



A Legacy for the Animals

Legacy donations drive rescues

You may be surprised at the wide variety of ways that legacy gifts benefit the Ottawa Humane Society. The OHS has an ambulance that is used for emergency animal rescues and for conducting investigations. The special-



Legacy donations enabled the OHS to purchase an emergency rescue vehicle.

ized van was purchased in 2007 for \$40,000 thanks to legacy donation gifts. This vehicle, which averages 140 kilometres daily, is essential for transporting injured animals that must remain on a stretcher during transport.

The ambulance is also used to transport multiple animals such as in hoarding cases where we sometimes need to bring dozens of animals to the OHS.

To help us with our life-saving work, the ambulance also carries specialized equipment such as animal handling poles, cat graspers, snake tongs, nets, blan-

kets, towels, animal carriers, livestock harnesses and live traps.

In one year, the OHS ambulance was used to rescue more than 1,500 animals. We rely on our ambulance to help our community's animals every day!



OHS ambulance aids animals in distress.

Thank You!

The Ottawa Humane Society would like to thank the many donors who told us that they have included the OHS in their estate plans.

Over the years, legacy gifts have been invested in projects that affect the lives of thousand of animals—including improving the air quality in our shelter at 101 Champagne and building our new shelter at 245 Hunt Club West, which will open later this year.

Your legacy gift for tomorrow's animals will be an investment in the future of Ottawa's animals and our community.



Securing our pets' future

Profile: Ron and Ann Hunt

Ron and Ann Hunt are long-time Ottawa residents. Ron recently retired after 30 years working at the Ottawa Citizen. Ann is an office manager for a west-end architectural firm.

Dogs weren't always a part of their lives—until the day Ron's co-worker put up a poster about Border Collie puppies for sale. That was it for Ron. He was in love, but he had to convince Ann.

They researched the breed and planned how they could handle a change in lifestyle—both were accustomed to long periods away from the house at work or at other activities. Soon afterwards, an 8-week-old puppy named Zoe came into their lives.

Eighteen months later, they adopted an Australian Shepherd-mix named Mia from the Ottawa Humane Society. For the Hunts, having one dog was great. Having two dogs was even better. Ron and Ann understand and

accept the responsibilities of pet ownership—veterinary bills, training classes, supplies and equipment, and time commitments to name a few.

The Hunts show their support



Ann and Ron Hunt with their dogs Mia and Zoe.

for the OHS by participating in, and raising funds for the annual Wiggle Waggle Walkathon, where they are always among the top fundraisers. Additionally, they made a special gift to the Breaking Ground Building Campaign, in the hope

that others will follow their lead. The Hunts have chosen to name an exterior dog run at the new facility. Ron also stays involved through his role on the OHS Board of Directors. Finally, to show their commitment to the future of our community's animals, the couple has named the OHS as one of the beneficiaries of their estate.

The couple has also ensured that if anything happens to them, their dogs will be taken care of by registering Mia and Zoe in the Ottawa Humane Society Pet Stewardship Program. The program ensures that the dogs will be placed in a loving home.

To learn more about legacy giving options or the pet stewardship program, please contact Monique Archambault.
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How to leave a legacy

Leaving a legacy to the Ottawa Humane Society is easy. Simply:

1. Give this coupon to your lawyer or the person looking after your Will.
2. Tell them you want to make a bequest to the "Ottawa Humane Society"
3. They can revise your Will to include a written statement like the one below.

Sample statement to add to your Will

I give to the Ottawa Humane Society in the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, Canada, _____ per cent of the residue of my estate, or the sum of \$ _____ or my property at _____

in the City of _____. The disposition of my bequest is to be used by Ottawa Humane Society at its discretion.



Leaving a legacy is a lasting gift for the future of Ottawa's animals and the future of our community.



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Saving animals through bequests

Linda King is a busy, on-the-go real estate agent with RE/MAX Metro City. Single with no children, Linda considered getting a dog for many years, but her friends dissuaded her by reminding her that her busy lifestyle might not be suitable for pet ownership.

“Eight years ago, I took up the challenge to look for a pet,” says Linda. “I did my homework and decided on a Yorkie. The breeder had several puppies, but one was alone in the corner, shaking and appearing afraid. The breeder said she could be a handful and had twice been returned by owners. I picked her up and she immediately stopped shaking. That was it!”

Linda hasn’t looked back since. One Thanksgiving weekend, while shopping for a leash, Maggie was spooked by a big dog and ran out of the store. She was located 37 hours later, and for Linda, it was unbearable not to know where Maggie was or whether she was safe.

Maggie is the love of Linda’s life. She welcomes her home from work and curls up with her when she’s reading a book. “I can’t imagine coming home without seeing her going around in circles until she’s picked up.

There’s nothing like an animal loving you unconditionally,” says Linda.

“Donating to the OHS is a wonderful feeling”

Because of Maggie, Linda says she is more aware of animals in distress, orphaned, abused or sick. “The Ottawa Humane Society gives them a second chance and I love that. If I can help their mission, then I am very happy and proud,” she says.

“Donating to the OHS is a wonderful feeling, knowing I am perpetuating their wonderful work. If you’ve ever been loved by an animal, give that love in return by supporting the OHS,” says Linda. To that end, Linda decided to show her support by naming the OHS in her Will. “I’m excited about the tremendous good this will do when I’m gone. I hope that other people who care about animals will consider the OHS when they plan their estates—it will help Ottawa’s animals for many years to come.”



Linda King and her Yorkie, Maggie.



Have you made plans for your pet’s future?

If you haven’t already named a caregiver in your Will or Power of Attorney, consider the OHS Pet Stewardship Program. It ensures your pet will be cared for appropriately after you’re gone.

For more information on how to ensure a future for your family pet, please call Monique Archambault at 613-725-3166 ext. 268, or e-mail moniquea@ottawahumane.ca

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU COULD DONATE?

Life Insurance

Life insurance can be an inexpensive and easy way to create a significant legacy for Ottawa's animals. Gifts are made by transferring ownership of an existing or new policy to the Ottawa Humane Society.

Stock, Bonds and Mutual Funds

When you sell stock, bonds or mutual funds, you are required to pay tax on the capital gains, but if you donate it, you will be exempted from the capital gain taxes. Plus, you will receive a receipt for the full market value of the securities.

Making a gift of your life insurance or donating stock, bonds or mutual funds is easy. Speak with your financial advisor for advice on how to make this happen!

For more information on making these types of legacy gifts, please contact Monique Archambault at legacy@ottawahumane.ca or 613-725-3166 ext. 268.



**Who will care for him
when you're gone?**

The Ottawa Humane Society's Pet Stewardship program ensures your pet will be cared for in a loving home in the event of your death or inability to provide care. For more information, call 613-725-3166 ext. 268.

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Please, remember the animals when planning your estate.

