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Peterborough
Humane Society

WAFFLES A TALE OF WOE & WAGS

As a humane care facility, the Peterborough Humane Society often takes in animals who are injured or suffering from a medical condition. Through the generous donations made to our Milo Fund, we get to offer these animals the life-changing surgery they need, and ultimately adopt them out to their fur-ever homes.

On May 7th, 2019, we took in Waffles, a Catahoula Leopard cross of just over four years old. Waffles suffered from a painful condition called entropion, meaning that his eyelids were turned inward causing his lashes and skin to rub against the surface of his eyes. Poor Waffles had a severe case of this condition and was quite scared in his kennel, partly due to his impaired vision.

Our friends over at Brealey Drive Animal Hospital gave us an amazing

quote on doing Waffle's surgery, and thanks to the generous contributions made to our Milo Fund, he had his surgery early in June.

One of Waffle's biggest supporters was local realtor, Ben Van Veen. Having undergone eye surgery himself, Ben could just imagine the discomfort Waffles was feeling. On July 13th, Ben and his partner, Catherine, adopted Waffles, now named Blinky, to join their pack of happy hounds.

"The plight of each animal affects us differently. Not less or more, but differently. Blinky's plight was one of those times where we were affected in such a way that we had to do what we could to get his eyes remedied as soon as possible," Ben says.

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"Following our donation, the Peterborough Humane Society quickly raised the rest of the money needed for Blinky's surgery. This is a testament to the strong connection the Peterborough Humane Society has to this city, and how well its community outreach program has been working."

"While Blinky was recovering from surgery, we started speaking more and more seriously about him coming to live with us at the farm. Meeting him again further solidified these feelings and, since moving here he has flourished. A once timid animal is now a bouncy and inquisitive young dog. Muscle is building and his waistline is thinning as he bounds across fields, down forest trails, and plays in the yard with the other dogs. His training is progressing quickly as he is obviously an intelligent guy who loves to please. All of this he does with bright eyes wide open."

"Blinky's potential was bottled up by the pain caused by his condition. The work of the Peterborough Humane Society has unleashed this dog's full potential and we are all better for it. The PHS gives us all the chance to give the animals a chance, and for that we are thankful."

To learn more about the Milo Fund and how you can contribute visit: peterboroughhumanesociety.ca/milo-snoopy/



DONOR PROFILE - RBC

RBC supports PHS in so many different ways! Employees donate time, funds, and much needed Wish List items to PHS - from volunteering on our Board of Directors, lending advice for our Capital Campaign, to pulling out weeds and getting their hands dirty to clean up our yard so our dogs have a safe and clean place to run, play and walk with our amazing volunteer dog walkers.

On top of encouraging employees to volunteer, RBC donates funds to match the volunteer hours committed by each employee, and provides generous financial contributions each year to help us to continue our mission. Employees have also provided forever homes for many of our animals - they truly do it all!

On behalf of all the cats, dogs and small animals who have found their forever home thanks to RBC - Thank You!



MY DOG — HOW IS IT SEPTEMBER ALREADY?!

It seems like just yesterday we were complaining about how wet and mild spring was. Oh right, because it lasted until the end of June this year.

That said, I suppose there's nothing quite like Peterborough and the Kawarthas in the fall, is there? Not only am I looking forward to getting out amongst the changing colours with my favourite walking partner — TanTan AKA the best golden retriever this side of the Otonabee — but I'm also very excited for all of the spectacular events that PHS has coming up.

I attended, for the first-time ever, BEHIND CLOSED DOORS last year. I was lucky enough to hang out with the PHS team and a handful of too-cute puppies at their Mardi Gras photo booth. Puppies, boas and shopping discounts — what more could you ask for?

What an incredible event it was and what an incredible event it will be again this year; Activity Haven Seniors Rec Centre, Alternatives Community Program Services, The Art School of Peterborough, Electric City Special Needs Hockey, Greater Peterborough Health Services Foundation, Kawartha Blazers Sledge Hockey, Peterborough Army Cadets, Peterborough Children's Chorus, Trent Valley Literacy Association, Peterborough Native Learning Program, Peterborough Patriots and PHS are all slated to be there. If any of these organizations are close to your heart, you NEED to buy a ticket.

Strutt Your Mutt is also fast approaching, something I've never attended but am hoping to this year. Peterborough This Week is trying to get a team together and you should too for this amazing cause. If someone at your workplace hasn't already, take up the mantle and round your coworkers up for a great time out and about at Beavermead Park. With modern age corporate culture we really don't take enough time to really become a team with the people grinding it out beside us every day. Besides, dogs, burgers and a great cause? I say again, what more could you ask for?

STAR METROLAND MEDIA and Torstar Corporation Community Brands are proud to support local organizations that help make our neighbourhoods better. The Peterborough Humane Society provides safe haven to hearts of all shapes and sizes and we're happy we could do our small part to be a part of that.

Sarah Sobanski
Editor

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KITTEN ME!

With Fall imminent we're also approaching the end of one of the busiest periods in animal shelters - Kitten Season! Yes, we have a whole season just for kittens, and cute as it might sound it is one of the most taxing periods in the shelter environment. Kitten Season usually starts around May, and we are inundated with kittens until September. This year we've taken in over 250 kittens between May 1st and August 1st.

We would not have been able to raise and home these babies without the support of our community. We have an amazing team of foster moms who take in orphaned kittens or mom cats with their babies until the kittens are old enough to come back to the shelter. We rely heavily on donations of canned wet food during this time, as weaning kittens and nursing moms eat up to 6 cans per day! We've got some fantastic donors and community partners, such as Kawartha Food Share, who have been a constant line of support in this regard and we cannot thank you enough! We also have a fantastic partnership with Petsmart, with many of our cats and kittens being adopted out through their Peterborough store. Between July 18th and August 18th we adopted out a whopping 48 cats through Petsmart! Don't miss out on Petsmart's next big National Adoption Weekend taking place September 13-15!



RAISE THE WOOF UPDATE ON OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Our Pet Project, the fundraising campaign for the new Peterborough Animal Care Centre (PACC), is well underway, having raised \$6.4 million of our \$10 million goal. The PACC will set a new standard of care for animal shelters across Canada, right here in Peterborough and the Kawarthas. Among other services, the PACC will include a High Volume Spay/ Neuter Clinic. It is anticipated that over 5,000 animals will benefit from this service each year, reducing the number of unwanted pets in our province, supporting other local rescue groups and helping animals become available for adoption sooner.



The need for these animal wellness services in our community was highlighted by the recent Mobile Animal Wellness Weekend co-hosted with the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society and Niagara SPCA and Humane Society. During the event 48 animals were spayed/neutered, preventing close to an estimated 2,000 potentially unwanted kittens and puppies, and provided wellness examinations to an additional 42 animals who may not have otherwise received the care.



"The Peterborough Humane Society is incredibly thankful for the support provided by our friends at the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society and Niagara SPCA and Humane Society to bring mobile wellness services to our community. We had over 300 inquiries for this weekend's clinic, highlighting the need for such services in our community," says Shawn Morey, Executive Director, Peterborough Humane Society. "This event provided us with a fantastic opportunity to engage with our community about our Capital Campaign for our new Animal Care Centre, which will include a Spay/Neuter Clinic servicing Peterborough county and beyond. We saw people driving from as far as two hours away to utilize the animal wellness services we offered. A huge thank you goes to the management and staff at the Peterborough Sport & Wellness Centre for partnering with us to host this event at their location."

THE SCOOP ON OUR ADOPTIONS 1 MAY - 31 AUG



Dogs: 53



Small animals: 50



Cats: 275



Returned to owner: 84



OurPetProject
Peterborough Humane Society

Have you seen our fantastic new Capital Campaign promo video on Global Peterborough yet? They've generously donated the airtime to showcase this video and promote Our Pet Project! You can view our promo video on: ourpetproject.ca

KIBBLES & BITS CALENDAR

BOSTON PIZZA



September 12
5:00 - 8:00 pm
Boston Pizza Chemong

Boston Pizza is hosting a fun family-friendly event, with 10% of proceeds coming to the PHS.

PETSMART ADOPTION WEEKEND



September 13 - 15
Petsmart Peterborough

Visit our local PetSmart meet some of the amazing cats, kittens and small animals we have available for adoption!

RETRO DANCE PARTY



September 14
8:30 pm - 1:00am
Personal Touch Banquet Hall

Shorelines Peterborough is hosting a fundraising dance for PHS. Tickets available at the shelter for \$20 or \$25 at the door. Must be 19 or older LLBO

PETERBOROUGH AIR SHOW



September 21 - 22
8:00 am - 5:30pm
Peterborough Airport

Join us in celebrating our partnership with Peterborough Airport and come and learn more about Our Pet Project.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS



September 21
7:30 - 10:30pm
Lansdowne Place Mall

For one night only, \$5 gives you access to wall to wall deals, with 100% of ticket sales supporting 12 incredible charities. Tickets on sale at the shelter!

STRUTT YOUR MUTT



September 22
10am - 12 pm
Beavermead Park

Join us for this fun family event! \$5 BBQ, loads of vendors, dog games, caricatures, photo booth and much more! Visit peterboroughhumaneociety.ca to learn more!

MAKE SPENDING TIME WITH FIDO A WALK IN THE PARK

THE LOWDOWN ON LEASH VS OFF-LEASH PARKS



With the chill in the morning air, there's no denying that winter is slowly making its way to Peterborough. Most of us are trying to soak up the as much sun in the outdoors as possible, and taking your dog for a walk is the perfect way to do just that!

We are fortunate to have some breathtaking parks and walking trails here in our City and surrounds, most of which are used by pet owners every day. There's probably no greater feeling than seeing your dog enjoying life to the fullest - running around and playing freely. It is, however, important to remember that not all dogs enjoy the company of others. This is one of just many reasons that our City has bylaws in place to regulate the use of leashes. For the safety of your dog and others, they must be leashed at all times when not contained on your property. The City has, however, provided an off-leash dog park where you and your dog can enjoy some off-leash activities.

If your dog enjoys the company of other dogs and people, the off-leash dog park is the perfect outing for you this Fall - both you and your dog might make some new friends!



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