



Ottawa  
**HUMANE  
SOCIETY**  
S.P.A. Ottawa

# YOUR LIFE-SAVING DIFFERENCE

April to June 2024



You save lives everyday.  
You are supporting Ottawa's  
homeless animals, helping loving  
families stay together and  
building the next generation of  
caring people. And a lot more has  
happened at the OHS in the last  
three months thanks to  
donors like you.

# YOU SECURE MORE SECOND CHANCES

## Five Maltese Dogs Show How Ottawa Cares

Because of you, animals in need have somewhere safe to go in their darkest hour. Five Maltese dogs came to the OHS and broke the hearts of our community. Their beautiful coats were matted and dirty, and it was clear they needed help.

Daisy, pictured below, shows the amazing transformation your support made possible. We don't know for sure what challenges Daisy and her friends may have faced, but we are grateful they had you to give them a second chance.



April to June 2024

**2,089**

animals brought to the  
OHS

including

**487**

wildlife

## 21 Homeless Kittens Helped at the OHS

In June, your generosity helped transfer 21 kittens from a shelter in Ontario that was facing a capacity crisis, to the OHS. Because of you, these kittens found a second chance.

Thanks to you, the kittens received essential spay/neuter surgeries, shelter and daily love and care. All of the kittens have found new, loving homes.

Working with our partners to save more lives is one of the ways we're building a safety net for the animals. Thank you for helping these kittens and so many more who need you.

**860**

surgeries  
performed



**754**

families  
completed



## No Adoption Fee for Senior Cats

Your support is helping senior cats find their forever homes fast! Senior cats often have a harder time finding their perfect match. No fee for these sweet seniors helps ensure they are not overlooked and can spend their golden years with a family who loves them.

Thank you for making this possible and helping older cats in need.

Average

**378**

animals in OHS  
care daily





# YOU HELP FAMILIES STAY TOGETHER

## Thanks to You the Pet Food Bank is a Lifeline

Because of you, the OHS Emergency Pet Food Bank helps pet owners who have nowhere else to turn. Unexpected crisis can impact anyone and leave them wondering where their next meal — or their pet's — will come from. A community member recently reached out to us with a message that hits close to home for many: "I have never been in this position before. My heart is broken. I have no one else to ask for help and no other food in the house that is suitable to provide as a temporary meal for the dogs. It's been very tight since I lost my job."

**"My heart is broken. I have no one else to ask for help."**

Thanks to you, this family had an option. They came to the OHS Emergency Pet Food Bank for support and later sent us this message: "Thank you SO MUCH... the dogs are so happy. We don't expect to have to use your services again as I am working now but I just wanted to say thank you so much for

helping us. Your generosity was amazing." Thanks to you, there is always hope for Ottawa's animals and the people who love them.



**55**

animals helped  
through wellness  
clinics



## Helping Pets and Families in Crisis

Your generous support makes OHS wellness clinics possible, providing wellness exams, core vaccinations, microchips, and other preventive veterinary services for pet owners who otherwise couldn't access them. The wellness clinics help lower the chance that a pet will need emergency veterinary care. You are preventing heartbreak for families in your community and ensuring the OHS is ready for animals with nowhere else to go.

**5,265<sup>kg</sup>**



of dry and wet food provided to pets in the  
community through the Emergency Pet Food Bank



**67**

pets sterilized  
through the OHS  
Spay/Neuter  
Service

## Impacts of a Veterinary Shortage

You make sure there is always care and support for Ottawa's homeless animals. At the OHS, we're facing a veterinary shortage and haven't reached our target for pets sterilized through our Mobile Spay/Neuter Service.

We've shifted resources from our spay/neuter program to provide for the huge number of homeless animals who need our care.

We expect to get our spay/neuter service back on the road soon and provide this essential procedure where it's needed most.



# YOU BUILD A CARING COMMUNITY

## Bucking Off Cruelty

You are building a more humane and compassionate community for all. More than 1,400 caring people spoke out in our recent petition against the exploitation of animals for profit and entertainment in bull riding events.

Bull riding competitions force bulls into a state of distress through a flank strap tied around the animal's waist and the rider saddled on the bull's back. Footage from a professional bull riding event in Ottawa shows riders slapping the bulls in the chute and the cruel conditions these creatures endure. Progress for the animals is only possible because of your support. It takes many voices of people who care to make a difference and to protect all animals in need. Thank you for speaking up for the animals and building a better tomorrow for all.

**1,467**  
petition signatures



## Exciting New Hop-portunity for Teens

Your support has created a new volunteer program for passionate teens and rabbits at the OHS — the Youth Foster Program. Nine teens took a workshop on rabbit care. It is a fantastic learning opportunity for teens interested in animal care careers or just wanting more experience with animals.

The bunnies enjoy the comfort of a temporary home, which improves their sociability and their chances of finding a new forever home!

Your support makes this program possible and helps build the next generation of people who care about animals.

**305**

participants  
in adult  
programs

**2,198**

participants in youth  
programs

## Viral Skinny Pigs — The Power of Sharing

Your constant support ensures that more animals find their perfect, loving forever home. We were blown away when a video of a Guinea pig and a skinny pig exploded to more than 850,000 views on Instagram.

We also posted about Marvin, a cat who had 11,000 views on his online adoption page, but no applications. He was adopted hours after his story was shared with the community. We can't thank you enough for helping to

build a community that cares so deeply for animals and making these stories possible. You and our caring community are coming together like never before for the animals who need you most. Thank you for sharing. Thank you for caring.

**8,071**

hours  
volunteered



**271<sup>k</sup>**

engagements on  
social media







**Accredited**  
**IMAGINE CANADA**

The OHS has achieved accreditation with Imagine Canada, demonstrating excellence in board governance, financial accountability, fundraising, staff management, and volunteer involvement.



The OHS has achieved accreditation with Humane Canada, demonstrating leadership in all aspects of sheltering, animal care, outreach, education and advocacy.



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