



Summer 2017



Our Best Friends

Thanks to You, Little Kittens Like Dave Will Not Only Survive but THRIVE!

Weighing just 320 grams, Dave is a kitten whose first days at the Ottawa Humane Society were precarious. The sickly orphan was brought here as a stray and there was no telling whether or not he was going to make it.

With no mom to love and care for him, Dave got depressed and stopped eating. Then his little tummy couldn't keep anything down and he started to lose weight. He spent a couple of days under the watchful eye of the OHS veterinarian in the critical care unit where staff worked diligently to stabilize the wee kitten. There, he slowly got healthy enough to go home with a dedicated OHS foster volunteer to grow big and strong enough for a forever family.

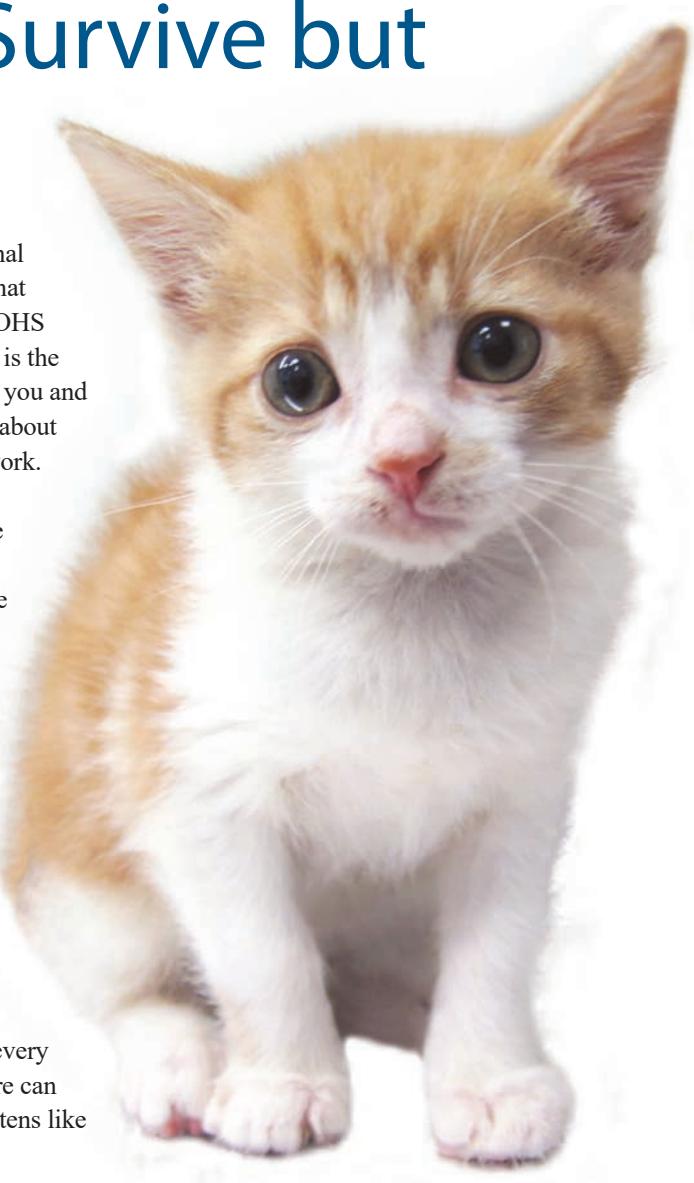
Though his story is dramatic, it's not unique. Dave is one of the 800 kittens we will welcome and care for who will need the same love and attention he has received in his foster home and at the OHS.

It's not easy working at an animal shelter at times like this. But what motivates each member of the OHS team to come to work each day is the love and compassion shown by you and other partners who care deeply about animals and support our vital work.

Sweet Dave is fortunate to have received his second chance at a happy and healthy life. Soon, he will be ready for adoption and no doubt go home to a loving family who will treasure and care for him.

You can help the hundreds of motherless kittens coming into our care this summer by giving them the chance to heal and flourish, and finally find their forever home too.

Please consider making a gift, every dollar counts. Without you, there can be no happily ever afters for kittens like Dave. 





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From the Executive Director's Desk

The Difference between an SPCA and a Humane Society.



Over the years, I have been asked many times what the difference is between a humane society and an SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals).

In my early days, I would respond that the two terms are interchangeable and functionally the same. It was only when I updated the OHS history for our 125th anniversary in 2013 that I realized the difference had a historical basis. SPCAs were founded with missions to protect and care for animals. Humane societies were generally founded to protect and care for animals and children. In fact, the OHS mandate for children was transferred sometime between 1891 and 1896, as this role of the Ottawa Humane Society was passed onto the newly formed Children's Aid Society.

I wonder sometimes if the name and the history influences the thinking of humane societies today. In the absence of research on other groups, I can only discuss the OHS. And at the OHS, yes, I think it has — powerfully. Children have always been a significant aspect of our work, or at least at that magical point where animals and children meet. That is the point where lasting change can happen for both. Animals will be better treated and cared for by a new generation. And those future adults have the opportunity to learn

compassion through the animals, which will one day, we hope, lead to a better, kinder community and world.

Last year, the OHS reached well over 15,000 children and youth, mainly through our humane education program in schools. Humane education is about much more than caring for animals. It is about finding compassion, and in the older grades, examining our relationships with animals and the natural world.

For children at risk, our Leadership Education with Adolescents and Dogs (LEAD) program pairs young people with shelter dogs that need some help to become adoptable. The young people acquire new skills, and perhaps experience the first unconditional love in their lives. The dog, having learned new and better behaviour, can find his forever home because of the interaction. The child and dog can become whole again as they are changed forever through the bond they form and through learning care and compassion.

Because you and our community care, the OHS is here for animals when they are in distress, injured, lost and homeless. As long as you continue to care, we will always be here for this. Since we are a humane society, if you continue to care, you and the OHS will also be building a more compassionate community. 🐾

Bruce Roney
Executive Director

Never Leave a Dog in a Hot Car

We are asking you, our supporters, to help us make sure no dog is ever left to suffer in a hot car again. It's a dream we can only realize with your help.

It's only through educating our community and spreading the word that we can make sure the animals in our community are safe all summer long. Unfortunately, dogs are still being left alone in hot cars as you read this.

It's a terrible fate. The temperature inside a car can quickly climb, turning it into an oven in minutes.

A dog inside will begin to pant, drool, suffer increased heart rate, vomit, have seizures and could even die.

The dog's brain may swell, he may have trouble breathing. The heat may affect all his organs, including his heart, weakening the muscle until the poor dog goes into shock.

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Take information. Note the make, model and licence plate number of the car, the exact location of the car and description of the dog: breed, colour, size etc. Remember that

windows cracked open do not significantly reduce the internal temperature of a car.

Assess the situation. How long have you been present while the dog has been in the car? Is the dog in distress? Signs of heat distress include excessive panting with the tongue fully extended, stumbling, glazed eyes, disorientation, hiding in the foot well (which is the "coolest" place in a vehicle), convulsions/seizuring, and ultimately coma and death.

Notify authorities. Contact nearby stores and businesses. Ask them to make an announcement for the owner to return to their car. Get others to help you. If the dog is in distress call the Ottawa Police Service at 911. Stay on the scene to monitor the situation until the owner or help arrives.

Spreading the word is one step you can take to save an animal's life. 

You Just Saved a Trapped Raccoon!

We can only be there to rescue more trapped animals, because you care

Recently, an Ottawa resident found a raccoon with its toes caught in a metal box attached to a tree in her back yard. She had just purchased the home and didn't know why the box was there, but she knew the raccoon needed help, so she called the OHS emergency line.

An OHS officer arrived and got to work to free the trapped and frightened little animal. First, she tried loosening the box with dish soap. Next, she tried cutting the box with bolt cutters. Then, she tried cutting the small branch that the metal box was attached to. Nothing worked and the raccoon grew increasingly upset.

For the safety of both the officer and the animal, the raccoon would need to be sedated to be removed from the tree. The officer contacted the OHS for more assistance and dispatched a veterinary technician to the scene.

Once the raccoon was sedated, the officer was able to remove the box from the tree. The



officer, technician and raccoon, still trapped in the box, headed back to the OHS.

With the raccoon still sedated, the officer was able to press down on the box and free the raccoon's leg. The technician examined the raccoon and fortunately, the rescue occurred before the animal more seriously injured itself in an escape attempt.

The next morning, a technician and a representative from one of the OHS's partners, the Rideau Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, examined the raccoon again and determined that he could be released back into the wild. He was released into a wooded area close to where he was found.

OHS officers are kept busy throughout the spring and summer responding sick and injured animal calls. Thank you for being there for Ottawa's animals in need. 

Rosie Gets Her Forever Home, Because of You

Rosie was first transferred to the OHS from another shelter in 2010. The young cat was spayed and quickly found a new home through one of our Pet Adoption Location (PAL) partners.

Earlier this year, her family had to move across the country and were unable to bring Rosie with them, so they made the difficult decision to return the nine-year-old Persian mix to the OHS.

During her second stay at the OHS, Rosie underwent two dental

surgeries and was treated for an eye infection. After two months she was once again ready to find a new home and was adopted in March.

After a few months in her new home, Rosie's family sent us a note to let us know how she's doing:

"When we first got her she was very scared, always hid under my bed. Now we see her running around the house like a kitten, even with new people over. Rosie

fits in perfectly and has her own spot in bed when it's bed time. Everyone in the family loves her grumpy face. Rosie has made an wonderful addition to our family!"

Thanks to you, the OHS was able to provide Rosie with medical care and a safe place to stay, not once but twice. No matter how long it takes, animals like Rosie have a safe place to wait for their forever family, because you care. 



Cat and Dog Enrichment at the OHS

We're doing even more for the animals, because you care.

These enrichment programs add up to more lives saved. We can only do it with your help.

Why do they need enrichment?



CATS

When cats enter a shelter it can be a terrifying experience for them.

This leads to increased stress levels, which can result in not eating, illness and fearful or aggressive behaviour.

Some cats will have an extremely difficult time adjusting to the shelter environment, and some are not able to adjust at all.



DOGS

Dogs are social animals, isolation can cause stress.

Dogs like to have control over their environment.

Providing mental stimulation is just as important as physical exercise.

Prevents behavioural deterioration.

Enrichment tools



CATS

- Hide and Perch boxes
- Scratch pads
- Soft bedding
- Cage toy
- Pheromone spray
- Cage cover
- Office respite
- Foster program



DOGS

- Stuffed Kong/ food dispenser for feeding
- Nylabone
- Toys
- Bedding
- Music
- Pheromone spray or medication
- Cage cover
- Thunder Shirt
- Office respite
- Foster program

Some things volunteers do...



CATS

- Socialization
- Play time
- Mild grooming
- Encouraging to eat
- Help shy/fearful cats behaviourally in a home environment
- Monitor inappropriate elimination
- Foster orphaned kittens



DOGS

- Walking dogs
- Bubbles
- Puzzles
- Reading
- Treasure hunt
- Scent
- Brushing
- Training
- Behaviour modification
- Working with fearful dogs and those with handling sensitivities

Maureen Powers: How Animals Made an Impression on My Heart

Maureen Powers is a long-time friend, volunteer, Auxiliary member and donor to the OHS. She told us about why she is so dedicated to the animals in our community.

Q: *What inspired you to become involved with the OHS?*

A: When I was a little girl growing up in Ottawa, cats and dogs roamed the streets. People didn't keep their pets in their homes, it happened in my house too. You let the cat and dog out in the morning and then you called them in at night. My mother used to say it wasn't safe at night for children or animals. I remember a lot of the neighbourhood animals didn't look very healthy, and that made an impression on my heart. So when I became an adult, I started volunteering at the old building. I went in one time with my daughter in-law, who was fostering cats at the time, about 12 years ago and I noticed there wasn't much in the cages by way of bedding and such. One of the staff asked me if I could sew, and I said yes. They needed some curtains for the offices upstairs and bedding for the cats and dogs, so I did that.

Around the same time, a friend of mine, Anne Devaul from the Auxiliary, asked me if I could lend a hand at a garage sale she was having to raise money for the OHS. I helped with that, then attended a monthly meeting, and the rest is history...I've been an Auxiliary member ever since.

Q: *Why is the OHS important to you?*

A: Because of the animals, they need our help, a safe place where they will be well cared for. The OHS has evolved so much over the years — it is important not only to care for animals, but also to educate the public. I'm very proud of the work the OHS does in our community, especially the new mobile spay and neuter clinic.

Q: *Why did you become a PAW Monthly Donor?*

A: When I was little, we would take the street car down to the old shelter at Christmas time and we'd bring a little money, usually just a little change. It was our big yearly trip,



and it made me feel really good to think I was helping. As an adult, I started giving a little more and in 2009 I became a PAW monthly donor. I know the money I donate is being used wisely. The OHS does a wonderful job through mailings and emails of explaining what is needed and how people's donations are used.

Q: *What would you tell someone who is thinking of becoming involved with the OHS?*

A: I would say, please do! Every dollar counts. People don't realize it's not just about the cost of medicine, food or surgeries, but expenses like electricity, washing all the bedding and most importantly, being able to employ the exemplary and dedicated staff. They are the

heart of the OHS and I know each and every person who works there cares deeply for the animals that come through the doors of the shelter.

**Have you planned
for your pet's
future?**



**Have you planned
your legacy?**



For more information on legacy giving call **613-725-3166, ext. 268** or email legacy@ottawahumane.ca. www.ottawahumane.ca

Escape Manor Presents the OHS Wiggle Waggle Walk & Run

Why 'Hounds of the Manor' will walk & run for a good 'paws' this September

In 2017, the Wiggle Waggle Walkathon and Run for the Animals has undergone a merger to become the new OHS Wiggle Waggle Walk & Run presented by Escape Manor. Combining the best elements of the walkathon and run, this new event will feature the 3K Walk, 1K Kids Fun Run, 1K Furry Fun Run, 5K & 10K Runs. We caught up with Chris Bisson, co-founder of Escape Manor, to learn more about why he got involved and how he plans to help raise funds for Ottawa's animals:

"As a company, we wanted to get involved with a charity that meant something to us. As an animal lover and activist, I reached out to the OHS to see if there were any opportunities for the company to contribute in a unique and meaningful way. When the OHS proposed getting involved with the Walk & Run, it was an instant winner. The competitive and active nature of the Walk & Run lines up very well with the culture of our company and how we like to get involved.

In the next couple of months we will be recruiting members to join our 'Hounds of the Manor' pack through social media and in-house 'purrssuation' at our three locations across the city. All of our pack members will receive great Escape Manor perks, including passes for an escape. Our goal is to have at least 50 participants join our pack to run or walk at the event!"

In addition to traditional ways of fundraising such as sponsorship and asking family and friends for donations, Escape Manor has come up with a unique way to raise additional funds: "*During the month of August we will be offering guests the opportunity to donate to receive extra clues to help them during their escape.*"

Looking forward to his second year of participation, when asked what Escape Manor's favourite part of the event is, Chris said, "*Seeing how happy all of the animals look to be out having fun and getting exercise with their best friends!*"

Thanks to you and caring people like Chris, the OHS is able to rescue, reunite and rehome thousands of Ottawa's animals. You too, can help save an animal's life by joining us on Saturday, Sept. 9 at our new location at Lansdowne Great Lawn. Don't delay, register today and put together a team. More information at www.ottawahumane.ca/walkrun. 



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Thank you to Iversoft Solutions Inc. for creating the OHS iPhone and Android app and their ongoing work on our website!



Community Kudos



Katherine is a Humane Hero who painted 28 canvases in various sizes and sold them at her school's parent-teacher night. She donated all of the proceeds to the animals at the OHS! What an amazing thing to do, thank you so much Katherine. We are all so grateful here at the OHS for your very kind initiative and warm heart.



Dax is a super cool kid! He collected donations in lieu of presents at his birthday party. The animals are so lucky to have cool kids like Dax in the community. Thank you so much Dax for your kindness toward the animals!



WOW! Koelle and Naiya went out of their way to plan a bake sale for Ottawa's animals! They donated all of the money raised to the OHS. Thank you so much, ladies, the animals are sure lucky that they have your support!



We've got ourselves An AMAZING group of students! The Grade 5 and 6 students of Ecole Alain Fortin took it upon themselves to organize a garage sale where they charged people \$10.00 per table to sell their items. They raised a whopping \$284.34 for the animals at the OHS! On behalf of everyone at the OHS — furry and human — THANK YOU so very much for your amazing generosity.

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

Saving Animals Every Single Day of the Year

By joining our PAW monthly giving program
YOU can ensure that Ottawa's vulnerable
animals get the life-saving care they need.

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You make it
PAW-sible!



Events Calendar



OHS Microchip Clinics
– Aug. 13, Sept. 17,
Oct. 15, Nov. 12 and
Dec. 10 – 245 West Hunt
Club Road



Capital Pride Parade
– Aug. 27



2017 OHS Wiggle Waggle
Walk & Run presented by
Escape Manor – Saturday,
Sept. 9, Lansdowne Great
Lawn



OHS Auxiliary Fall Bazaar
– Sept. 30, 245 West Hunt
Club Road



Ottawa Pet Expo
– Nov. 14-15, EY Centre



OHS Auxiliary Christmas
Craft Sale – Nov. 16-18,
Westgate Shopping Centre



Bingo – Every Sunday, 7
p.m. - 9 p.m., Overbrook
Bingo Palace

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