



Together, We Can Change the Lives of 800 Kittens This Year

In our last edition, we asked for your help in getting ready for kitten season and the response has been nothing short of stellar!

Kitten season, which typically runs from April to October, is a critical time at the OHS. With so many precious lives depending on us, we need to be as efficient and effective as possible.

Whether it's a mom with her full litter or a single orphaned kitten, each animal needs a thorough assessment and the appropriate vaccines, supplements and follow up treatments. Kittens are going from the shelter into to loving foster homes and ultimately adopted into their forever homes all in a matter of several weeks. And we couldn't do it without you!

Kitten season is a full team effort; intake staff, veterinary care, foster volunteers, and you.

We turned to you for support during this demanding time and you've been there! Thank you for the countless ways that you been there for us and Ottawa's adorable kittens:

- Many of you were there as our lobby was full of smiling faces, and our table full of much needed gifts, at the 2015 Kitten Shower.

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Thank you to everyone who supported our Kitten Shower.



OHS Investigation Results in Nine-Month Jail Sentence for Rabbit Killer

A man who killed his rabbit by dropping it off a 10th-storey balcony will spend nine months in jail for the callous crime.

It's a fitting sentence for such a terrible case of animal cruelty, said Bruce Roney, OHS executive director.

"Anytime an offender is sentenced to jail in a case like this, we're pleased. It speaks to the court system acknowledging that it's not acceptable to treat animals this way," Roney said.

Court heard that on Sept. 29, 2013, Daniel Kennedy, who was drunk, got upset after a neighbour and her daughter stopped by to show off their new kitten.

Kennedy "went on a rampage," witnesses said, grabbing the pet rabbit from its cage before dangling it by the ears from his balcony. He dropped the rabbit to its death in front of the neighbour's eight-year-old daughter.

OHS investigators charged Kennedy, 57, with wilfully causing unnecessary pain, suffering or injury to an animal.

A judge found Kennedy guilty of the crime and on June 2, sentenced him to nine months in jail and a lifetime ban on owning animals. He also faces two years of probation and

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From the Executive Director's Desk

The Link: Animal Cruelty and Violence



The video is horrible. It is hard to put into words beyond generalities. The camera captured Luka Magnotta

suffocating kittens with a vacuum pump. It was shot a year and a half before Magnotta moved on to larger prey: a human; international student Lin Jun. Nothing about Magnotta is typical, except his murderous trajectory. Like killers before and since, he practiced on the most vulnerable: animals.

It is well documented that serial killers begin their horrendous sprees with animals. The details are sickening. When Jeffrey Dahmer was a child, his hobby was to kill his neighbour's pets. He even impaled a dog's head on a stick and displayed it. Albert DeSalvo, the Boston Strangler, would trap dogs and cats in a box and would shoot arrows at them as a child. Brenda Spencer is notorious for shooting a gun into a crowd of children. Eleven children were hit by her bullets with two dying. When she was a child, Spencer lit the tails of neighbourhood cats and dogs on fire. Ted Bundy, who went on to kill 40 people watched as his father tortured small animals. Bundy learned from his example, did the same, and went on to kill 40 people. The list goes on and on.

No one can say when these killers turned bad and each case has its own circumstances. But the common element was hurting animals as a child. But what might have happened if someone had been there to teach compassion early?

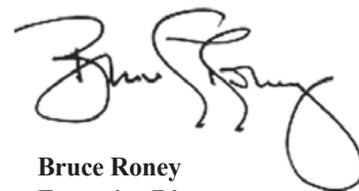
Or even just to recognize that empathy for other creatures was entirely absent in these individuals?

The link between violence against animals and violence against humans is not only seen in the extreme cases such as serial killers. It is in the home too. Child abuse, spousal abuse and elder abuse are often related to animal cruelty. Actual or threatened animal abuse can be a way for the abuser to silence victims about the incident or to prevent them from leaving a violent relationship. Abusers kill, hurt or threaten animals to exert power over the human victims and to show them what could happen to them. Killing a family pet can eliminate a source of comfort and support for the human victim.

The causes of domestic violence are complex and the solutions elusive. But the association with animal abuse is well-documented. What if the perpetrators learned empathy in their early lives?

On the face of it, the Ottawa Humane Society's humane education programs teach children and youth about animal welfare and animal care. Beyond this though, our work is far broader. It is about building compassion and empathy for animals and for people and thereby, we hope to build a more compassionate community.

It is important to recognize that when we keep animals safe from harm, we also help keep children and adults safe. The link is too clear to ignore. 🐾



Bruce Roney
Executive Director

The Elephant in the Room

You may receive a call in the next few days from a telemarketer asking you to buy tickets to the circus for underprivileged kids. The notion is compelling, and the circus knows it. Faced with a drop in ticket sales from paying customers no longer willing to show their children the results of cruel training on wild animals, this new business model preys on our concern for children.

An OHS staff member who'd previously worked in social services report seeing stack of tickets delivered unsolicited to offices.

"The tickets would go begging to anyone that would take them, generally sitting in a stack at the reception desk," he said.

This new business model supports an outdated and cruel industry. In August, once again, the circus will be dragging elephants along. As every year, they'll be telling our community that the elephants love performing, are trained humanely, and are treated like kings. They will tell you these are "domestic elephants". Don't believe it.

There is no such thing as a domestic elephant. Animals born outside of their natural habitat remain wild. Domestic animals have been bred over thousands of generations to enhance physical or behavioural attributes such as docility, reliability and predictability. Circus animals are not domesticated. They have been trained to do tricks, but they still remain wild animals and are inherently unpredictable.

The principal training "tool" for elephants is an ankah. It is used in two ways: The sharp pointed hook is used to inflict pain or to pull on the delicate areas of the elephant's skin — behind the ears, inside the ears or mouth, in and around the anus and on other tender spots. The blunt end is used to beat uncooperative elephants. In addition to the ankah, other "tools" are employed, including whips, electrical prods, baseball bats and metal pipes.



After training, animals in entertainment can look forward to lives trapped in unnaturally small spaces. The majority of their lives will be spent moving between cities in "beast wagons"—freight cars and trucks where their movements are severely restricted. Between shows, animals that would naturally migrate tens of kilometres a day, wait in leg irons for their next performance.

The circus will tell you that the OHS inspects it. This, at least, is true. However, the OHS inspection is limited to immediate distress as defined by current highly inadequate legislation.

Some have argued that these acts teach us about the natural world. They teach us nothing. There is nothing natural about an elephant in a skirt trying to balance on a ball. It merely demonstrates, to children especially, that dominating and exploiting animals is acceptable. The existence of these cruel and dangerous acts diminishes our community. It diminishes our own humanity.

The time of exotic animal circuses is over. Please take a small step to end animal suffering by saying no to supporting them. If you wouldn't go, and you wouldn't take your children, don't send others. 🐾

Together, We Can... cont'd from page 1

- Several of you have stepped up to find your *Purrfect Pairing* through our virtual fostering program. In fact, we're already more than 40 per cent of the way to our 800 kittens helped goal! **Help us get to 100 per cent!**
- Others still have opened their hearts and homes as either a foster volunteer, providing the loving hands-on care for as long as needed, or as an OHS adopter giving a cat or kitten a second chance at health and happiness in a forever home.

We're only half way through our 2015 Kitten Season — there are many more kittens that still need our help! Please help spread the word, there's a Purrfect Pairing for everyone at www.ottawahumane/kitten. 🐾

OHS Investigation... cont'd from page 1

\$610 in restitution owed to the OHS for the cost of the investigation.

"This rabbit was a completely innocent victim, as was the child who witnessed this crime," Roney said. "We're satisfied that justice was done in this case."

Thanks to you, OHS investigators were there to seek justice for this crime. This year, RIS agents expect 1,225 investigations — help them be there for every animal crying out for help. 🐾

Mystic the Cat Finally Goes Home to His Happily Ever After

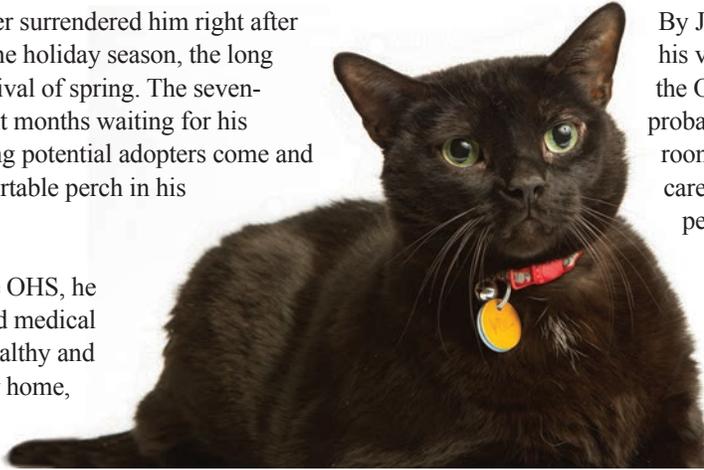
Eight months of food, shelter and care at the OHS — only possible thanks to you!

It took a long time for Mystic to find his forever home, but thanks to you, he spent it warm and safe at the OHS.

for his sensitive tummy, and time spent with a foster volunteer where he recovered from an upper respiratory infection.

Mystic's previous owner surrendered him right after Thanksgiving, before the holiday season, the long winter, and then the arrival of spring. The seven-year-old boy spent eight months waiting for his second chance, watching potential adopters come and go from atop his comfortable perch in his cat condo.

While in the care of the OHS, he got the food, shelter and medical care he needed to be healthy and ready for a new forever home, including dental care, a special diet



By June 14, after he'd spent 242 days waiting for his very own happy ending, his new family came to the OHS to bring him home. As you read this, he's probably curled up in a sunny patch in a cozy living room! While he was loved by the workers who cared for him daily, nothing matches the love of a permanent family.

Without you, thousands of cats, dogs, and small animals would have had nowhere to turn for a chance at happily ever after. Help us make second chances possible for the animals expected in the OHS Adoption Centre this year. 🐾

Top 10 Ways You Can be the Best Pet Owner Possible

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Provide the basics



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Adequate exercise and mental stimulation

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Identification: microchip and licence



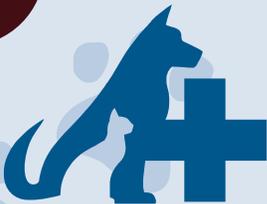
4

Keep pets under control at all times



5

Annual veterinary examination



6

Sterilization



7

Regular grooming



8

Basic obedience training



9

Pet insurance for illness and accident



10

Stoop and scoop



Community Kudos



The students from the Barrhaven Music Academy held their annual talent showcase in May and decided to donate all the proceeds from ticket sales to the animals in the care of the OHS. These students sang and played their hearts out in front of students, family and friends and raised more than \$700!



Each semester the amazing sisters of Nu Sigma Pi choose a charity to support with their ongoing fundraising efforts and this year they chose the OHS to be the recipient of their generous donations. The group held a range of fundraisers and donated over \$200 for Ottawa's animals in need!

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

Cool Kids



Young fundraisers Eddie, Max and Ella worked hard to organize a lemonade stand at the Solara Community Garage Sale. These amazing young adults worked hard at raising more than \$50 for the animals at the shelter!



Students Kenny B., Christi O., Emily P., Christine R., and Rachel, who are all members the incredible DLS-SLT Student Association, hosted a BINGO tournament with all the proceeds going to help Ottawa's animals in need. These generous students raised more than \$780 for the animals in the care of the OHS!

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!

Maelyn Kaya

Maelyn Kaya, a Grade 6 French immersion student at Hillson Ave Public School, has spent the past two years researching and educating her peers on the negative impacts of puppy mills and backyard breeders.

This year, Maelyn and a few of her classmates started a group called E.D.U.C.A.T.E. The group's mandate is to help spread the word about puppy mills and backyard breeders and the importance of adopting your animal from a shelter.

Maelyn designed and made a wooden beaded bracelet with paw-print charm, which she and



her group sold to raise funds in support of the animals at the OHS. The bracelets were such a hit that the OHS's Buddy & Belle Boutique asked Maelyn if she would be interested in selling her bracelets at the store, and Maelyn agreed! You can now purchase a Maelyn Kaya original wooden beaded bracelet with paw-print charm at the OHS's Buddy & Belle Boutique with proceeds going to the animals at the OHS. 🐾

What does E.D.U.C.A.T.E. stand for?

- E**ducate friends and family about puppy mills
- D**onate to your local Humane Society
- U**nite against puppy mills
- C**areful of backyard breeders
- A**dopt from your local Humane Society
- T**ougher laws and penalties against puppy mills
- E**radicate puppy mills!

You Are With Us Every Step of the Way!

You're an integral part of the OHS community — it's only thanks to you that we're able to help thousands of animals in need every year. We hope you can see how your loving support made a real and meaningful difference last year:



These are just some of the highlights that your donations made possible.



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Court updates

New charges

Elissa and Nora Aubrey-Lafreniere were charged with six counts of breaching a court order made in 2010 after they pleaded guilty to permitting distress and failing to provide suitable standards of care for the animals in their care in 2009. The court order allowed them to have no more than five animals; all of the animals were required to be spayed and neutered and to have annual vaccinations. On two recent inspections, the pair was allegedly in possession of 34 cats and two dogs. They last appeared in court June 8, 2015.

Fiona Gasperetti was charged for permitting distress and failing to provide standards of care to her guinea pig after presenting the pet to the OHS for euthanasia in a state of neglect. Her last appearance in court was May 28, 2015.

Jared Catchpaugh was charged with permitting distress and failing to provide standards of care for his dog Marley after Marley was hit by a car, suffered a fractured leg, then was allegedly allowed to suffer for several weeks without care. He last appeared in court June 3, 2015.

Completed cases

Ms. Suzanne Ibrahim was charged with permitting distress and failing to provide standards of care and after a dead guinea pig was brought to the OHS. She pleaded guilty in May and was sentenced to two years of probation and a two-year ban on owning animals.

Ms. Shannon Bourguignon was charged with failing to meet the standards of care for general welfare and permitting distress after her injured cat was left without care for eight days. She pleaded guilty and received a suspended sentence, one year of probation, and a one-year prohibition not to own or care for any additional animals other than her Shih Tzu. She was also ordered to pay \$300 in restitution to the OHS.

Daniel Kennedy was found guilty of dropping a rabbit to its death from a 10th floor balcony and was sentenced to nine months in jail, a lifetime prohibition on animals, two years of probation and ordered to pay \$610 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.

Meet Guinness, Official Spokesdog of the Science Diet® Wiggle Waggle Walkathon

I'm Guinness and I am the new official spokesdog for the Science Diet® Wiggle Waggle Walkathon!



I'm here to tell you that we're getting ready for not only another exciting Walkathon but the Run for the Animals event is also returning on Sept. 13! So come on out and walk or run and have fun while helping Ottawa's animals. Registration is now open at www.ottawahumane.ca/walk and www.ottawahumane.ca/run — don't delay, sign up now!



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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.



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-  Ottawa Pet Expo — Nov. 14-15 at the EY Centre
-  Bingo – Every Sunday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., at the Overbrook Bingo Palace

Visit our website at www.ottawahumane.ca for more information



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