



You Give Dogs like Angel Their Second Chance at the OHS

He'll spend Christmas safe, warm and pain-free, thanks to you

It's almost too awful to think about: a puppy with two broken legs, suffering from excruciating pain after a bad accident. It was even more heart-breaking to witness.

It happened to a tiny two-month-old Shepherd-mix named Angel in August. With nowhere else to turn, Angel was brought to the Ottawa Humane Society for help.

Saving Angel was a team effort, made possible with your support. The OHS veterinarian got to work right away, splinting the little dog's legs and giving him medicine to take away his terrible pain. An OHS volunteer vet, an orthopedic specialist, performed the complex surgery Angel needed to heal. Then Angel spent a few weeks recovering with a dedicated OHS foster volunteer, growing healthy and strong. He was neutered, vaccinated and given a clean bill of health by the OHS vet before going to the Adoption Centre to await a forever home. Angel got his very own happily ever after in September!

You are the reason Angel will be spending the holidays safe and warm, basking in the love of his new family. Every day, the OHS sees animals in need just like Angel. Please help us be there to answer that next cry for help. 🐾



Come to the OHS for Santa Pet Pics!

HO! HO! HO! Santa Paws is coming to town so mark your calendars! Beginning on Saturday, Dec. 2, bring your furry friends and your family to the Ottawa Humane Society to have your portrait taken with Santa. All proceeds go directly to the animals in the care of the OHS. For a full list of dates and times, please visit www.ottawahumane.ca/santapetpics.



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From the Executive Director's Desk

What Mister Rogers Taught Me



When I am out in the community, I am often asked the same question: How do you and the other Ottawa Humane Society staff do it?

How do you go to work every day and see so much pain? How do you possibly care for close to 10,000 homeless animals in need every year and not become extraordinarily depressed by all the suffering?

Yes, it can be hard. It can be painful. Sometimes it leads to anger. But mostly, it leads to hopefulness. You see, we are helpers.

The children's television show host Fred Rogers — Mr. Rogers — once wrote:

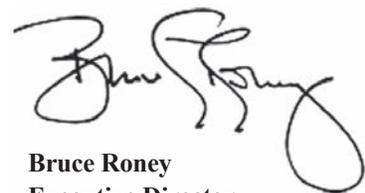
"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find caring people who are helping.' To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother's words, and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers — so many caring people in this world."

I don't know about you, but lately I find it easy to forget that there are actually so many caring people in the world. The news generally depresses me. Facebook is worse. But when I come to work, I see the commitment and the caring of our staff.

I see the literally hundreds of volunteers doing everything from data entry to monitoring tiny animals as they recover from surgery; from leading classroom presentations teaching young people animal care and compassion, to lovingly fostering sick animals in their homes. I see them giving their time and their talent to relieve suffering, giving animals a second chance and building a better community for animals and people. They are helpers too.

Sometimes, especially at Christmas, I like to help out for a few hours in the fundraising office opening mail and organizing your gifts for receipting. I say it's to help the staff and volunteers, but it's really to help me. You see, many of the envelopes contain more than a cheque. There are often little notes attached; thank yous mostly, but sometimes little expressions of encouragement, or personal anecdotes: "My cat saved me when she came into my life" or, "Adopting my dog was the best decision I have ever made." All are expressions of caring. Again, there are the helpers who make the world less scary.

Close to 10,000 animals a year need our care. It can be daunting and it can be exhausting. How do we do it? We do it one animal at a time, and we do it only with your help. Thank you for caring. Thank you for being one of the helpers. 🐾



Bruce Roney
 Executive Director

Tigger is Home With His Family After He Was Missing for Four Years!

He'll be home for the holidays, thanks to you

It was a lucky turn of events that led to a long-overdue reunion!

In September, a man who had been caring for many strays brought in five cats to the OHS. One was eight-year-old Melanie, a female brown tabby he had been taking care of for two years. When Melanie arrived, OHS staff made some discoveries about her — *she* was actually a *he*, and a microchip revealed his name was Tigger.

Tigger had been adopted from the OHS in 2010 and was reported lost in 2013. Staff called the number listed on the microchip and Tigger's owner, Janine, was ecstatic to hear that he was at the OHS. She rushed in that very day to bring him home!

Because of your support, the OHS was there for Tigger back in 2010 — the young stray had a safe place to stay until he was neutered, microchipped and ready to be adopted. You were there again for Tigger seven years later, this time reuniting him with his family in time for the holidays. 🐾



Need a Great Holiday Gift Idea? Warm Hearts Raffle Tickets Are Available Now!

Warm a furry friend's heart this year and give back over the holidays to family, co-workers and friends by supporting the OHS Warm Hearts Raffle!



Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Prizes include: 1st prize – \$5,000, 2nd prize – \$3,000, 3rd prize – \$2,000. Additionally, if you purchase tickets on or before Jan. 12, 2018 you qualify for our early bird draw and a chance to win a 128G Apple i-Pad.

Grand prize draws will take place on Feb. 14, 2018. With only 10,500 tickets to be sold, buy your tickets today so that you don't miss out on this exciting raffle! To purchase your tickets please contact the OHS events co-ordinator by email events@ottawahumane.ca or by phone at (613) 725-3166 ext. 238.

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Look at What You Did!

Animals at the OHS: Before and After

Here are a few of the happy matches made at the OHS these past few months:



Templeton

Templeton was brought to the OHS in July when a bylaw officer found the one-month-old kitten caught in rat trap and on the brink of death after eating rat poison. Thanks to you, the OHS was able to save Templeton's life. He spent time recovering in a foster home and was adopted from the OHS Adoption Centre at the end of August.



Sam

Sam, a three-year-old stray, came into the OHS limping with a broken pelvis in June. The OHS veterinarian and Clinic staff administered two months of pain management and ensured he rested comfortably. OHS adoption staff matched him with his forever family at the end of August.



Cooper

Cooper was a one-year-old stray who needed lifesaving surgery at the OHS to fix his twisted stomach. Following his successful surgery and recovery, Cooper found his forever family in August.



Abigail

This three-year-old bunny was badly matted when she came into the OHS in August. OHS staff shaved off her mats and cared for her until they found her perfect match in September.

Happy Holidays From the Ottawa Humane Society!



Have you heard about our Holiday Delivery Program?

There are no greater memories during the holidays than those spent in love and laughter with your family.

The animals available for adoption at the OHS couldn't agree more as the top item on their wish list is a family to call their very own! Animals like Salt and Pepper, who hope for a home filled with hugs, hopping contests and lots of fresh hay, or Bogart, who dreams of having a special someone to snuggle with on the cold nights and who can, of course, open those pesky treat bags and share a snack with him!

If adding a new furry family member is on your holiday wish list, why not make adopting an animal an incredible memory that your family will cherish for years to come? With our Holiday Delivery Program, no matter what kind of animal you are looking for, our holiday elves will help you find the best match for your family and arrange for a magical holiday delivery.

And by adopting one of our amazing animals, you will receive the greatest gift of all — unconditional love.

Deliveries can be arranged for Christmas morning as well as any of the nights of Hanukkah. Regular adoption procedures apply in addition to a delivery fee, but don't worry, our elves are really good at making sure your holiday surprise stays secret!

So make the holidays bright this year for your family and one of the amazing animals available at the Ottawa Humane Society by participating in the Holiday Delivery Program. Please call 613-725-3166, ext. 258, or email adoptions@ottawahumane.ca for additional information.



Milu (A197226) is a loving kitty who always wants to be by your side. She's looking for a quiet, mature home.



Thora (A192749) loves to play with laser pointers and get belly rubs from her human friends. She'd love a home with a big window for squirrel watching.



Bogart (A199563) is a laid back boy with lots of love to give. He's looking for a quiet home with plenty of space to explore.



Raji (A180554) loves to curl up on the couch after a long walk. He's looking for an adult home where he can get plenty of exercise.



Bella (A205521) is an energetic girl who loves to play fetch! She's looking for a family who she can spend lots of time with.



Sisters **Salt** (A173445) and **Pepper** (A173444) are looking for a forever home together. They'd love a home where they can have plenty of space to run around and play.

Meet Wendy Morgan

Long-Time Wiggle Waggle Walk and Run Supporter and Friend to the Animals

Wendy Morgan is a long-time supporter of the OHS, and has been involved with the OHS in a number of ways. This year, Wendy was the top individual fundraiser for the OHS Wiggle Waggle Walk and Run. We asked Wendy to share her story below.



Q: How did you first become involved with the OHS?

A: I love animals, wildlife, and nature. I got involved with the OHS by becoming a monthly PAW donor. When I heard about the Wiggle Waggle Walkathon many years ago, I registered to participate in this event to raise funds and awareness for the animals at the shelter.

Q: In what ways have you supported/been involved with the OHS? (i.e. events, activities, etc.)

A: I am a monthly PAW donor; donated to the Breaking Ground Campaign; participated in the Wiggle Waggle Walkathon for eight years; and have chosen the OHS to leave a Legacy gift. I was the Top Fundraiser [in the Wiggle Waggle Walk and run] in 2012, raising \$3,300, one of the Top Fundraisers in 2013, doubling my fundraising to \$6,600, and the Top Fundraiser this year, raising \$5,600.

Q: What would you say are your keys to such successful fundraising for the Wiggle Waggle Walk & Run?

A: I always set a personal goal and start fundraising in my community (Orleans) in spring. I canvass door-to-door mostly on weekends each day for seven to eight hours. I find this method of fundraising much more personal and pleasurable, as you get to meet very interesting people and their pets, we share stories and talk about our pets. This is also a great way to make people aware of the OHS, what they do, and the educational programs they offer.

Q: What do you like best about being involved with the OHS?

A: Knowing that we can make a difference in the lives of the animals and hopefully find loving families and homes.

Q: Do you have any pets of your own that you'd like to tell us about?

A: I have two cats, Mika and Rebecca, who I adopted from the OHS. Mika and Rebecca are now 10 and 13 years old, just had their annual checkup with the vet, and are very healthy and happy.

Thank you to Wendy and everyone who participated in the Wiggle Waggle Walk and Run for saving animal lives! 🐾

Meet Ginette Dubuc

Dedicated OHS Volunteer and Supporter

Ginette Dubuc tells us in her own words why helping the animals is important to her.



*Volunteering at the OHS means the world to me! I became involved early in 2015 when my beautiful German shepherd, Sarah, started to slow down due to hip problems and I decided that there were dogs out there who could use some exercise and love. So I made that very important phone call and the rest is history. I had my girl, Sarah, euthanized at home in June of 2016 at 13 years of age, **and I will adopt another companion when the time is right.***

In the meantime, I take part in the Canine Enrichment Program two afternoons a week and have never had a "bad day." I know that I make a difference in their lives but they, in return, make a huge one in mine. I end my shift in a totally happy and peaceful frame of mind... and smile all the way home!!!

Apart from being involved in this wonderful program, I've taken part in the Wiggle Waggle Walkathon, last year walking one of the dogs available for adoption and this year handing out race kits to the participants in both the walking and racing segments of the event.

I also support the organization with a monthly donation, which is always needed to carry out all the wonderful work done by the dedicated staff.

I have met wonderful staff members who are so helpful, thankful and always ready to answer my questions about my "charges" for the day. And, I have also met and become friends with other Canine Enrichment volunteers.... All in all, I'll never regret making that phone call in January of 2015! 🐾

Cool Kids and Community Kudos



This Humane Hero has hosted three fundraisers for the animals in the past three years, including two art shows, where she painted and sold her own art work, and more recently a garage sale, where she asked family and friends for items to sell. Madison recently spoke at our Buddy & Belle Awards ceremony where she shared with us her love for animals. Madison's love for the animals is so strong that she has expressed interest in hosting a fundraiser every year going forward.



One of Meredith's favourite things to do is to help animals in need. She has participated in the Wiggle Waggle Walk & Run five years in a row, in fact this year she placed second in our Child Fundraising category. Meredith spoke at our Buddy & Belle Awards this year, where she expressed her love for animals and her pride in fundraising for the OHS. Meredith also asks for donations for the animals in lieu of birthday gifts every year on her birthday because in her own words "It feels great to donate".



These lovely young ladies raised funds for the animals through their 104th Ottawa Beavers "North Star Award" Community project. They sold lemonade and cookies and donated all of the proceeds to the OHS. The animals sure are lucky to have Cool Kids like them in the community! Thank you so very much ladies.



Cole collected baby blankets from family, friends, school and a local playground. This was all done for a service project as part of a scouting award. Thank you so much Cole, now the animals are nice and cozy because of you!!

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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Events Calendar

-  Nov 20-Dec 11: Holiday Online Auction
-  Dec 2-21: Santa Pet Pics at the OHS
-  Jan 12: Warm Hearts Raffle Early Bird Draw
-  Feb 14: Warm Hearts Raffle Draw
-  Feb 26: National Cupcake Day

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