

Winter 2016



# Our Best Friends

## Vars Man Sentenced to Probation, Pet Ban for Punishing Tyson the German Shepherd by Dragging Him Behind Truck

The man who tied Tyson to the back of his truck and dragged him as punishment for running away from home has been sentenced to a year of probation and a three-year ban on having pets.

On March 14, 2014, Adrien Paquette tied Tyson, his two-year-old German shepherd, to his vehicle and dragged him about a half kilometre, witnesses told OHS agents.

Tyson was surrendered to the OHS to get the medical care he needed for cuts and scrapes to his paws and mouth and a terrible ear infection not related to the abuse. After getting the care he needed from OHS staff, Tyson was adopted in May 2014.

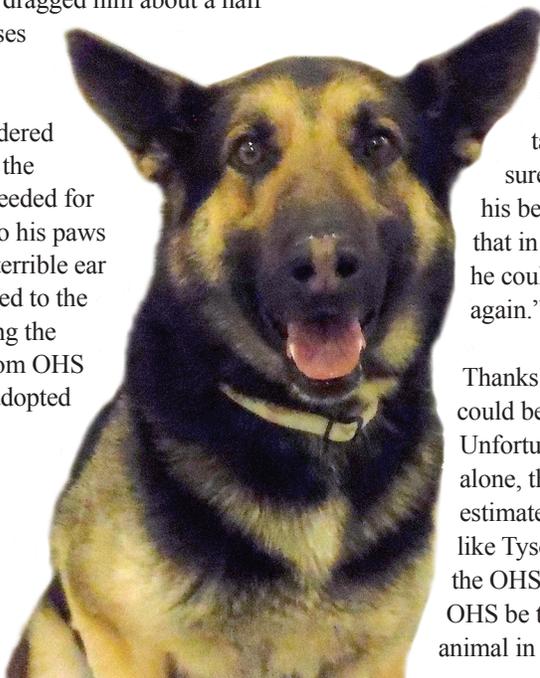
Paquette pleaded guilty on June 22 to causing unnecessary pain and suffering to Tyson. The

sentence was not what the OHS had hoped for, said Bruce Roney, executive director

“We’d wanted jail time. This was a very serious crime against an animal,” Roney said.

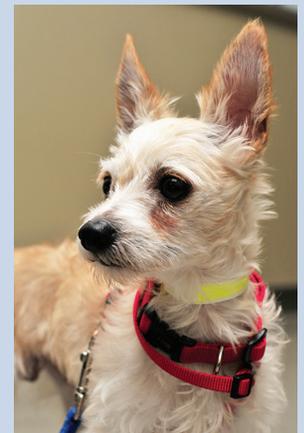
“Our hope is that Mr. Paquette uses his sentence to take steps to make sure he doesn’t repeat his behaviour, knowing that in just three years he could have a pet again.”

Thanks to you, the OHS could be there for Tyson. Unfortunately, this year alone, there will be an estimated 1,500 animals like Tyson rescued by the OHS. Please help the OHS be there for the next animal in need. 🐾



## With Your Help, 13 Chihuahuas Spent Valentine’s Day Surrounded by Love

Within days of arriving at the OHS, 10 surrendered Chihuahuas grew to 13 after one gave birth to three puppies.



The dogs were brought to the OHS last November after their owner was no longer able to care for them. Many shook with fear, having never received proper socialization. None of them were spayed or neutered and they were all in need of grooming and medical care.

Staff got to work to give them their second chance at a happy life. They got checkups, vaccinations, dental care and were spayed or neutered. Some also spent time with a dedicated foster volunteer.

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## From the Executive Director's Desk

# Volunteers: A Precious Resource



The Ottawa Humane Society, like any organization, is simply people coming together to achieve a common goal. The OHS “works” only

because three groups

have come together: our donors, our staff, and our volunteers. All are essential, but the volunteers don't always get their due and I want to change that.

As of today, the OHS has 842 active volunteers. They are a huge resource for the animals and their achievements at the OHS are staggering. We estimate volunteers gave the OHS and the animals more than 56,000 hours just last year — the equivalent of nearly 30 full-time staff!

Half our volunteers are foster volunteers — kind souls who care for animals in their homes as the pets recover from respiratory infection or surgery, get needed socialization, wait for dental work, or are just too stressed to stay in the shelter. Last year, almost 1,700 animals got a second chance only because of foster volunteers. The program's godchildren, our kitten brigade and orphaned kitten programs, helped more than 300 vulnerable felines that might have otherwise not survived.

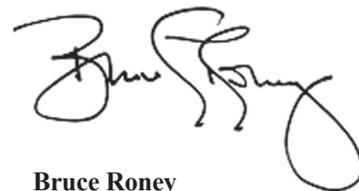
Dog walking is our most known program. Over the years, we have upped our game considerably with dog walking volunteers and continue to do so. Once simply a way to get dogs out of the shelter to lower stress and maintain their housetraining, the program has evolved into a more professional program with trained volunteers supporting “doggy manners,” then graduating to basic training and behaviour intervention.

Of course, some positions are considerably harder to fill than others. Now that we are able to provide humane education for schoolchildren in French, the volunteers to support this have proven hard to come by. We are almost always looking for photographers. People available during the day to care for cats in our Pet Adoption Locations (PAL) are scarce. And volunteers to make thank you calls to donors are precious.

While most people associate volunteering at the OHS with working with animals, those that help with office jobs are among our most committed. And while working in the background at data entry in the development department, or assisting the foster, PAL and administrative staff with office work might not seem to help animals, we could not care for 10,000 animals a year without them.

Not surprisingly, there is a lot of interest in volunteering at the OHS. This has been our blessing and our curse. Managing the sheer numbers of people interested in volunteering here at the OHS — once upward of 200 people a month for non-foster programs alone — has proven to be a tremendous challenge. There is so much interest that we have had to move to a volunteer system much like applying for employment. Vacancies are identified and posted on our website. Volunteers submit applications and are screened for skills and a match.

I hope you will join me in thanking the amazing, committed and loving people that make up our volunteer teams. 🐾



**Bruce Roney**  
Executive Director

# Maple Gets Her Very Own Happily Ever After — Thanks to You

**B**ounced from home to home for the first six years of her life, Maple finally made it to the OHS in January 2015 to get her second chance.

The little pug was in need of dental work, lots of love, and most importantly, a family to care for her for the rest of her life.

While at the OHS, Maple was always eager to meet new friends and last July, her luck finally changed when her new forever family walked through the door.



Now Maple has a family that loves everything about her. She loves them too, refusing to go for a walk until everyone gets off the couch to come with her!

She is very excited to have human brothers and sisters and anxiously awaits their return on the school bus each day, including barking at every bus that passes, just in case her kids are on that one, her family reports.

There is no shortage of fun things for Maple to do now, like exploring in the yard, getting snuggles, digging holes and going on adventures with her family.

It is due to your incredible support that Maple is celebrating her happy ending with a family that loves her unconditionally. Help us create even more happy tales by supporting the animals that are eagerly awaiting their forever homes in the Adoption Centre. 🐾

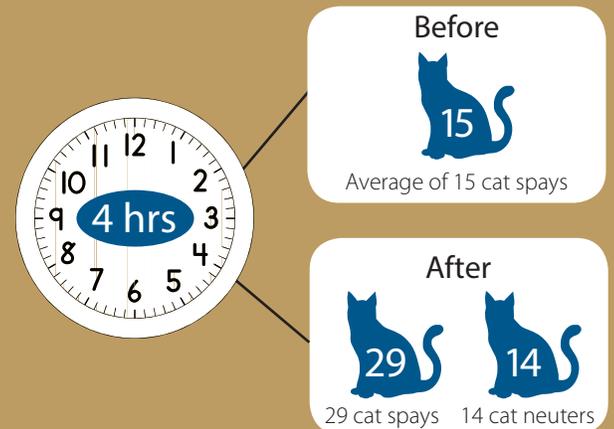
## By the Numbers

To veterinarians, it's called High Quality, High Volume Spay and Neuter. Newly put into practice at the OHS, this leading-edge technique means a meticulously planned setup for spay and neuter surgeries that has led to even more animals ready for loving forever homes faster than ever.

From pre-operative care to post-surgical observation from specially trained OHS volunteers, every role and movement is precisely orchestrated using only experts, similar to a complex assembly line. Perfected by shelters around the world, OHS staff were trained in the technique with safety and quality as top priority.

## High Volume Spay and Neuter

In a four-hour surgical block...



This means more animals are ready to find their happily ever afters even sooner!

## Chihuahuas... cont'd from page 1

After three months, 19 surgeries, and several weeks of foster care, all 13 Chihuahuas were safe and warm in forever homes by Valentine's Day. They are just 13 of more than 10,000 animals that come into the care of the OHS every year. Because of your support, they too will have a chance at a new life. Help us be there for the next animal with nowhere else to turn. 🐾



# Sign Up for OHS Off-Leash Summer Camp

Spring is in the air — almost! Our Outreach team is already gearing up for another exciting year of summer camp at the OHS.



Tails are wagging over some of the new exciting features and activities available this year. With different animals to meet every day, as well as crafts, games and other fun activities, this unique camp is perfect for animal lovers ages 6 to 11, and is filled with animal-themed fun every day of the week.

Signing your animal lover up for camp couldn't be any easier. Register online at [www.ottawahumane.ca](http://www.ottawahumane.ca) to instantly guarantee a spot in your week of choice but hurry — spots fill up quickly!



For more information, please contact the supervisor: programs by email at [programs@ottawahumane.ca](mailto:programs@ottawahumane.ca) or by phone at (613) 725-3166 ext. 298. 🐾

## Supporter Testimonial: Barbara Lajeunesse Passing On the Fundraising Torch From One Generation to the Next

Barbara Lajeunesse has been supporting the animals at the OHS for more than 20 years and is also a proud adopter. She has also passed on her enthusiasm for fundraising and love for the animals to her granddaughter. We asked Barbara to share with us why she supports the OHS:

*"I do as much as I can for the Ottawa Humane Society because of my love of animals. My first three pets, cats Beb and Blackie, and dog Spike*



Barbara Lajeunesse with her dog Molly

*all came from the Ottawa Humane Society many years ago. They were all deeply loved and valued.*

*I participate every year in the Wiggle Waggle Walkathon and am a proud member of the Moose Lake Labs team. Our team works very hard to fundraise and to help the Ottawa Humane Society — all of us are deeply committed to our own dogs as well. I also help the OHS by donating items for the silent auctions and will continue to do that as long as I can. I believe in asking anyone for donations for the animals — I don't get offended if they say no!*

*I think the other thing that continues to draw me to the Ottawa Humane Society is my 9-year-old granddaughter, Olivia, who loves these creatures as much as I do. No week is complete without a trip to the Ottawa Humane Society and time spent cuddling the cats and talking to the dogs. And, last but not least, there is no question that the OHS staff are top of the line -- their commitment encourages us to be involved for as long as we can."*

Every day, we see the difference donors like Barbara make in the lives of animals. You can give them a second chance at love and happiness too. If you're interested in fundraising for the OHS, please call 613-725-3166 ext. 238 or email [events@ottawahumane.ca](mailto:events@ottawahumane.ca). 🐾



### 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 [legacy@ottawahumane.ca](mailto:legacy@ottawahumane.ca) or visit [www.ottawahumane.ca](http://www.ottawahumane.ca).



# Community Kudos



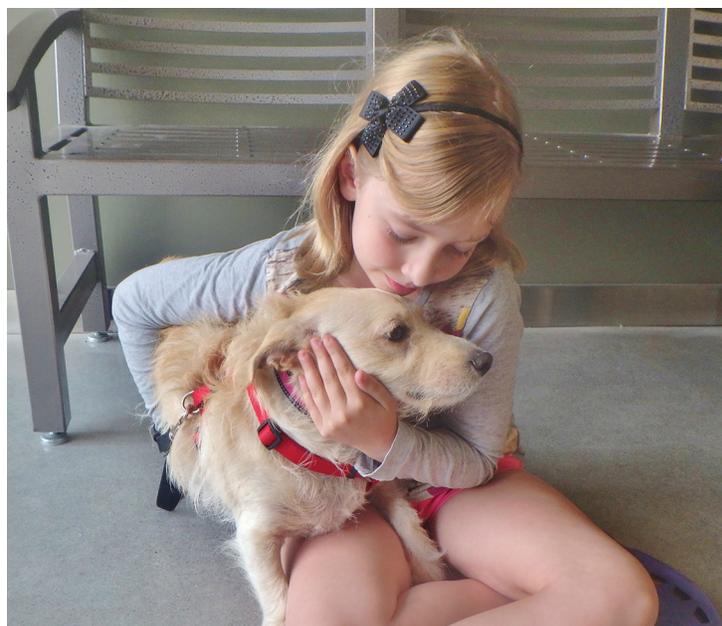
Roses are red, violets are blue, Trillium Floral Designs celebrated their anniversary and gave to Ottawa's animals too! The wonderful people at Trillium Floral Designs celebrated their 15th anniversary and marked the occasion by hosting an event with gift baskets and raffle draws with all the proceeds going to help Ottawa's animals in need! They raised a blooming \$640 for the OHS!



There's no better way to quench your thirst than a refreshing glass of lemonade, but it tastes even better when you know it's helping Ottawa's animals. Addison V. has been serving these glasses of goodness at her annual charity lemonade stand for over five years, donating more than \$1,200 to the OHS in her lifetime! Wow! A special thank you goes out to Addison, now 7, and seen here with OHS kitty Peter, who has been an OHS supporter since she was just two years old! Way to go, Addison!



How high would you go to help Ottawa's animals? Charmaine Hall would go 144 flights (or 1,776 steps, to be exact!) to help our community's animals in need! This amazing (and brave!) OHS supporter climbed the CN Tower in just over 20 minutes and asked for donations for this amazing climb. She raised a towering \$300 for the animals in the care of the OHS!



Big thanks go out to Norah R., age 10, who baked cookies, cupcakes and brownies and sold them to her community to raise funds in support of the animals at the OHS. Norah, seen here with OHS pooch, Mia, raised more than \$30 for animals in need!

To see other humane heroes who have helped the animals at the Ottawa Humane Society, please visit [www.ottawahumane.ca/communitykudos](http://www.ottawahumane.ca/communitykudos).

## Supporter Testimonial: Laurie Federgreen

# Why Legacy Giving is Important to Me

*"I have had the privilege of being closely associated with the Ottawa Humane Society for the last 15 years. During that time, I have seen first-hand the depth of quality service, love and compassion given generously to the animals by staff and volunteers. I am proud to financially support the Ottawa Humane Society and to demonstrate my support of the society's mission by donating much needed funds to continue its service to our community. I recently decided to*



Laurie Federgreen with her husband

*support the Ottawa Humane Society more substantially than I could during my lifetime by making a legacy gift through my will."*

A legacy gift to the OHS allows you to provide a safe, secure future for generations of animals to come. To make a difference and help animals today and for generations to come, call to arrange a talk with Thea Belanger, manager: legacy giving at 613-725-3166 ext. 268 or email [legacy@ottawahumane.ca](mailto:legacy@ottawahumane.ca). 🐾



Laurie's cats Dolly, Snowflake, Thumper, Pepper and Dixie

## What Makes the FurBall an Evening to Remember?

Returning for its 12<sup>th</sup> year, the FurBall is a gala event that stands out from all others. The energy and buzz in the room is not just from the great food and entertainment, it's also from the hundreds of people gathered together for an evening and believing in a single cause: helping Ottawa's animals.

There are always guests sharing photos of their pets, swapping stories and talking about their connection to the OHS. For some guests, this is special night out, the one time a year to dress up, dine and dance. For others it is a corporate sponsorship, where a company believes in the work the OHS does and wants to show their support and

be proud to have their name associated with the OHS. One thing is clear: everyone in attendance, no matter how they got their ticket, wants to make a difference in the lives of Ottawa's animals!

The one part of the evening that really makes the FurBall stand out from all other galas is the Parade of Animals. These animals are part of the Brightening Lives program where volunteers take animals to visit hospitals, retirement residences and other long-term care facilities to meet and interact with the residents. It is not the norm to see cats and dogs at a black tie event, but having the animals there really helps to illustrate the great work the OHS is doing in the community.

FurBall returns this year on April 9 at the Shaw Centre. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.ottawahumane.ca/furball](http://www.ottawahumane.ca/furball). 🐾



2015 FurBall Parade of animals



# Court updates

## New Charges

**Alessandro Cacciotti** has been charged with wilfully causing pain, suffering or injury to an animal after a squirrel was caught in a leg hold trap on his property. He is scheduled to first appear in court on March 21.

**Peter Pruchowsky** was charged with wilfully causing pain, suffering or injury to his dog after witnesses reported seeing him yelling at, yanking and dragging his dog, Scruffy, by the leash, running over Scruffy with his bike trailer and kicking her in her side. He first appeared in court Jan. 14.

**Ms. Chantal Taylor** has been charged with permitting distress and failing to comply with the prescribed standards of care after a dog she was grooming at her salon died in her care. She first appeared in court Jan. 7.

**A young offender**, who can't be named, has been charged with permitting distress, causing distress, and failing to comply with the standards of care after rabbits he sold were brought to a veterinarian emaciated, with skin lesion and eye parasites. No court date had been set by the date of publication.

## Completed Cases

**Jared Catchpaugh** had been 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 left to suffer several weeks without care. Charges were stayed in September.

**Marjorie Conlin** pleaded guilty to permitting distress after leaving her dog alone in a hot car. The temperature inside was recorded as 40 C. She was sentenced to six months of probation on a suspended sentence.

**Fiona Gasperetti** was charged with permitting distress and failing to provide the standards of care to her guinea pig after bringing the pet to the OHS for euthanasia in a state of neglect. In October, charges were stayed after she paid restitution to the OHS and completed community service.

**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. Charges were stayed in November after she was found unfit to stand trial.

**Kevin Page** pleaded guilty to wilfully causing unnecessary suffering to an animal and wilfully neglecting to provide suitable and adequate care after dumping his Bernese Mountain dog into a dumpster a week before the dog was found. He received a suspended sentence of three years probation, has been ordered to pay restitution to the OHS, and must continue receiving treatment from a medical professional. He has also been banned from owning pets for five years.

**Derek Pennel** pleaded guilty to permitting distress after leaving his dog in his car for 30 minutes in 40 C temperatures last July. He was fined \$305.

**Camille Winter** pleaded guilty to permitting distress after her 12-year-old Siamese cat, Kia, was found face down and close to death in a flowerbed, covered in maggots. Winter was sentenced to one year of probation and banned from owning animals.



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-  FurBall Gala – April 9 – Shaw Centre
-  Tamarak Ottawa Race Weekend Charity Challenge – May 28 to 29
-  Bingo – Every Sunday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., at the Overbrook Bingo Palace

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