

REGAN RUSSELL 2020 RECIPIENT OF THE HBSPCA DR. JEAN RUMNEY AWARD



Regan Russell was an active voice for all animals. She died tragically on Friday June 19th, 2020. Regan was peacefully demonstrating the welfare of pigs at a local rendering plant.

In 1977, Regan held a sign “Stop the Seal Hunt” on a cold winter’s day in Winnipeg. Forty three years later, she is known around the world for her authentic and every day commitment to animal justice.

Locally, Regan was a one woman rescue. Regan socialised, spayed and neutered and found homes for street cats. She found second chance homes for dogs who were lost, abandoned, ill treated. She helped transition her aunt’s dog to new pet parents when her aunt was dying this past Spring, ensuring everyone was confident about his future. Regan and her partner Mark were pillars of support to long time friends, family, and new acquaintances navigating the pitfalls of daily life. And all would say – she talked to the animals!

Regan was committed, passionate and tireless in her aspiration for a humane world. She was intelligent and unshakeable. The stories of Regan’s commitments and partnerships to make a difference near and far are many. Barbara Cartwright, Executive Director of Humane Canada, shared hers: “We worked together on Northern Dog issues 10 years ago. We spent many hours in a van touring northern communities. Regan was lovely, compassionate and taught humane education to kids in the south and with me to Cree children in northern communities. What a valuable contribution - a beautiful, kind soul.”

A thoughtful community member shared his thoughts as people worked through surprise and grief at her untimely passing. *A person’s death is not often aligned with the meaning that they were making of their life. Regan died in an awful accident but the remembrance of her now will serve as an intensification of what she made of herself. How extraordinary is that?*

Regan was optimistic. She lived the Five Freedoms for animals, social justice for all and importance of taking care of the human animal bond. May her legacy live forever and inspire always.

ThankyouRegan!

YOUR HAMILTON/BURLINGTON SPCA

COMMITTED TO THRIVING ANIMALS, THRIVING PET FAMILIES AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES.

Founded in 1887, our mission was animal protection and our focus was working animals. Today, and guided by the human animal bond, the Society strives to keep people and pets together, help carers be the pet parents they want to be and be a voice for sentient beings who have none.

Community programs support animals and their people. Accessible spay/neuter services for families and veterinary care for pets belonging to our most vulnerable citizens mean more people benefit from the unconditional love of healthy pets. Pet visiting brightens the days of students living away from home, children and youth with special needs, and seniors. Same day care for cats keeps them at home and out of shelter. In partnership with Zachary’s PAWS for Healing, short stay foster care, health checks and more give hospitalized senior citizens peace of mind.



The HBSPCA Companion Animal Hospital (CAH) is in its 11th year. It supports a continuum of care for animals at the shelter and in foster care, just in time care for emergency and urgent cases, and end-of-life support for pet families who have no other option. The on site clinic provides affordable spay neuter services for more than 3500 owned pets every year. The CAH is a learning site for veterinarians in training at the Ontario Veterinary College and coop students exploring animal welfare career paths.

Because people care, HBSPCA service to community advances a humane community every day. It takes a village to make a difference. Consider joining with our donors, supporters, partners and volunteers who make it all possible. 🐾

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PAWTENTIAL

2019-2020
ANNUAL REPORT



Charles, a volunteer dog walker, in the critter vegetable garden generously supported by Boehringer-Ingelheim.

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

COMMITMENT THROUGH CHANGE

Some years have memorable bookends. 2019-2020 is one of them. In March 2019, the OSPCA announced that its Protection Officers would no longer protect animals at risk post June. A year later, in March 2020, COVID-19 changed how people live, work, and play. The Hamilton/Burlington SPCA's nimbleness has been tested on many fronts.

Between July 1st and December 31st, Protection Officers, under contract with the Government of Ontario at the HBSPCA, continued to investigate animals at risk, educate pet families, issue orders, and charge people for animal neglect and abuse. We voluntarily expanded our coverage to include Brantford and Brant County, committed to no at-risk animal being left behind. The HBSPCA also hosted Provincial Officer training for new recruits joining the field. Following the passage of the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act (PAWS) in December, animal protection became the responsibility of the Province under the Office of the Solicitor General. Today, we remain open to receiving at-risk animals for safety, humane care, and recovery.

The worldwide pandemic found its way to Canada in 2020. In Ontario, COVID-19 changed life and work on March 16th. The health and safety of volunteers and staff was our first priority—and remains so to this day. Physical distancing required us to adopt new

ways of navigating space and interacting with staff and clients. Turn-on-a-dime innovation was key to our operations. We launched no-contact adoptions, curbside intake and pickup, and tele-medicine support for clients and foster families.

Through it all, donors and supporters have continued to be generous. In the absence of fundraising gatherings, with falling program fees in the times of isolation, and the need for personal protective equipment, donor support has been critical. Deemed an essential service, temporarily shutting down wasn't an option. The HBSPCA proudly carried on with its emergency and urgent response services, end-of-life support, and pet rehoming. Our staff's adaptability has been remarkable. We miss our volunteers and their time and talent on site.

It has been a year of change, and the "new normal" is being redefined almost daily. Still we are deeply committed here at the HBSPCA to keeping people and pets together, helping pet parents be the pet families they want to be, and giving voice to sentient beings who have none. I thank you, our volunteers, our donors and our supporters, for making a paw-sitive difference every day. 🐾

Marion Emo, CEO

MIRACLE OF MIRACLES

This little kitty named Stash arrived at the HBSPCA on December 20th with two neglected broken legs. His legs had already started to heal without having been properly set, which meant he would likely have a life of chronic pain.

Oftentimes in these situations, people in the community and at the Society ask "When is intervention too much?" We look at the facts. In Stash's case, he was very young, homeless, and a bright future was possible. But he'd have to survive an operation and amputation of two legs first. We asked ourselves more questions: "What would be fair for Stash? And who should decide?" At the HBSPCA, Companion Animal Hospital leadership made the call: Stash would decide what his future would be.



And so he did. Stash let everyone know he was paw-sitively ready to live another of his nine lives. On December 23rd, one of his hind legs and one of his front legs were removed. Two hours later, Stash was already standing. Three hours later, he was drinking water. Within days, his remaining two legs amply supported Stash as he ate, used his litter, and played—just like any other kitten.

Stash recovered and found his forever home January 10th where he is thriving thanks to donors who make possible a Companion Animal Hospital staffed by skilled and compassionate caregivers and volunteers.

The animals have a voice at your local Hamilton/Burlington SPCA. 🐾

FAREWELL, NOT GOOD-BYE

Maureen Moore's aging parents were always delighted when she'd visit them with her three dogs. So when Maureen retired, she gravitated to learning more about Pet Therapy, and happened upon the Pet Therapy program at the HBSPCA. Here she found her calling. Two years later, she joined the Board of Directors, while still volunteering her time (and her best friends Seamus and Caleb's time) to visit with seniors. She is stepping down from 3 terms on the Board and will be missed.

Maureen's volunteer journey in the first couple of years included strengthening volunteer recruitment and retention and refreshing the pet visiting program. As a passionate Director, she shared her insights on the human animal bond and its benefits for the health and wellness of people and pet companions alike. Over nine years, Maureen served on Governance, Finance, and Development Committees and for several years served as Secretary of the Board.

"I am so proud of how far we have come as an organization" Maureen says. "Staff and Board are truly a team. Our programs in service to community are leading edge. Best practice and the Five Freedoms guide us every day. And I am most proud that we support pets and their families by asking 'What can we do to help you keep your pet?'"



Thank you Maureen for your tireless commitment. You are retiring from the Board. We know you are not abandoning the cause. 🐾

NEW BEGINNINGS



1149 Animals Rescued
Includes animals surrendered, transferred in, rescued by Protection Agents.

1113 Adoptions
Second chance homes for kittens and cats, puppies and dogs, and small critters.



4519 Spay/Neuter Surgeries
Includes owned pets, street cats, and shelter pets.

4330 Microchips Implanted
For animals in care, owned pets at the Companion Animal Hospital or at outreach clinics, and street cats.



4440 Rabies Vaccines
For animals in care, owned pets at the Companion Animal Hospital or at outreach clinics, and street cats.

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- Ontario Veterinary College
- Zachary's PAWS for Healing
- Hamilton Regional Emergency Vet Clinic
- The Cat Clinic
- Village Cat Clinic
- Watzin's Animal Hospital

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- Association of Animal Shelter Administrators of Ontario
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- Nutech Fire Protection
- Pet Valu (Binbrook, Stoney Creek)
- Poole Shoppe
- Wear's Flowers and Garden Centre



THE DIFFERENCE COMMUNITY MAKES

Operating Revenue

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| • Program Fees | 749,482 |
| • Contributions | 660,963 |
| • Fundraising | 439,732 |
| • Grants | 367,998 |
| • Membership and Merchandise | 120,864 |
| • Other | 12,674 |

Other Revenue

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| • Bequests | 697,325 |
| • Interest on reserves | 92,293 |

Total Revenue **3,141,431**

Expenses

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| Salaries and Benefits | 1,214,367 |
| Operating Expenses | 1,224,633 |

Total Expenses **2,439,000**

Excess(deficiency) of revenues over expenses before other items

665,459

Amortization - capital assets (138,981)

Amortization - government assistance 37,966

Amortization - deferred capital contributions 1,842

Unrealized loss on investments (69,695)

Excess of Revenues over Expenses **496,591**



2018-2019 audited statements for the
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GIVING FOUNDATIONS AND GRANTS

Fidelity Investments in Honour of Brian Lewington

Hamilton Community Foundation

- Apollo Fund - Care of Animals
- Karen and Peter Turkstra Foundation - Care of Dogs
- Phenix Fund for Animal Welfare
- Seliga Holdings Fund
- Tran Family Fund – Sit! Stay! Read! Program
- Vera and Percy Tomlinson Fund

Harry and Toby Jordan Foundation

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PetSmart Charities of Canada

Private Giving Foundation

- Nancy and George Ruttle Foundation
- Bastedo Family Foundation

Strategic Charitable Giving Foundation

- Wilson and Becke Foundation – General Programs
- Cheryl and David Sargeant Trust – General Programs
- Marjorie Pearce Foundation – General Programs

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WHAT'S AHEAD? SHAPING THE FUTURE

The Society's role in keeping pets healthy, safe, and wanted has been changing for some time. Same-day care in our Companion Animal Hospital keeps cats at home and out of shelter. Hip to Snip programs reduce unwanted litters and pets in low-income households are supported with health checks. Visiting pets bring joy to isolated seniors, lonely students, reluctant readers, and overwhelmed caregivers.

So what's next?

The HBSPCA is listening and learning to ensure that services and supports remain relevant and that donors are confident that their support is making a real difference. This year, we reached out directly to the people who use our services, as well as to our donors, supporters, partners, staff, and volunteers to gather insight. Almost 1,000 people shared their experiences with our services, stories about why they donate, and their aspirations for our future service to community.

Some key insights included:

- Respondents recommend the HBSPCA be bold and define both its unique and innovative contributions for a humane community.
- Those who have been touched by our services for healthy, safe and wanted pets recommend that HBSPCA promote how shelter medicine and family supports are improving the lives of animals every day.
- Our donors and supporters would like to see the HBSPCA expand its leadership role in education and advocacy for a humane community.
- There was a call for the HBSPCA to expand its work with vulnerable populations.
- 20% of survey respondents live outside Hamilton and Burlington yet remain touched by our commitment to healthy pets and healthy families.

And so the table is set for new directions in partnership with others, all for the animals.

You spoke. We listened. Stay tuned.

