

Hi PHS friend,

It's hard to believe how much our world has changed in the past few weeks. The one thing that has remained constant though, is the love and laughs that our pets bring to our lives.

My own dogs, Iris and Augusta, have been keeping myself, and my two daughters, active and happy. I adopted Iris from Peterborough Humane Society (PHS) in the Fall of 2018, and she has since become a key part of both my family at home and our PHS family. **Thanks to supporters like you, our amazing team continues to provide animals such as Iris with the love and compassion they deserve.**



IRIS + AUGUSTA



**IRIS LOVES WORKING
AT PHS!**



**AUGUSTA + MY OLDEST
DAUGHTER, RYLEE**

We've had to make some difficult decisions in the past few weeks in an effort to protect our staff and community. **Despite these changes, your support has been unwavering, and for that I cannot thank you enough.**

It is so easy to feel isolated, and even lonely, during these times. Your phone calls, emails, and social media comments do not go unnoticed and we share these messages of encouragement with our team. We may be physically distancing, but with a community like ours, we are most definitely not social distancing. **We're all in this together and are finding new ways to stay connected.**

Friend, we might be closed to the public at the moment, but the care we provide to our animals continues. We currently have 27 animals in the shelter, with another 30 in foster care, and we expect an influx of kittens and pregnant cats now that spring is here.

With fundraising events, such as our annual Gala being cancelled for the foreseeable future, and our adoption centre being closed, we are really feeling the impact on our operations. The current state of emergency has a huge financial impact on all of us, but **you can help us weather this storm**. Thanks to your contributions, we can continue to take in stray and abandoned animals and provide them with the food, shelter, medical care and love they deserve.

You can help to provide care for rescue animals:

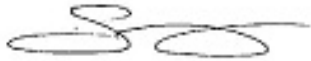
- **\$27 will feed 10 cats for a day**
- **\$52 will feed 2 dogs for a week**
- **\$115 - will spay or neuter one kitten**

Yes! I want to donate

"Gussy makes me feel
happy and joyful and
makes me feel better
when I am not well.
She lays with me when
and makes things
better. She is my best
friend" Rylee

*My daughter, Rylee, sharing why
she loves Augusta aka Gussy*

Thank you so much for your kind-heartedness and love for the animals.
Together we'll continue to care for the pets and people of Peterborough.



Shawn Morey
Executive Director, Peterborough Humane Society



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Hallo,

This Holiday Season we introduced you to May the husky who is living her best life thanks to donors like you. It's not too late to help more dogs, cats and other adorable animals match with their perfect family and find their forever homes.

Now is the time to make a year-end gift and get your 2019 tax receipt.

Your support will help care for lost, abandoned or injured animals and match them with their perfect people so they can find their forever homes.

Your donation of:



- **\$35** will provide core vaccine and rabies vaccine, microchip, deworming and a flea treatment for 1 animal
- **\$50** will provide kitten formula for two weeks to orphaned/bottle fed kittens
- **\$175** will allow us to get one animal adoption ready (spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped)
- **\$625** will allow us to purchase one cat suite, improving the socialisation and wellbeing of our cats

If you have already given, thank you so much for your generous support!

With a tax-deductible gift today, you can care for animals that need your help. Please consider making your year-end gift now.

DONATE NOW

Regards,
Shawn Morey
Executive Director, Peterborough Humane Society

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Dear friend

With Christmas just around the corner, one cannot help but reflect on the past year. 2019 has been a fantastic year for us at the Peterborough Humane Society, with over 900 animals adopted into loving forever homes to date. Each animal that enters our shelter is special, but there are some that leave a few extra paw prints on your heart.

If you ask our team which animal stood out to them this year, the answer would be unanimous - May.



She came to us early in May this year, so emaciated and frail that she had to be carried into her kennel. She was estimated to be around 10 years old weighed only 36.6 lbs.

Our team rallied to get her to eat, going as far as making special home cooked meals and giving her a special place in the shelter office so she wouldn't feel alone. Thanks to the dedication of the team, May slowly started coming around and was adopted by oa loving family. She quickly became a major part of their family.

Supporters like you make these happy stories possible. **If you haven't done so yet, I hope that you'll donate to give animals like May the gift of a happy, healthy life.**

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According to May's Dad, Mark:

"It's so amazing to see how May has changed. She has so much energy now and brings so much joy to our lives. She continues to thrive and constantly has a smile on her face (quite literally!) – she has nearly doubled her weight at 64 pounds, and loves going for walks with her little brother, Grizzly."



May and Grizzly are the best of friends, [click here to watch a quick video of some of their adventures](#)

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Thank you making the world a better place for animals and their families. On behalf of myself and the entire team, we wish you a happy and joyful holiday season.

With gratitude,

Sincerely,

Shawn Morey
Executive Director, Peterborough Humane Society

PS. [DONATE TODAY](#) to help animals like May receive the care that they need



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Hi PHS Friend

Tomorrow we celebrate Mother's Day, and our "new normal" means that many of us, including myself, will not get to spend the day with our beloved moms. I do, however, get to BE a mother (more precisely foster mom) this year. I'd like to share the story of my foster kitten, Blossom with you.



Meet Blossom

Early on Easter Sunday, Peterborough Humane Society received a call from a concerned member of the public about a litter of newborn kittens found without a mom in sight. Animal Control staff member, Zoe, rushed to collect the babies, and found that two had already passed away. Sadly, this is often the case for babies born outside – the mom might be scared away from her nest, might be inexperienced, or might just instinctively know that her babies will not survive. Zoe took the remaining kitten in, ensured that she's warm and comfortable and headed back to the shelter where the Amazing Animal Care team jumped in to stabilize the baby.



Newborn kittens are so dependent on their moms – they cannot see or hear, they need vital nutrition, especially during the first few hours, to build their immune systems, they cannot regulate their body temperature, and they quickly become hypothermic and hypoglycemic without urgent care.

The team wasn't sure that this kitten will pull through, it was clearly only a couple of hours old and they didn't know how long she'd been without her mother. As an experienced neonate foster mom I received the call to try and pull this little one through.

PHS Friend, I can tell you that despite being an introvert, being isolated from friends and family has been hard. Taking in Blossom and giving it my all to pull her through gave me a sense of purpose during a time when our world seems to have been turned upside down. This tiny little baby, that fit in the palm of my hand, was so delicate and frail, yet strong and a fighter. Blossom immediately took to her bottle and was drinking well.

I've been fostering neonate kittens for many years, they are the most challenging babies to help due to their fragility and the round the clock care they need. However, the support from the entire PHS team has been amazing.

As with most neonate kittens, Blossom's body had to adjust to drinking formula rather than her mommy's milk, and she struggled with a bout of constipation. Thanks to supporters like you, Peterborough Humane Society can help foster moms like me with the necessary medical care, food, formula, supplements and advice to ensure that our babies grow up strong

and healthy.



Today Blossom is four weeks old. Her eyes and ears are open and she reacts to the sound of my voice. She's also consumed a whole can of kitten formula (this is one chonky baby!) and is slowly being introduced to canned food.

Friend, we might not be able to spend the day with our mothers, but we sure can make them proud by giving kittens like Blossom the gift of love and life this Mother's Day.

Every donation helps the over 100 kittens that PHS will be taking in this year. For example:

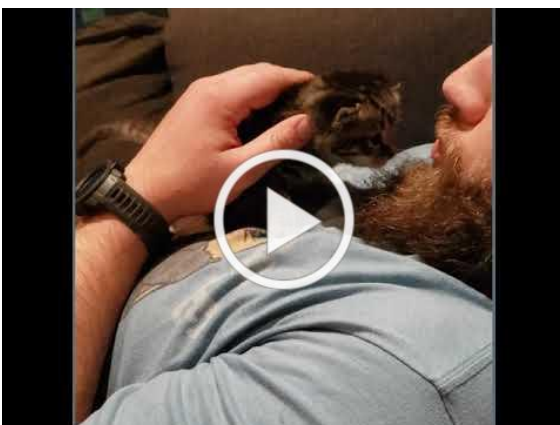
- **\$25 will buy a week's worth of canned food for a mom with four kittens**
- **A \$50 donation will feed a newborn kitten for three weeks**
- **By giving \$115, you'll be helping to spay/neuter one kitten and get them adoption ready**

I want to help

, I realize that you might have supported us already in the past few weeks, and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thanks to you, Peterborough Humane Society continues to provide animals in need with the best possible care.

Isabel Botha

**Blossom's foster mom and Marketing & Communication Coordinator,
Peterborough Humane Society**



PS. At four weeks old, little Blossom is a purr machine and loves attention! Watch this video of her cuddling with her dad.



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Fur the Love of Moms

GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE THIS MOTHER'S DAY AND HELP US RAISE \$10,000 IN 10 DAYS TO HELP KITTENS IN NEED



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