



## KIDS CARE

Animal welfare is in good hands. Young people make a difference for the animals every day by donating funds, food, and all things fun (toys!). How you say? Organizing lemonade stands, baking pawstive treats, holding supply drives in the classroom, and more. The animals couldn't be happier.



## REMEMBERING LESLIE BLANCHARD



This past year, we said goodbye to our colleague Leslie Blanchard who passed away following a lengthy illness.

Leslie was a positive force among the HBSPCA Team. She worked alongside volunteers, co-op students, seasoned staff and novice recruits, and she always gave generously of her insight and experience. Leslie took initiative; in her busy life, she found time to source uniforms for our care teams. Most especially, she matched adopters and homeless pet companions together with grace, enthusiasm and maturity. Leslie is missed.

We are humbled by the support shown for the animals at the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA in Leslie's memory. Leslie was committed to animals thriving in care, and thriving in their second chance homes. Leslie's commitment to animals in need is sustained in the community she served. *Thank you.* 🐾

## THANK YOU!

This year we say goodbye to Board Members **John Mullen** and **Joe Nemet**. Service to community is a life long commitment for both John and Joe. For more than twenty years John's volunteer time has been primarily through Rotary International. A champion for intellectually challenged adults, Joe is currently a member of the Board and President of Community Living Burlington.

John joined the HBSPCA Board in June 2016 and has fulfilled the role of Treasurer for much of his tenure on the Board. "Dogs and cats have always been part of our family and I was seeking an opportunity to shape animal welfare through the HBSPCA." As Treasurer, John has guided sound financial reporting and accounting for our valued donor funded assets.

Joe was seeking an opportunity in 2015 to advance the human animal bond through the HBSPCA. On the Governance Committee, Joe led revisions to the Bylaws, participated in the recruitment and engagement of new Board members, and introduced his pet companion Margo to Board meeting business.

"Both John and Joe have contributed significantly to dialogue and deliberation at our Board table," says Juanita Gledhill, Chair. "We wish John and his wife Susan and Joe and his wife Debbie the very best in their new homes and locations. We will miss them in our community and offer our deepest thanks for their contribution of time, talent and treasure to the HBSPCA." 🐾

### THE HAMILTON/BURLINGTON SPCA BOARD MEMBERS

Deborah Brown, 2nd Vice-Chair	Angela Papalia+
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^resigned September 2018  
\*resigned June 2018  
+appointed September 2018

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General Inquiries	info@hbspca.com
Make a Donation	development@hbspca.com

Thinking about adopting a pet? Check out the website at <https://hbspca.com/adopt/adoption-information/>



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All animals have the opportunity to enjoy the five essential freedoms. Freedom from:

1. Hunger and thirst
2. Pain, injury and disease
3. Distress
4. Discomfort
5. Freedom to express behaviours that promote well-being

# SERVING COMMUNITY, PROMOTING WELLNESS

We know these to be true - poverty and social isolation exist in every corner of our community and pets and people are a healing combination. Your local HBSPCA does not let poverty get in the way of keeping pets with their people.

Hamilton Centre has the second highest food bank use in all of Ontario; 12,300 people made 111,828 visits to a food bank in 2018. Basic necessities and wellness are at risk; Pet companions help prevent isolation and depression and promote independence, especially for seniors.

A community member once remarked at the shelter that people who cannot afford a pet should not have a pet. However, pets are the reason some people get out of bed in the morning, or find a community of like-minded friends. Research is demonstrating that animal companions help homeless youth cope with loneliness, are motivators for change, and improve youth's sense of health. Pet companions nourish hope.

Your donations mean affordable spay/neuter, veterinary care for cats living in a loving home and at risk for surrender to shelter, and health checks for pets belonging to people living on the margins of homelessness.

Thriving pets is our mission; some people need help and keeping pet families together is what your HBSPCA does every day. Donors make this possible. On behalf of the volunteers, staff, and Board of Directors, we thank you.

*Juanita Gledhill, Board Chair*  
*Marion Emo, CEO*

## SNAPSHOTS: MAKING A DIFFERENCE



HBSPCA Staff visited Royal Canin in Guelph to share the amazing impact Royal Canin food has on the health and wellness of animals in shelter care. Michelle MacNab and Heather Ashcroft presented stories on what a difference the right food makes. "Royal Canin diets help homeless and neglected animals on their way to recovery and forever homes every day," says Heather.



"Let's keep cats healthy in their own safe homes where they belong and out of the shelter," says Karen Reichheld, Manager Animal Care. At Humane Canada's National Animal Welfare Conference, Karen shared how HBSPCA keeps cats out of shelter with same day care for conditions including dermatitis and urinary infections. "Admission to shelter should be the option of last resort," says Karen. "We can help people be the pet parents they want to be with a little aid and TLC."



Our very own Dr. Jennifer Farr received a Veterinary Professional in Animal Welfare Award for 2019, awarded at the Ontario SPCA Conference. Dr. Jenn is the Director of the HBSPCA Companion Animal Hospital (CAH), guiding best practice among staff and volunteers every day. The Team performs about 4,500 spay neuter surgeries a year, and for animals at the shelter, eye, limb, dental and joint surgery. At times, you will find Dr. Jenn in Manitoulin Island and elsewhere, providing spay neuter surgeries for healthy cats everywhere.



Lori Hanlon's employer actively supports Lori's charity of choice. Lori is a volunteer in the Companion Animal Hospital. Desjardins Insurance donates \$500 to the HBSPCA after 40 volunteer hours are logged. Lori has applied for the donation 4 years in a row and the animals are the winners with \$2,000 donated to the shelter. Now that's making a difference!

## SUPPORTING ANIMALS IN SO MANY WAYS



Hamilton Community Foundation links donors to causes close to their hearts. And for some, animal welfare is the choice donors make for healthy pets, healthy families and healthy communities. Keeping people and pets together is supported by grants made possible by the Phoenix Fund for Animal Welfare, the Joe, Filomena and George Seliga Holdings Fund, the Vera and Percy Tomlinson Fund, the Tran Family Fund, and the Karen and Peter Turkstra Foundation Fund. People and pets are a healing combination and the gifts made possible by the generosity of donors make a positive impact every day.



A safe and sound public shelter and workplace are essential for thriving animals. Nutech Fire Prevention has been providing routine monthly and annual inspections at the HBSPCA for several years, at no cost to the shelter. This Hamilton based firm has protected the shelter and by extension the general public with advice, timely response and emergency response when required. Thank you Nutech Fire Prevention Team. You make a local difference every day.



PetSmart Charities® of Canada is making a pawitive difference for pet health, pet overpopulation, and pet safety. Grants totalling \$242,600 will have subsidized 3,900 cat S/N in neighbourhoods where need is greatest. What impact does this have? Between 225,000 and 299,000 unplanned kitten births have been prevented over 4 years resulting in fewer strays, street cats and abandoned cats and kittens. PetSmart Charities® of Canada is a true partner in the local community.



Royal Canin® is the food of choice for the range of diets for animals in care at the HBSPCA. And yet our friends at Royal Canin® promote practice for healthy and safe animals in so many ways locally. From staff and volunteer seminars, continuing education sessions for veterinarians and shelter specialists, shelter improvement support, and just in time special food runs for the tiniest of abandoned pets – Royal Canin® is a champion and valued partner!

## A RESCUE STORY. DONORS ARE THE LOCAL HEROES



Lots of rescue stories cut to the quick. And none more so than the rescue of 64 cats from one house in October 2018. Over 5 days, 2 Inspectors and 3 Animal Care Staff removed 64 cats and kittens from one dwelling. Imagine - 64 felines of all ages competing for food, water, play and sleep space, privacy and litter.

Miraculously, over 2 months, the cats recovered. Their journey to health was variable. All the cats needed food, water, flea treatment, grooming, deworming, nail trims and vaccinations and most importantly LOVE! Most required treatment for urine infections and respiratory problems, and all but 8 required a spay or neuter. There were numerous surgeries for bite wounds, teeth extractions, and eye removals. Donor funds were essential to ensure that these cats received this necessary care.

Finding cats in these conditions is not unusual in Hamilton and area for our local Inspectors. People with good intentions rescue abandoned cats, find themselves overwhelmed with just a few cats, and then their numbers and conditions quickly escalate out of control. The outcomes for cats in these crowded and unsanitary conditions are not often positive. Because people care, these fine felines are living another life.

*The owner was charged; sentencing included a 25 year prohibition from owning or having custody of an animal or bird, and, permission to own one cat with the condition that the cat is spayed or neutered.*

## NO ANIMAL LEFT BEHIND

Thriving animals is the HBSPCA mission and donors expect no less. We are not alone. Citizens in Ontario and across Canada want to ensure that all animals thrive, that animals have access to natural habitats, and that pet companions are just that – companions - not property sometimes subject to neglect and abuse.

There was good news at the national level. The Federal Government passed legislation banning whale and dolphin captivity in Canada. Legislation bans the capture of wild cetaceans, captive breeding and the import and export of those animals, with limited exceptions.

Closer to home, the Ontario SPCA decided that it would no longer enforce the cruelty provisions of the OSPCA Act. With no immediate alternative in place, the Provincial Government turned to willing Societies, including the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA, to continue protecting animals locally while it developed a new animal welfare act.

Today, your Protection Team is intricately connected with area stakeholders including veterinarians, justice, health and social services, and police. The Team is skilled at enforcement and



investigation, mediation, facilitation and education. Inspectors deal with intentional abuse and benign neglect. In 2018, your HBSPCA Team investigated 940 calls and 604 cases at the local level.

As a community, how we treat animals reflects how we take care of each other, our families, our neighbourhoods. With donor support, a kinder, gentler, and humane community is within reach.

## BY THE NUMBERS



**1191 Adoptions**  
Second chance homes for kittens and cats, puppies and dogs, and small critters.

**384 Animals Rescued**  
Animals at risk either surrendered to Investigators or removed.



**3805 Spay/Neuter Surgeries**  
Includes owned pets, and abandoned, neglected, and abused pets in HBSPCA care.

**5000 Microchips Implanted**  
For animals in care, owned pets at the Companion Animal Hospital or at outreach clinics, and street cats.



**526 Street Cat Spay/Neuter**  
Street cats cared for by colony caregivers registered in the Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate and Return (TNVR) program.

**4000 Rabies Vaccines**  
For animals in care, owned pets at the Companion Animal Hospital or at outreach clinics, and street cats.

# THE DIFFERENCE COMMUNITY MAKES

## 2018-2019 FINANCIAL SUMMARY (APRIL 2018-MARCH 2019)

### Operating Revenue

● Program Fees	597,758
● Contributions	614,413
● Fundraising	473,975
● Grants	341,009
● Bequests	265,949
● Membership and Merchandise	105,866
● Investment and Other	102,873
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,501,843</b>

### Operating Expenses

Salaries and Benefits	1,169,438
Operating Expenses	1,133,007
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,302,445</b>

### Excess(deficiency) of revenues over expenses before other items

Amortization - capital assets	(131,384)
Amortization - government assistance	37,966
Amortization - deferred capital contributions	921
Unrealized gain on investments	221,277
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over Expenses</b>	<b>328,178</b>



2018-2019 audited statements for the HBSPCA prepared by SB Partners available at [www.hbspca.com](http://www.hbspca.com)

## GIVING FOUNDATIONS AND GRANTS

### Canada Gives

- Canadian Power and Telephone Matching Fund
- Dr. and Mrs. Bernard A. Wiechula Foundation

### Dunin Foundation

### Edward Young Morwick Foundation

### Hamilton Community Foundation

- Karen and Peter Turkstra Family Foundation
- Vera and Percy Tomlinson Foundation
- Tran Family Fund
- Phenix Fund for Animal Welfare
- Joe Filomena and George Seliga Holdings Fund
- Apollo Fund

### Juravinsky Foundation

### PetSmart Charities® of Canada

### Private Giving Foundation

- Bastedo Family Foundation

### Strategic Charitable Giving Foundation

- Mary Sullivan Fund
- Lucky Lacey Foundation
- Marjorie Pearce Foundation
- Cheryl and David Sergeant Trust

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## BETH KORUNA 2019 RECIPIENT OF THE HBSPCA DR. JEAN RUMNEY AWARD

*The Dr. Jean Rumney Award honours those who have shown outstanding commitment and dedication to the animals and community served by the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA.*

Beth Koruna is a determined advocate for healthy and safe street cats. While her best friend for 16 years growing up was her dog Sasha, street cats in Hamilton touched her heart and her “just do it” approach about 10 years ago.



When Beth moved to Hamilton, she noticed the cats living on the streets in her neighbourhood. Her first “rescue” was Felipe, a friendly cat who lives with her Mom to this day. And like all people who care about healthy safe and wanted animals, Beth set out to understand cat overpopulation and the impact for cats, people and neighbourhoods when our feline friends find themselves abandoned, neglected and growing up on the streets.

Today, Beth chairs the Hamilton Community Cat Network (HCCN), a collaboration among veterinarians, cat rescue champions, Public Health, Hamilton Animal Services and the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA. The goals of the group include increasing spay/neuter and vaccination rates for community cats, talking with neighbourhood residents about what can be done to safely reduce community cats – sometimes called feral cats – and growing volunteers, funds, and alternative living options for cats.

“I’m a teacher and I love motivating young children to be curious about the world around them”, says Beth. And I love improving the lives of community cats by fixing ferals and re-homing friendly abandoned cats. I have seen how community cats thrive once they have been spay/neutered and vaccinated. They and their caregivers are both protected, and populations do fall.”

Beth’s passion, commitment and leaderful presence are motivating community members who care about animals to make a difference, and in turn give Beth a meaningful purpose. How fortunate for community cats!

*Thank you Beth!*