club Road;
- Legacy gifts bought emergency vehicles and equipment to rescue animals from harm;
- Legacy gifts create security for tomorrow's animals.

Legacy donors are recognized in our Legacy Book (shown above) and on the building donor wall of our splendid new facility. The Legacy Book—a

As the new Manager: Legacy Giving, at the OHS, I am available to meet with our supporters to assist them with any questions or concerns they may have about leaving a legacy to the OHS or to ensuring a future for their own companion animals. Please contact me at gregb@ottawahumane.ca or 613-725-3166 ext. 268.



Greg Beck, Manager: Legacy Giving

Party at the OHS!



Starting this fall, kids can celebrate their birthdays at the Ottawa Humane Society in our new Education Centre. Birthday packages will include a tour, fun games, cake, goodie bags and animal interactions! Please contact Bertha Norvor at events@ottawahumane.ca or 613-725-3166 ext. 263 for more information on how to book your party.



COURT UPDATES

Pending Cases

Madeline Girard: Charged Apr. 21, 2011 with cruelty after she abandoned a pointer-mix dog without food or water until it died of starvation. A trial date has been set for Oct. 3, 2011.

Ian and Kerri Young: Charged Mar. 30, 2011 with permitting distress and failing to provide adequate and suitable medical attention for their Lab-type dog, which was humanely euthanized following an examination by an OHS veterinarian that revealed the dog had advanced cancer, mobility problems and was in significant pain. They brought the five-year-old dog to the OHS and stated they had not obtained veterinary treatment despite concerns that it had a broken hip. A trial date has been set for Oct. 25, 2011.

Elizabeth Tully: Charged Apr. 21, 2011 with permitting distress and failing to provide the basic standards of care for the cats in her custody. The cats brought to the OHS were so severely sick and injured they were immediately euthanized for humane reasons. A trial date has been set for Oct. 25, 2011.

Shane Cadorette: Charged Apr. 21, 2011 with permitting distress and failing to provide adequate and suitable food and water for his nine-month-old Lionhead-type domestic rabbit for a week, resulting in the rabbit's death. Mr. Cadorette did not appear in court and there is an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

(Results of some of these court appearances were not available by press time.)

Although legally mandated to enforce the animal cruelty provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada and the Ontario SPCA Act, the OHS does not receive any government funding, or funding from any animal welfare group, to perform this essential work.



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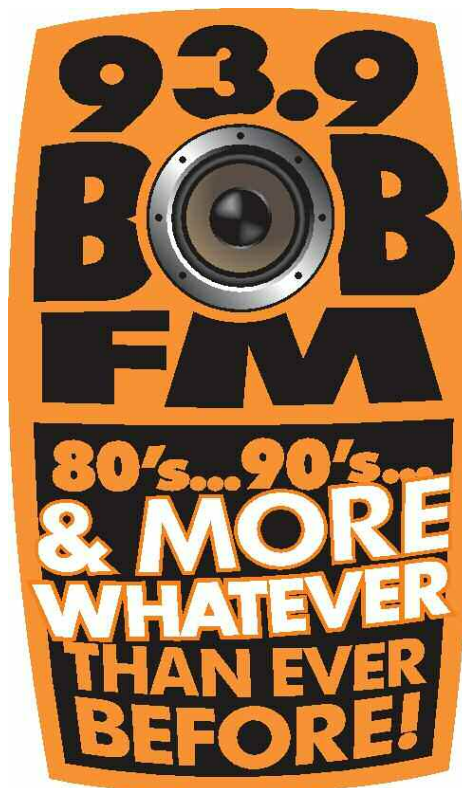


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Auxiliary Update

The OHS Auxiliary was pleased to present a donation of \$10,000 at the OHS Annual General Meeting, held June 28. This donation was the result of the group's fundraising events over the past year, including Blooms & Berries, craft and garage sales and other activities. The group will meet on the first Thursday of every month (except July and August) at the new shelter, 245 West Hunt Club Road. New members are always welcome. For more information, please call 613-836-1492.



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