



Our Best Friends

After Five Surgeries, You are the Reason Chevy is Spending Christmas Safe, Warm and Surrounded by Love in a Forever Home

There are 53 animals at the OHS waiting for surgery. They need you right now!

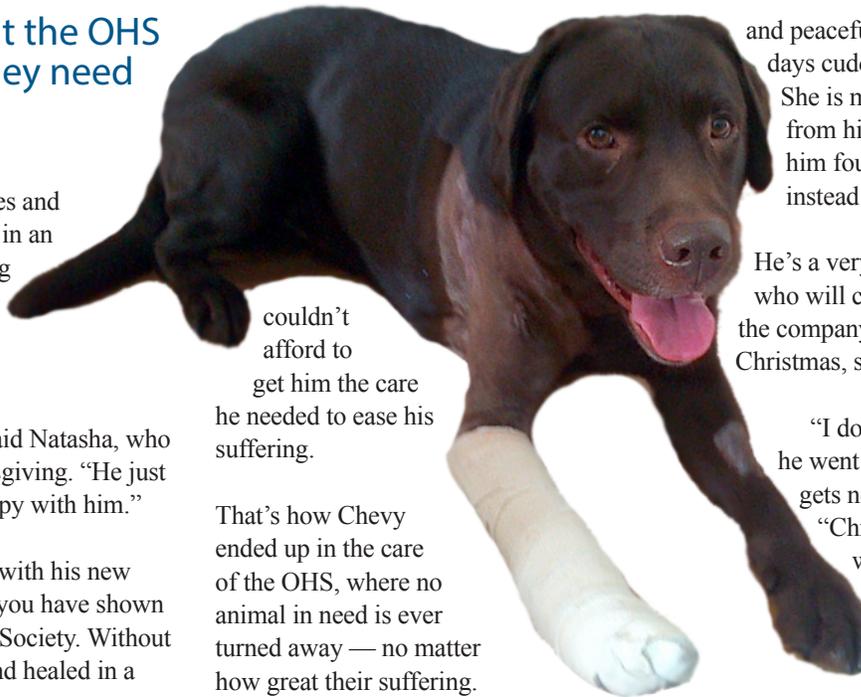
It took three families, five surgeries and nearly seven months of recovery in an OHS foster home for Chevy the dog to finally find his happily ever after — just in time for the holidays.

“It’s like he’s always been here,” said Natasha, who adopted Chevy right before Thanksgiving. “He just fits right in. I’m over the moon happy with him.”

Chevy will be spending Christmas with his new forever family because of the love you have shown the animals at the Ottawa Humane Society. Without you, he would not be warm, safe and healed in a happy home this holiday season.

If Chevy’s unfortunate history had been a predictor of his future, his story was not destined to have the happy ending it did.

Chevy’s first family sold him on the Internet. And when the playful, four-year-old chocolate Labrador retriever broke both front wrists while playing on Parliament Hill last February, his new owner



couldn’t afford to get him the care he needed to ease his suffering.

That’s how Chevy ended up in the care of the OHS, where no animal in need is ever turned away — no matter how great their suffering.

It took 41 vet visits, two wrist surgeries, extensive dental care for bad teeth, pain management, lots of X-rays, a neuter, and other treatments to finally get the friendly dog ready for his forever home — care he would not have received without you.

Natasha said Chevy is a gentle, loving

and peaceful dog who spends his days cuddling and exploring. She is mindful of the limits from his old injuries, giving him four short walks a day instead of a couple long ones.

He’s a very affectionate boy who will certainly love all the company and attention at Christmas, she said.

“I don’t know how he went without the love he gets now,” Natasha said. “Christmas for him will be amazing, even just having his family around all the time. He loves that.”

Right now there are 53 animals waiting for surgery at the OHS. It’s only because you care that they have a chance for their own happily ever after in time for the holidays. Can these animals count on you?

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From the Executive Director's Desk

Become a Partner, My Friend



Some of you may have noted subtle changes to this newsletter over the past while. Not so much the design, more the thinking that informs the writing.

As always, we trumpet our successes. This is alright and it's important. We are proud of what we have accomplished and we want to share it with our friends: you.

And obviously, we need your support. We want you to be aware of our work and be proud of your support for the OHS and our efforts. We have always thought that if we tell you about all the great things that we have accomplished for the animals with your gifts, it will make you want to keep supporting us so we can achieve even more.

Here is the thing: if you are paying for the work through your gifts to the Ottawa Humane Society, then who exactly is making the work possible? You are. At least as much as we are. When we say "our" work, are we including you? Sometimes, but not enough. I am concerned that we generally mean "our" work is the work of staff and the volunteers. But when we write about "our" work, it should include you because you make it happen.

We put a lot of effort into thanking you. I know a lot of you have shared with me how pleased you have been to be thanked so nicely and so promptly. We certainly have written about you as a partner in animal welfare but did we mean it? Did we share the challenges, as well as the successes? A real partner would share both. Did we tell you how you can help to overcome the

challenges? Not enough.

While we are busy sharing our successes, we don't tell you enough about what still needs to be done. We performed 4,500 surgeries last year! Excellent! But we also need to tell you that we really need 900 more to achieve what the animals need. Three hundred foster volunteers! Huge growth! Many hundreds of animals brought back to health! But, do we tell you that we

still suffer from a shortage of foster homes every summer? Perhaps we don't want to disappoint our friends but partners deserve more.

We want you to be proud of your support for the OHS and our efforts.

Do we ask you what you think and what you want? Sort of. The annual *My Donor Wishes* survey puts you in charge of how we relate to you as a donor and this is a lot more than I have seen among charities I support. But, do we ask you what your vision is for the future of animal welfare? Do we ask you what kind of an organization you want the OHS to be? Only recently, through our strategic planning surveys, but before that? Never.

So, we are trying to fix this. We are trying to credit you for the great work we have done together. We are trying to include you in the successes and share the challenges. We are trying to tell you more about what you can do to help. We are trying to ask you more what you think. We are trying to treat you not just as a friend, but also as a partner.

This article will appear simultaneously on Facebook. Please share your thoughts. 🐾

Bruce Roney
Executive Director

Two Dog Owners Plead Guilty in Separate Cases for Leaving Sick Dogs to Suffer Without Vet Care

Dogs Dundee and Pepper had a lot in common, though there is no evidence the pair ever met. They were both small, senior dogs — Dundee a 13-year-old Scottish terrier and Pepper a 15-year-old schnauzer. And sadly, they had another thing in common: the same unfortunate endings with owners who did not seek appropriate veterinary care when their dogs were sick.

In March, David Switzer brought Dundee to a vet who recommended the elderly, sick dog be euthanized. Dundee appeared to have been severely neglected, with matted fur, overgrown nails, trouble walking, dehydration, and a hind-end that was scalded from caked-on feces and urine. Dundee was in such bad shape the vet could hardly tell his front end from the back, agents reported.

When Dundee was brought back to the vet in August, the dog was in the same sick, neglected condition and was euthanized to end his tremendous suffering. The OHS was called to investigate.

In October, Switzer was sentenced to two years of probation for not seeking medical

care for Dundee. He was ordered to pay a \$500 fine and \$135 in restitution to the OHS.

Pepper had an open tumour on her hind end and could barely stand when she surrendered to the OHS on June 26. Her fur was matted and caked with urine and feces. She had to be humanely euthanized that day to end her tremendous suffering.

Her owner, Lawrence Goudie, was sentenced last month to two years of probation and \$316 in restitution.

Last year alone, OHS agents investigated more than 200 cases of owners who didn't seek vet care for their animals. Your support means the OHS is there to charge owners who let their pets suffer without appropriate medical attention.

Please help us educate our community to prevent crimes like this from happening to animals like Dundee and Pepper in the future. 🐾



Join the OHS Auxiliary to Help the Animals!



Nancy Hazen (centre) of the OHS Auxiliary presents a cheque to the OHS at the annual general meeting.

The OHS Auxiliary is a group of 45 devoted people who work tirelessly for the animals at the OHS. Here they are at the annual general meeting displaying the fruits of some of their fundraising efforts. It's a very active and dedicated group that meets several times a month for activities including bake sales, craft sales and lectures. The OHS Auxiliary always welcomes new members.

By the Numbers – Animals Waiting for Surgery at the OHS



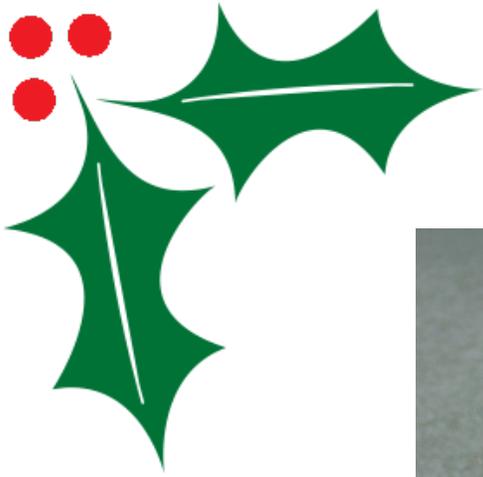
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31 cats
animals waiting for surgery

23 waiting for spay or neuters

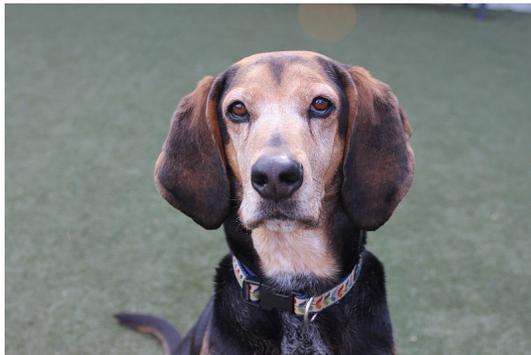


4 waiting for fracture repairs, lump removals, amputations or X-rays

For more information, visit the OHS website at ottawahumane.ca or call Nancy Hazen at 613-826-1621.



Animals Waiting for Forever Homes this Holiday Season



Woody (A165859) is an intelligent foxhound in search of his happy ever after.



Bianca (A168436) is a persian kitty who loves being spoiled and having her beautiful coat brushed regularly.



Jasper (A171041) is a fun-loving and smart border collie looking for a forever family.



Ingrid (A174063) the peachface lovebird will be singing the praises of her new human companion for years to come.



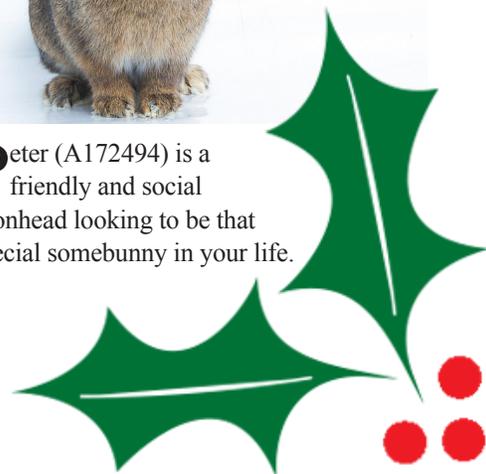
Artemis (A173517) is an affectionate, calm kitty looking to cuddle up on your lap this holiday season.



'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, well maybe an OHS mouse. The Ottawa Humane Society is seeking families who would like to have volunteer elves stop by on a night during Hanukkah or Christmas morning to deliver their new furry family member. Be it a cat or dog, bird or guinea pig, rabbit or hamster, the OHS wants to help families responsibly create a holiday memory they will never forget. Regular adoption procedures still apply so parents hoping to fulfill their child's special wish need to come to the shelter to speak with an adoption counsellor who will help match your family with the right pet. For more information on the OHS Holiday Delivery Program, please call our Adoption Centre at 6130-725-3166, ext. 258.



Peter (A172494) is a friendly and social Lionhead looking to be that special somebunny in your life.



Community Kudos



Chef Tim Wasytko (left), executive chef at 24 Sussex, and Mazen Kassis (right), president of Milano's Pizza, display the Poutine-Zaa – a custom designed pizza for Milano Pizzeria's 12 Chefs for Charity fundraiser. Chef Wasytko chose the Ottawa Humane Society as his recipient charity for the month and the initiative raised more than \$3,000 for the animals!



Josee Bastien from the Pedicure Stop in Manotick decided to cut her hair for Locks of Love and held a fundraiser to celebrate. She put out coin boxes in her town and held a big BBQ celebration with a live band. She raised more than \$3,000 and donated the money to the OHS. Thank you, Josee! 🐾

To see other humane heroes who have helped the animals at the Ottawa Humane Society, please visit www.ottawahumane.ca/communitykudos.

Cool Kids



Lily Hopkinson, 12, is one of our youngest supporters. She first became involved with the OHS when her family decided to adopt Duke and Piper from the shelter. Recently, Lily decided to help the animals at the OHS by celebrating her birthday at the shelter and asked her guests to make a donation to the animals instead of bringing presents. When asked why she thinks it's important to help animals, Lily says, "Animals are just like people in that they have feelings and deserve to be treated with kindness and caring." Thank you, Lily! You are an inspiration to us all!



Cordelia celebrated her 10th birthday on Oct. 1 and instead of gifts for herself, she asked for donations to the OHS. She raised more than \$100 and collected a basket worth of toys, pens, blankets, small animal objects and other useful items off the OHS wish list. Thank you, Cordelia! 🐾

To see more cool kids who have helped the animals at the Ottawa Humane Society, please visit www.ottawahumane.ca/coolkids.

Thank You for All You Do for the Animals!

Supporter Profile: Dana Hines and Aubrey de Young

Dana and Aubrey shared with us their guiding principle: “We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” It’s a quote from Winston Churchill and their inspiration for supporting the animals at the OHS.

Dana credits her family for her love of animals, saying, “My Mom, Edna Hines, was a member of the OHS Auxiliary in the late 60s and 70s. My love for and commitment to animal welfare comes directly from her. Aubrey is so wonderfully supportive. We share a deep love of all animals and gratitude to the front line staff at the Ottawa Humane Society.”

A lover of all animals, Dana has a special place in her heart for cats. She and Aubrey demonstrate their love of animals in many ways, from attending the first FurBall Gala in 2005, providing loyal monthly support by joining the PAW monthly donor program, with a generous pledge to the capital

campaign, and by donating to the Buddy and Belle fund. Dana also helps make the animals more comfortable through gifts of blankets and toys.



Dana and Aubrey help the animals in our care in a variety of ways, including our monthly PAW program, donating blankets and toys, and being members of the 1888 Legacy Society.

In 2013, Dana and Aubrey became members of the 1888 Legacy Society – a select group of people who have confirmed a gift in their

will to the OHS.

A gift in your will to the OHS secures the future for the animals in our community and ensures that the society will be able to advocate on behalf of the animals for generations to come. The OHS is very grateful to Dana Hines and Aubrey de Young and to all who have remembered the animals in their will.

For more information on how you may leave a bequest to the animals, please contact Greg Beck, manager: legacy giving, at 613-725-3166 ext. 268 or gregb@ottawahumane.ca.

Thank You For Making Our Walk and Run a Success for the Animals!

Thank you to all the walkers, runners, volunteers, sponsors and donors who helped to make our 26th annual Science Diet® Wiggle Waggle Walkathon and second annual Run for the Animals such a success.

Make sure to lead the pack and continue to raise funds throughout the year for the next walk and run.

Mark your calendars for next year’s walk and run on Sept. 13, 2015!



Walkers, runners, two-legged and four-legged, helped to make this year’s Science Diet® Wiggle Waggle Walkathon and Run for the Animals a huge success!

For more information on the walkathon and run and to view some amazing pictures from this year’s event, please visit www.ottawahumane.ca/walk. 



Make a Gift of Love to Tomorrow’s Animals

A legacy gift in your will provides a brighter future for the lost, abandoned, injured and neglected animals in our community. For more information please contact Greg Beck,

manager: legacy giving at 613-725-3166 ext 268, email to legacy@ottawahumane.ca or visit www.ottawahumane.ca.



Court updates

New Charges

Mr. Thomas FORBES has been charged with causing pain and suffering to an animal after he allegedly trapped a raccoon then dumped the trapped animal into a barrel of water, subsequently covering the closed barrel with rocks. He last appeared in court Oct. 16.

Ms. Carmen PALOS and **Mr. Marin UMBRES** were charged after their Old English sheepdog named Spencer was left for more than an hour while his owners were at the Rideau Carleton Raceway, OHS agents allege. They are scheduled to next appear in court on Dec. 9.

Ms. Sandra PRYCE has been charged with permitting an animal to be in distress and failing to provide adequate medical attention after her dog's terribly infected eye had to be removed because Ms. Pryce allegedly did not seek appropriate vet care for her. She last appeared in court on Oct. 31.

Pending Cases

Mr. Brian BISCOPE was charged with failing to provide adequate medical care for his sick Rottweiler. He was scheduled for trial Oct. 31.

Mr. Daniel KENNEDY was charged after allegedly throwing a rabbit to its death off a balcony. He is scheduled to go to trial on Feb. 10, 2015.

Ms. Michelle MAYER, of the Navan Animal Rescue Corporation, was charged in September 2012 with failing to provide suitable and adequate standards of care

under the OSPCA Act for over 50 dogs in her care. She last appeared in court Nov. 12.

Mr. Tagried MOHAMED was charged in June with allegedly leaving her dog in a hot car. Her matter was scheduled for trial on Nov. 20.

Ms. Andrea NOEL was charged with four counts of failing to provide adequate food and water for four Pomeranian dogs that were found dead in her care. She is scheduled to go to trial on Jan. 6, 2015.

Mr. Adrien PAQUETTE was charged with causing unnecessary pain and suffering and causing distress to a German shepherd named Tyson for allegedly dragging the dog as punishment. He is scheduled to go to trial on April 15, 2015.

Ms. Marie PARISE was charged after her cats, Mango and Tango, were brought to the OHS, allegedly starving and covered in fleas. She is scheduled to next appear in court on Dec. 5.

Mr. Jason WOODRUFF was charged with failing to provide adequate food, water or medical attention and permitting an animal to be in distress after his emaciated Great Dane was sold on Kijiji. He last appeared in court Nov. 21.

Completed Cases

Mr. Lawrence GOUDIE was sentenced to two years of

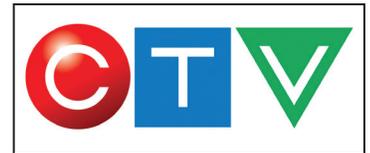
probation and ordered to pay the OHS \$316 in restitution for not seeking appropriate veterinary care for his dog, Pepper. Pepper had an open tumour on her hind end and could barely stand when she was surrendered to the OHS in June.

Ms. Prema HIMAWAN was convicted of causing an animal to be in distress after leaving a golden retriever, Kahlua, in a hot car. That day, it was 38 C outside with the humidex. Ms. Himawan was sentenced to one year of probation and a \$100 fine.

Ms. Tracey MCCULLOUGH pleaded guilty after abandoning several cats in her home, leaving some of them to suffer and die. She was sentenced to a 10 year prohibition on animal ownership and ordered to pay \$2,096 in restitution to the OHS.

Mr. David SWITZER pleaded guilty to not seeking appropriate veterinary care for his sick dog, Dundee. He was sentenced to two years of probation, was ordered to pay a \$500 fine and \$135 in restitution to the OHS. 🐾

Although legally mandated to enforce the animal cruelty provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada, the Ottawa Humane Society does not receive any government funding or any funding from any animal welfare group to rescue animals in distress and only receives partial funding for investigations. The Ottawa Humane Society relies on donors like you to help perform this essential work in our community.



Guilty Plea in Case of Abandoned Cats Found Living in Filthy House



OHS agents can rescue animals because you have made animal rescues and investigations a priority.

Tracey McCullough was in court Oct. 14 where she pleaded guilty to permitting distress to several cats after OHS Rescue and Investigation Services agents found them on July 12, 2012, living in garbage inside an empty Orleans house with no food or water. Agents also found three dead kittens in the basement.

More than two years after OHS agents rescued seven cats from a filthy, abandoned house, the woman who was supposed to care for them accepted responsibility for their suffering with a guilty plea.

The mess was so bad that agents had to wear respirators when they went inside the house to investigate.

“These cats were living in deplorable conditions. No animal should be abandoned and left to suffer and die,” said Miriam Smith, OHS inspector.

McCullough has been sentenced to two years of probation and is prohibited from owning animals for 10 years, aside from her dog. The order allows agents to do surprise inspections to make sure her dog is safe and healthy. She was also ordered to pay nearly \$3,000 in restitution to the OHS.

Because you have made animal rescues and investigations a priority, the OHS was there to save these cats and to seek justice on their behalf. Right now, the OHS is answering the cry for help from another animal in need, as it does 365 days a year. 🐾

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-  Holiday Family Event – **Dec. 7** at 245 West Hunt Club Rd.
-  My Furry Valentine Family Event – **Feb. 15** at 245 West Hunt Club Rd.
-  National Cupcake Day – **Feb. 23**
-  Warm Hearts Raffle – **March 13**
-  Hoppy Easter Family Event – **March 29** at 245 West Hunt Club Rd.
-  11th Annual FurBall – **April 11**

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