

Hi PHS Friend

It has been a couple of weeks since we've sent out an update on our work here at Peterborough Humane Society. Thanks to supporters like you, our animals continue to thrive and do well, despite their longer stays in the shelter.



Loyal Friend, I cannot thank you enough for your support these past few weeks. With our world changing so drastically, we are all feeling the strain – financially, physically and mentally. Yet, the support for our team who continues to provide the love and care our animals deserve continues to pour in. We are also feeling the strain of not seeing all our team members and the public daily. The shelter is eerily quiet without you here. Your messages of encouragement and support serve as a constant reminder that we continue to serve an amazing community.

Although we are still closed to the public, we continue to take in stray, abandoned and emergency care animals. In an effort to support our frontline workers, who are all fighting to keep us safe and healthy, we've donated PPE to the PRHC, Peterborough Paramedics and DeafBlind Ontario Services. This is just a small gesture to offer some support to this great community that has been so supportive of us.

We are also happy to announce that we've opened up for contactless adoptions! We have put a strict protocol in place to keep both our team and the public safe, while still ensuring that each animal goes to the best possible home.

You will be receiving a few emails from us in the next couple of days as we launch our ***Fur the Love of Moms*** fundraising campaign for *Giving Tuesday Now* and Mother's Day. We are heading into what we call Kitten Season here at the shelter and will be taking in hundreds of kittens and pregnant cats in the next few months. These animals all require longer and special care to ensure that they grow up healthy and strong before moving up for adoption.

We'll be sharing some stories of the feline friends who recently entered our shelter and encourage those of you who do have the capacity to support this campaign, to please do so. Friend,, if you have supported us financially in the last few weeks, I again want to thank you. Thanks to you, animals in need receive the nurturing, love and care they deserve.

**Shawn Morey,
Executive Director, Peterborough Humane Society**



PS. Momma Freckles pictured here, missed the memo that Kitten Season only starts in the spring, and joined the PHS family on a cold January morning. This sweet girl was heavily pregnant and quite emaciated and needed urgent care to ensure that both herself and her babies are strong and healthy before giving birth. I'm happy to say that Momma Freckles and her five babies are doing well in foster care with Abi, one of our Animal Care Attendants

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Fur the Love of Moms

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If you follow us on social media, you are sure to have met little Sam. What we haven't shared yet is that this cutie has a very sad back story.

In the midst of our worlds being thrown into turmoil with the outbreak of COVID-19, we received a call about a little kitten who appeared to be in pain. A couple of weeks earlier, his brother, Bob, was found and brought in to us.



Meet Sam

We took Sam, and his mom Skye, into our care and quickly realized that this little man had a broken front leg. Surgery on a young kitten (he was only 5 weeks old, weighing 21 oz), is always risky, and we were not sure that the leg could be saved. Fortunately, we have some amazing veterinary partners, and thanks to supporters like you, friend, Sam's leg was repaired, and he quickly bounced back – quite literally!

Friend, did you know that we have a special surgery fund, the **Milo Fund**, specifically to provide animals like Sam with the life-changing surgery they need? **In 2019, 38 animals received the surgery they needed before being adopted into loving fur-ever homes. These surgeries amounted to over \$11,000 and would not have been possible without the regular donations of our supporters towards the Milo Fund.**

GIVING TUESDAY | NOW



Today, people around the world unite for **Giving Tuesday NOW**, a day of action to demonstrate the power of kindness and generosity and support their favourite charities. **In the spirit of Giving Tuesday, our friends at Fox Law have pledged to double your donations* today!** That means that a \$20 donation becomes \$40, \$50 becomes \$100 or \$100 becomes \$200 in support of the kittens at PHS!

Dear Friend, we realize that you might have supported us in the past few weeks, and we are incredibly grateful for that. However, if you are considering a Giving Tuesday donation, we'd appreciate the support!

I want to help



PS. Sam is growing up so fast! Thanks to you, he will be going for his neuter soon, after which he will be available for adoption.

** Fox Law is matching all donations up to \$1,500 on May 5th.*



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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:

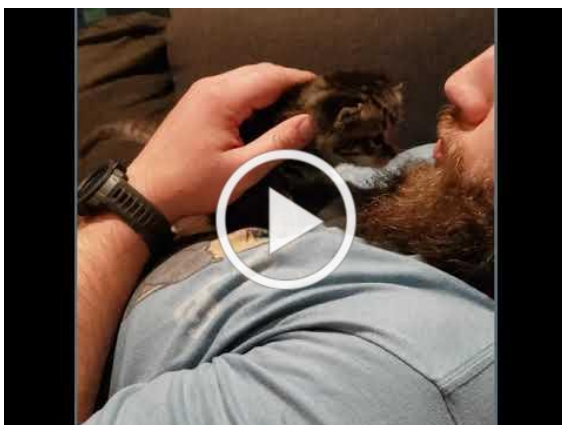
- **\$25 will buy a week's worth of canned food for a mom with four kittens**
- **A \$50 donation will feed a newborn kitten for three weeks**
- **By giving \$115, you'll be helping to spay/neuter one kitten and get them adoption ready**

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, 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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PHS Friend,

You are a kitten superhero. Your feline philanthropy these past 10 days has had a tremendous impact on the lives of the little kittens and their moms in our care and those who will be coming through our doors over the next few months. But more than that, you have also changed the lives of each person that adopts these kittens into their families. But more than that, you have also changed the lives of each person that adopts these kittens into their families.

We recently received this update from one of our adopters, and wanted to share the difference you are making in the lives of cats like Oliver and their families:

“Just a quick note to thank you for the attention you paid to our kitten. In January we adopted Austen, now known to us as Oliver. He is **PURRFECT. We know he was born in the shelter, but he would not have been so friendly and ‘people ready’ without the attention you gave him.**”



"He wants to be with someone, anyone, all the time, and a substitute for people is our 2 year-old cockapoo. They sleep together (small kitten takes up more bed than he needs), eat together and when we take the dog for a walk, Oliver waits inside the door for his friend to come home." – *Riviere Apelle*

Thanks to you, cats like Sam, Blossom, Momma Freckles and her babies, will all become a part of a loving family. **Together with our corporate partners, Fox Law and Darling Insurance, our supporters raised over \$10,600 in much needed funds to support the care of stray and abandoned cats and kittens entering the Peterborough Humane Society this spring.**



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Shawn Morey".

**Shawn Morey,
Executive Director
Peterborough Humane Society**

Thank you!



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