



## Swamped for the summer

### OHS staff look forward to space gains in new shelter

Cat cages lining hallways beside banks of birds, gerbils and rabbits. Staff squeezing around feed carts and stepping over bags of litter.

It was another cramped, crowded summer at the OHS. Most days, from May through to August, we had more than 300 cats in the building, and more than 70 dogs. That's on top of the several hundred animals we cared for in foster homes over that same time.

And still, the animals kept coming. Stray dogs brought in by city bylaw officers, homeless cats delivered by Good Samaritans. Boxes of unwanted rabbits or litters of tiny kittens left on our doorstep.

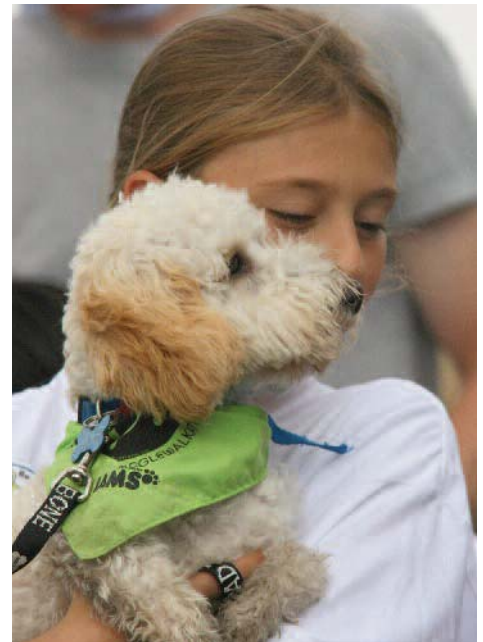
Other animals were turned over

because their owners couldn't care for them, because they were moving, or because the animals had developed behaviour problems an owner couldn't, or wasn't willing, to deal with.

We opened our doors to all of these animals, in spite of the fact we had little space to put them. The sheer numbers were stressful for everyone, and resulted in long hours for staff, and increased risk of disease for the animals.

Thankfully, next summer will be better. Construction has started on a new home for Ottawa's animals, and the planned new shelter on West Hunt Club Road will mean much more space for animals and humans alike.

The thought of adequately-sized rooms, and adoptable animals housed behind glass rather than in cages helped us cope. But we're not there yet. In order to make the future brighter for the animals, we need your help. To find out how you can complete the dream of a new shelter, visit [www.breakingground.ca](http://www.breakingground.ca).



## Ready to walk?

### Still time to register for Walkathon at new location

September's always a busy time of year, but there's still a chance to register for our 22nd annual IAMS Wiggle Waggle Walkathon on Sunday, Sept. 12.

This year, we're excited about our brand new walk location, on Riverside Drive across from the RA Centre. There are stunning new routes, lots of activities, and plenty of free parking as well.

Registration and online pledge collection is easy. Just visit [www.ottawahumane.ca/walkathon](http://www.ottawahumane.ca/walkathon) today and get stepping to help the animals!



Cages full of cats were a common sight at the OHS this summer. With your help, next summer and every season after, will be better and brighter for the animals.

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

### Children making Ottawa more compassionate



Children and animals are a natural combination, and the Ottawa Humane Society is the place where they come together. Children are loving supporters of the OHS and are also beneficiaries of our work. A number of programs planned for our new facility will bring together children and animals in new ways — helping to build a more compassionate community in the future.

While I am very grateful to all donors, the most heart-warming of all are the children who forgo birthday presents or otherwise raise funds for the animals.

**If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures, from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will likewise deal with their fellow men.**

*St. Francis of Assisi*

Several years ago, I recall being asked to come downstairs to meet two young donors — delightful eight-year-old girls, as it turned out. The girls told me they had spent the last year making bracelets out of colourful string and beads, and had been selling them to their friends and classmates to raise money for the animals. Imagine my astonishment when one of their mothers passed me the cheque — for over \$700!

The message that you can make a difference — that you can help to change the world — is an important one for us all to learn. And the younger we learn it, the better. I am proud that the OHS is a venue where children choose to make a difference in their community.

For decades, our humane education program has taught Ottawa school-children compassion, responsibility and an appreciation of animals and

our natural world.

Our LEAD program matches at-risk children with shelter dogs not yet suitable for adoption. Volunteer handlers assist the children to train and groom the dogs so that they can be adopted. The children, of course, are profoundly changed by the experience: of helping, of creating change, and by the unconditional love of a pet.

Studies tell us that children who abuse animals often grow up to be abusive and violent adults. Prevention and intervention with young people truly can have a huge impact on not only the future for individuals, but on our community and entire society.

A new shelter, with its 100-seat dividable classroom, will allow a tremendous expansion of programs that make a difference for our community and its animals in the long term. In addition to the ability to welcome more young visitors and to expand existing programs, new initiatives like vet camps and youth volunteer corps, will surely continue the OHS legacy of making Ottawa a kinder, more compassionate, and more responsible community when the next generation comes of age.

**Bruce Roney**  
Executive Director

# Cricket finds her happy ending

## High energy dog finds happiness with family looking to heal

The Steffensen-Grimes family of Ottawa are two-time adopters from the OHS. Parents Isabella and Michael adopted their first companion, Morgan, a black lab cross, shortly after returning from their honeymoon. The family of three soon grew to include daughters Sophia, now 13, and Anna, 10.

Sadly, Morgan passed away in 2009. To keep Morgan's memory alive, the family named a dog run in the new OHS building after their beloved pet. While Morgan's name will live on and help future generations of Ottawa's animals, the Steffensen-Grimes family wanted to regain the animal companionship they had so enjoyed with Morgan. Shortly after Morgan's death, the family welcomed a new OHS dog into their lives.

Cricket arrived as a stray at the OHS in the spring of 2009. She had oodles of energy, and needed some training to improve her manners.

While at the shelter, Cricket participated in our LEAD program, which

matches difficult-to-place dogs with at-risk youth to teach compassion and personal responsibility.

Cricket finished the program with fly-



**Cricket has found her forever home with the Steffensen-Grimes family after arriving at the OHS as a stray in 2009. Here, Sophia and her sister Anna pose with Cricket at the 2009 Wiggle Waggle Walkathon.**

ing colours, and soon found her second chance when the Steffensen-Grimes family came looking for a new dog.

Mom, Isabella, explains what the experience was like.

### **Why did your family decide to get another dog after Morgan?**

This is a tough question. We still miss Morgan very much, but not having a dog in the house left a huge void in our lives, and it was especially difficult for Anna. Anna missed interacting with Morgan terribly and she began to look for another dog on the OHS website about one month after we lost Morgan while we were on vacation in Europe.

### **What does Cricket bring to your family?**

Cricket is a wonderful dog, and has helped the kids heal from the loss of Morgan. She is the perfect dog for us. She is active and affectionate and a good watch dog, but also settles down nicely when in the house.

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## The complicated costs of rehoming an animal

### OHS foster program helps animals in need of intervention

Twenty years ago, the over 1,500 animals that benefited from foster care at the OHS last year would likely not have stood a second chance at a happy new home. Rehoming an animal is rarely as easy as taking in an animal, then adopting it out immediately. So many animals come to us in need of intervention, made possible thanks to the support of over 200 volunteer foster homes that are now an integral part of the OHS animal care program.

While our foster volunteers graciously provide their homes, love, and often some of their own financial resources to care for their wee charges, the program does nonetheless involve signifi-

cant OHS resources to maintain. It takes considerable staff time to recruit, train and support our team of volunteers. Our veterinary medical team, including staff veterinarians and technicians, is involved in daily check-ups, diagnosis and treatments for animals in foster care. Many intensive care cases require ongoing, frequent visits to the shelter for monitoring. Our foster staff works full-time to match up foster animals to appropriate volunteers, leading to an average placement of seven animals a day. All foster volunteers receive regular bi-weekly check-in calls, and staff respond to other calls and e-mails about the program. During the busy summer sea-

son, additional staff are scheduled to keep up with the increased demand of kitten season!

Aside from staffing, there are many other costs associated with the program. Often, vulnerable foster animals are in need of expensive special diets as they recuperate from injury and illness. Kitten weigh scales are provided to foster homes with smaller neonates to ensure that they are growing appropriately. Food, litter, medication...all of these costs tend to be higher for animals that go through the foster program, as their length of stay is typically beyond average.

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# Guardians of tomorrow's animals

## Promoting youth compassion through humane education

Most children have a natural affinity with pets and are pint-sized examples of the human-animal bond in action. Despite this connection, beliefs about the respect for, and treatment of, animals aren't solidified in most youngsters. But, if kids are exposed to humane education initiatives which promote empathy and compassion for all living things, they will learn that we are all connected. Teaching kids to value animals, and to care for them responsibly and safely, can result in a kinder community, and ultimately, a kinder world.

Today's youngsters are the guardians of tomorrow's animals. To promote responsible pet ownership and critical thinking about animal welfare issues, the OHS has offered a successful school program to students (from junior kindergarten through to Grade 8) for two decades. Presentations focus on a variety of topics including dog safety, animal neglect/cruelty, the role of the OHS in the community, pet overpopulation, and the exploitation of circus animals, etc. On average, volunteer humane educators deliver 150 presentations per year to 4,500 children. Visits include supervised 'hands-on' time with a temperament-tested volunteer dog.

In addition, the OHS recently launched

its Humane Education High-School Program (for Grades 9–12) to reach youth, many of whom are passionate about animal welfare issues. The presentations focus on animal-related careers, co-existing with urban wildlife, understanding animal cruelty and the link to interpersonal violence, and the role of Canadian animal protection legislation.

To increase our educational efforts, the OHS recently launched a children's website called OHS Kids ([www.ohskids.ca](http://www.ohskids.ca)). In September, the OHS plans to hold focus groups to gather feedback about the site and determine best practices for the future. To promote the website, and to encourage kids to get clicking, our humane education volunteers have been distributing bookmarks at school program presentations. (See example, right.)

Going forward, the OHS has exciting plans for children and youth! Our new facility will enable us to implement fun and educational on-site activities such as birthday parties, March Break and summer camps, evening presentations for Brownies and Scouts groups, after-school clubs, and more. With exciting changes on the horizon, the future looks bright for children, youth and animals in our community!



**The OHS is currently limited to outreach services for youth, but we look forward to exciting plans for young people in our new shelter, including educational on-site activities, birthday parties, March Break camps and after-school clubs.**



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# A good deed to help the animals

Bat Mitzvah gifts turn into a \$10,000 donation to new OHS shelter



**Hannah Sachs, 12, proudly points to the location of the dog run that will bear her name in the new OHS shelter. Hannah donated the funds from her recent Bat Mitzvah to the Breaking Ground Building Campaign — an incredible \$10,000 gift!**

Twelve-year-old Hannah Sachs recently celebrated her Bat Mitzvah: a coming of age ceremony within the Jewish community. Rather than asking for gifts to mark her special day, Hannah requested money to support the OHS Breaking Ground Building Campaign. Thanks to the generosity of her family, Hannah was able to make an incredible \$10,000 donation to the campaign through her Bat Mitzvah funds! She also chose to name an exterior dog run in the new building as a commemoration of her mitzvah, or good deed. The dog run will help the dogs in our care get healthier and stronger, faster, by allowing for additional outdoor exercise during their stay.

The Sachs family has supported the OHS for many years, and Hannah has previously given birthday money to the animals. The whole family is excited about participating in the annual OHS Wiggle Waggle Walkathon this September, with their standard poodle, Jesse. Hannah is also looking forward to the new building opening in the spring because she wants to show all of her friends from Hillel Academy how proud she is of her dog run and how she has helped build a brighter future for the animals!

For more information on making a gift to the Breaking Ground Building Campaign, visit [www.breakingground.ca](http://www.breakingground.ca).



## Student success

### Preparation key to school projects focused on OHS

Every year, when the school season starts up, the OHS is flooded with calls from students tasked with doing projects about animals and our work in the community. While we're keen to help, there are a few things students can do to make the process as efficient as possible.

**Prepare:** Before you pick up the phone, check our websites ([ottawahumane.ca](http://ottawahumane.ca) and [ohskids.ca](http://ohskids.ca)) for information. There's lots of detail online and browsing will allow you to become familiar with the different facets of our work. You might even come up with a project idea by checking our latest news releases or our blog.

**Focus:** Make sure you narrow down your project theme before you contact

us, and draft some key questions you need answered.

**Leave lots of time:** Give yourself lots of time to meet your deadlines! We have limited staff resources and time available to help students, so last-minute requests may not be accommodated.

**Power up:** If your project entails the use of cameras, video equipment or tape recorders, make sure you know how to use them before your visit — and that your batteries are fully charged!

For help with a student project, or to make an appointment for a visit, please e-mail [ohs@ottawahumane.ca](mailto:ohs@ottawahumane.ca), or call 613-725-3166 ext. 261.



**Many Ottawa students choose to do school projects about the animals at the OHS. The keys to success are to prepare, focus, plan well in advance for your visit or to get the information you need before your deadline.**

# COMMUNITY KUDOS

A big thank you to **Lise Landriault**, cosmetic manager, at **Shoppers Drug Mart on Merivale**, for coordinating a cosmetic gala and animal appreciation day in support of Ottawa's animals. Lise proved that you can have lots of fun, while also fundraising, and was able to make a donation of over \$800!



One of the first to sign up for the Ottawa Humane Society's new online community event fundraising pages was **Nikki Eaton**. Nikki participated in the Ottawa Race Weekend and decided to raise money in her own 'Run for the Animals'. She set up her own personal fundraising page with a goal of \$500 and through the support of family and friends raised \$720 for the animals. Congratulations on such an amazing effort!



**Emily Carr Middle School** and **Stephen Leacock Public School** held an end-of-the-year student fundraiser and donated the proceeds to the OHS. Each school was able to raise \$500 for the animals in our care. Thank you for your generosity, and have a safe summer!



For the second year in a row, the OHS was the recipient of donations collect-

ed at the **McCann Team – Royal Lepage Team Realty** client appreciation event. This year, clients were treated to a morning at the movies, where \$329 was collected for the animals. Thank you to event organizer **Stephanie Duffey** for continuing to support Ottawa's animals.



Thank you to **BAE Systems Projects** for holding an office bake sale and donating the proceeds to the OHS. Over the lunch hour they were able to raise \$272 for the animals. Congratulations to everyone involved for their sweet efforts!



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

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To start your own event, visit our new online fundraising pages at [www.ottawahumane.ca](http://www.ottawahumane.ca). You'll find all the tips you'll need for success!



**Jax is a young poodle who arrived at the OHS with two broken legs. Following surgery on his limbs, Jax required several months of foster care at a considerable cost to the OHS.**

## Costs of foster care

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Regardless of cost, the benefits of the OHS foster program are astounding. To see an animal adopted into a loving home after having overcome such overwhelming odds, is one of the most rewarding experiences we have. Such is the story of Jax, a small white poodle who arrived at the OHS surrendered by his owners with two broken front legs. While Jax's legs were surgically repaired at the shelter, he required several months of foster care while he recuperated from his injury. Jax's foster caretaker brought him back to the shelter every two weeks to be assessed by our staff veterinarian and to have his bandages changed. Finally, after months of loving care, Jax was returned to the shelter to be adopted into his new, loving home. Staff and foster volunteers celebrated Jax's successful outcome together. We are so very thankful for the countless hours and effort provided by our foster volunteers, and we are so proud of the strength of the OHS foster program. It truly changes the lives of so many of Ottawa's animals every year, by giving them a true second chance at a happy outcome.



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# Animal abuse and the family

## Domestic violence often victimizes kids and pets

Broken bones, bruised skin and emotional scarring. All signs of abuse that can be applied equally to humans and to animals.

The OHS investigations team sees the disturbing effects of animal abuse far too frequently. Unfortunately, we see those effects reflected in the people we deal with as well. Most unsettling are those situations involving children.

There is a well known and researched link between animal abuse and family violence. When animals in homes are abused or neglected, it's often a warning sign that others in the household may not be safe. In addition, children who witness crimes against animals are at greater risk of growing up to repeat the abuse they have seen.

Investigators unfortunately do find situations of child neglect in the home, and when there are concerns with care, we're required to make contact with the Children's Aid Society to report our observations. All residents in Ontario, including OHS agents and inspectors, are required to report suspected signs of child abuse, which may include an unsafe environment or neglect, among others.

The examples we show our children, and the situations we expose them to will stay with them through their entire lives. Teach your children early on to have empathy and compassion for animals. Practise responsible pet ownership for

your pets, and use real-life situations to instil a sense of respect for all life. Invite your child to help you feed the birds or rescue a bug. With older children, discuss animal-cruelty cases publicized in the news. Encourage children to speak up for animals everywhere, and promote the idea of helping animals locally by raising money, or providing a home to a pet in need.

If you suspect your child has harmed an animal, talk to your child. Try to discover what caused the cruelty. Communicate with your child, your child's teachers, and your child's friends. The more you know about your child's activities, the better able you will be to guide him or her in making compassionate and humane choices. Something as serious as ani-



**Pets can sadly be victims in domestic abuse situations that also harm children.**

mal cruelty, however, should not be handled alone. Seek help from a family counsellor, school counsellor, or pediatrician. If you know another child who has harmed an animal, report what you know immediately to the OHS emergency department at 613-725-1532, or the police department so the child can get the help

they need.

Together, we can work to create a brighter and safer future for Ottawa's animals by leading the way for a more humane tomorrow.



## COURT UPDATES

### New Charges

**Sylvie Belanger:** Charged on May 20 with four counts of animal cruelty against a number of cats, including one kitten that died after allegedly being stepped on, and another that drowned in the bathtub. Further charges were laid on July 14 stemming from neglect of two cats in her care, after the cats were found to be abandoned, without food or water, and living in filthy conditions. Appeared in court on July 29.

**Van Tien Nguyen:** Charged on Feb. 10 for permitting distress to two young dogs. He surrendered one of the two dogs, but was further charged in May for abuse and neglect of the remaining dog. Trial set for Sept. 8.

### Pending Cases

**Louise Hupe:** Charged on May 10 with cruelty against a dog that was found covered with cockroaches and flies. Next court appearance is Sept. 28.

**Oanh Le:** Charged March 26 for permitting distress to, and failing to provide adequate and appropriate care for 31 cats in her care. Next court appearance is set for Sept. 28.

### Completed

**Valentina Kozina:** Charged on March 20 for permitting distress to a dog in her care. The 10-year-old dog was euthanized after an ulcerated eye deteriorated over the course of a year without veterinary care. Pled guilty on May 20 and was sentenced to \$295 restitution and a \$500 fine, two years of inspection on a cat currently in her possession, and a two-year prohibition from owning further animals.

*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.*

# LETTERS FROM SUPER KIDS

Hi, my name is Sabine Dixon and for my 10th birthday party I decided to hold a fundraiser for the Ottawa Humane Society because I love animals and I wanted to help them find a loving home.

I set up a webpage with the OHS so my guests could make donations online. When I saw my completed webpage I loved it! There was a paragraph telling everyone what I was doing, a thermometer to show how close I was to my goal and a place where my friends could post messages. Most of my friends made a donation online — even those that couldn't come to the party!

I also collected money at my event and then added it later to my webpage. My goal was to raise \$600 and I raised \$675.86! My party was a success and I was happy that I could help Ottawa's animals.

(Below: Sabine and her dog Guinness)



For ideas on how to help the animals, visit [ohskids.ca](http://ohskids.ca), or call us at 613-725-3166 ext. 263!



Hi. My name is Joey and I'm 10 years old. This year I decided to help the Ottawa Humane Society for two reasons. My first reason is because I love animals. The second reason is that my cat was from the OHS and this is my way of honouring him. Recently I just adopted a dog from the OHS. I might be a cat person, but I like both cats and dogs. The dog's original name was 'Jolie' which means pretty in French, but I changed it to Valerie.

The first time I donated to the OHS, was when my mom's friend gave me \$20 to spend. There were many things I wanted to spend it on, but I decided that I was going to donate it to charity. So I chose the OHS. My next fundraiser was in my classroom. I sold 'Puppy Paws' for \$2 each and I managed to raise \$96.02 in total. My next fundraiser was a garage sale/bake sale in my neighbourhood. Me, my grandfather, my grandmother and my mom collected items to sell from family members. One of our neighbours also donated their proceeds to our cause. In total we raised over \$400! This fall, I'm doing the Wiggle Waggle Walkathon and I'm planning to bring Valerie (pictured above) so she can socialize with other dogs. My aunt and I hope to raise \$500. Visit us at: <https://www.ohsre.ca/mariaandjoey>.

# HOPE and boats!

OHS animals receive help from HOPE Volleyball Summerfest and the Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival

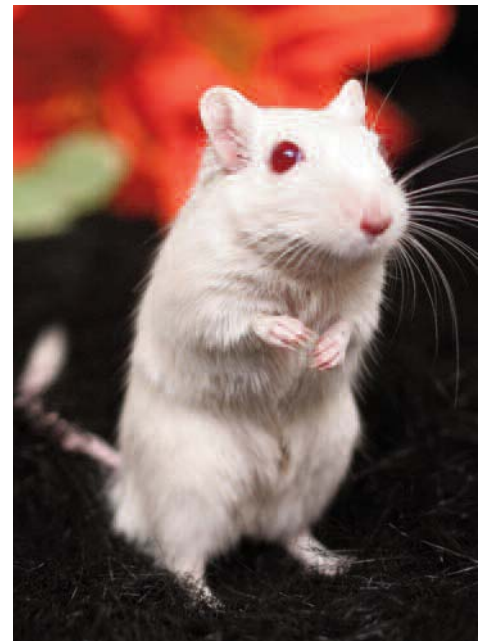


Participants at this year's HOPE Volleyball Summerfest had the chance to win great prizes if they were seen sporting tattoos of their favourite benefitting charity. Thanks to these girls for their OHS 'tags'!

The OHS was honoured to be part of both the Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival (June 18-20) and the HOPE Volleyball Summerfest (July 10). We provided OHS volunteers to these marquee Ottawa fundraising endeavours. Both events were well organized, blessed with terrific weather, and our volunteers had a great time helping for the animals!

Funds raised by Dragon Boat and HOPE will be directed to our "people" programs: our Brightening Lives Animal Visits Program, Humane Education School Program, and our Leadership Education with Adolescents and Dogs (LEAD) Program.

Thanks to everyone in the community who helped the animals through these amazing summer events!



Pacino is just one of over 20 gerbils surrendered to the OHS in August. The deluge of small animals meant doubling up of cages in our hallways and adoption lobby.

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# DEAR BUDDY AND BELLE

## Practical advice for companion animal owners



Dear Buddy and Belle,

Meow! I've been happily cohabitating with my family for the past three years. Everything has been hunky dory, but now my humans have told me they'll be bringing home a new baby in a few weeks!

I'm worried that the new arrival will mean there's no more room for me. Is it possible for us all to live in harmony, or will I have to find myself some new digs?

Signed,  
*Petunia*  
(the Persian)

Dear Petunia,

A new baby is certainly a big change for you! But a new bundle of joy doesn't have to mean despair for you.

Your humans should start to get you used to the idea of a baby now, including becoming familiar with the new smells and sounds you'll encounter (like baby powder and late-night screeching!).

When the baby's born, make sure one of your humans brings home a blanket or item of clothing from the hospital to introduce you to the new baby's scent.

And while your humans are sure to be pre-occupied in the first few weeks, it's important they lavish attention on you too!

For your part, be patient. Babies are a lot of work, but they soon grow into the best playmates you could ever imagine!

Wags and purrs,  
*Buddy and Belle*


## Cricket cont.

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**How do the kids and Cricket interact?**

Cricket is a very playful dog. She loves to play catch with her balls and tug-of-war with her rope. She will dig in the sandbox when Anna is playing, and she loves to go on the trampoline. Sophia, who is a bit older, mostly plays catch with her.

**Do you have any advice for families with young kids who may be considering getting a dog?**

Both our girls have had a dog since they were born. Both dogs have brought our children tremendous happiness, and provided our household with a sense of security. I would recommend that a family with young kids adopts a dog from the humane society that has been deemed to be a good fit. The OHS does a wonderful job of placing appropriate dogs with appropriate families. 

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# Young people show their concern for OHS animals

## Kids can help in numerous ways

Young people in Ottawa are showing their concern for the well being of the animals at the Ottawa Humane Society. The volunteer department receives a number of inquiries from children and teenagers offering their time to help the animals at the OHS. Many young people are hoping to volunteer to provide care to the cats and dogs in the shelter's care. Unfortunately, due to health and safety concerns, limited space, and limited programming infrastructure, we do not have volunteer programming available for Ottawa's young people. All OHS volunteers are required to be 18 years or older.

While we do not have volunteer opportunities for children and teenagers at this time, we know the new building will

bring greater opportunities to involve children and youth in the animal welfare movement. Young people are tomorrow's pet owners and advocates.



**Ottawa kids show they care for animals in a variety of ways, including using their crafty skills to make these brightly-coloured bandanas that help bring attention to some of our harder-to-adopt cats.**

Space in the new building affords opportunity to involve tomorrow's animal champions through the possible additions of youth groups, youth volunteer programming, and additional outreach programming for children. We look forward to having today's young people work towards a better future for Ottawa's animals.

Kids and youth interested in helping the animals now can start by collecting much needed supplies identified on our wish list

([www.ottawahumane.ca/gifts/inkind.cfm](http://www.ottawahumane.ca/gifts/inkind.cfm)), attending OHS special events like the walkathon or seasonal pet pics, or finding creative ways to raise funds for the animals. We encourage young people to visit our kids' website at [www.ohskids.ca](http://www.ohskids.ca) to learn more ways to help.



## Planning for the future


### After you take care of your children in your Will, consider taking care of your pets as well

Properly planning your estate is very important. Ensuring your children are taken care of will naturally be at forefront of your mind. After they're taken care of, however, you might also think about the loyal animals that have been a part of your life for so many years. Who will take care of them when you're not able to? The Ottawa Humane Society Pet Stewardship Program can find your companion a loving home when you're gone.

In addition, it's simple to name the Ottawa Humane Society as one of the beneficiaries in your Will. Doing so will allow you to help future generations of animals in our community, and can be beneficial to your own family as well. A charitable donation in your Will can save you taxes, which

might leave more funds for your kids.

When you include the OHS in your Will, you are making a lasting gift to the future of Ottawa's animals and the future of our community. Legacy gifts have, over the years, helped the OHS purchase equipment for our clinic, restored animals to health, and through our spay and neuter program, ensured that OHS animals don't contribute to the tragic results of animal overpopulation. Legacy gifts have also bought emergency vehicles and equipment, helping to rescue animals from abuse, from danger and from death.

For more information on securing a future for your pets and for Ottawa's animals, please e-mail Monique at [legacy@ottawahumane.ca](mailto:legacy@ottawahumane.ca), or call 613-725-3155 ext. 268. 



**It's easy to take care of your pets in your Will through the Ottawa Humane Society's Pet Stewardship Program.**

## Your United Way Donations Can Help Ottawa's Animals!



You can support Ottawa's animals through payroll deductions.



It's easy - simply fill in the Ottawa Humane Society name and our charitable business number  
**123264715 RR0001**  
 on your United Way form.



Special thanks to volunteers from TELUS! For the 5th annual TELUS day of service in May, the group tirelessly cleaned the OHS to help make the environment better for the animals in our care. All the scrubbing and scouring paid off! Thank you!



**Did You Know?**  
 The Ottawa Humane Society has more than 3,000 fans on Facebook! Follow us on Twitter too @ottawahumane.



Introducing OHS e-cards! The cards, like the one above, are a great way to honour someone close to you. This new way to give online allows donors to immediately e-mail a personalized card(s) to their honouree. The cards are great for new babies, graduations, holidays and other special occasions. For more information on e-card tributes, please visit [www.ottawahumane.ca/tributes](http://www.ottawahumane.ca/tributes).

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