FETCH! February 2020

Donations Making a Difference

Baking a Pawsitive Difference with Cupcakes!

Sixteen-year-old Julianna Dick loves animals – especially dogs. It's for this reason that Julianna and her team have been baking and selling cupcakes for the past five years to support the animals at the Oakville & Milton Humane Society (OMHS). Mom, Eva Chan, bakes the cupcakes from scratch, Julianna decorates, and dad, John, helps with promotion and delivery.

"I hope by raising money, it will help as many animals as possible in finding their forever homes. I also want to raise awareness about how people can adopt a pet, or maybe even volunteer to help out," says Julianna. This year's cupcake efforts were dedicated to Chester, Julianna's beloved dog who passed away in December. **Read more.**





Adoptions

If Bruce the Cat Had Social Media, These Would be His Profiles

If you are looking for an independent and confident domestic short hair cat, Bruce is your feline. Bruce knows what he likes and nearing five years old he's not going to change his mind now. His favorite activity is running around chasing his string or feather toys.

Bruce can have a short fuse but he is also a friendly, social cat. Bruce's



ideal home is one where everyone will just let him be Bruce. That would be a home where he can walk around, look about and play when he wants to play, with no other pets or children to cramp his style. Visit us during our viewing hours to meet **Bruce**!

Bunnies Make Great Pets!

We still have a number of bunnies looking for their forever homes. We often offer greens on a clothesline to provide some stretching and food seeking opportunity for the bunnies. A rabbit's diet is very important and they can develop health or teeth issues if not fed the proper foods. Fruit and carrots should be avoided as it can lead to problems later on. Visit the shelter to see our rascally rabbits and rats for adoption, or go online.



Support Our Work

Become a Monthly Donor and Have Your 2020 Gifts Matched



By becoming a **monthly donor now**, your gifts in 2020 will be doubled (to a maximum of \$23,000). Joining the monthly giving program is the best, most cost-effective way to help the animals, as this type of donation provides year-round monthly support at very low cost to the organization. The reliable sponsorship provided by our monthly donors plays a crucial role in helping us provide emergency care, shelter and other lifesaving services to animals in need. Learn more.

Animal Rescue

Grounded Goose Takes Flight Thanks to APS Staff



OMHS Animal **Protective Services** (APS) Officers Zuwala and Pollock responded to a recent call for an injured goose near Kerr Street in Oakville that had apparently suffered a crash landing. Upon arrival the officers examined the goose and found it could not take flight but otherwise appeared to be in good condition. The bird was brought back to the shelter and provided

with feed, water, and time to recuperate. The goose was assessed by our Registered Veterinary Technicians on staff where it was determined to be healthy and suitable for release. The following day Officers Zuwala and West travelled to a nearby park location to release the goose. Click <u>here</u> to see the goose join its flock.

Outreach and Education

Critters Day Camps Added to Help Families Out

Over the past few weeks we have held four additional Critter Camps at the shelter to support families on days when schools were closed due to the recent job actions by elementary teachers. Our Critter Camps were all sold out and enabled nearly 40 children the opportunity to interact with a wide variety of animals, as well



as to play games and do crafts. For the latest information on our PA Day camps click **here**.

Early Bird Draw Monday March 2

LOTTERY TICKET HOT LINE 905-845-1551 ext. 304



Early Bird Draw - Monday March 2

5 tickets = \$20 (helps animals) 10 tickets = \$40 (buys kitten milk formula) 15 tickets = \$60 (covers an exam and vaccines) 25 tickets = \$100 (provides a foster kit) 50 tickets = \$200 (helps care for a senior animal) 75 tickets = \$300 (provides medical care for a rescued animal)

More info here

Events

Microchip Clinic at Ren's Pets



We will be holding a microchip clinic at Ren's Pets in Oakville on Sunday, April 19th from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Give your pets the protection of lifetime identification. It could be the difference between lost and found. To learn more click **here**.

At the Shelter

OMHS Welcomes Royal Canin Delegation from France



We were thrilled to recently host Amelia Couge and Chloe Xuereb from our nutrition partner Royal Canin's global office team who travelled all the way from France to join us at the shelter for a tour of the facility and to speak with our staff. The guests said they were impressed with the work OMHS does to not only provide the best care for our animals, but how we are forging strong relationships with the community through our educational initiatives and events such as **Prancing with the Stars**. In the image above Chloe (stripped shirt) and Amelia stand next to Rick Perciante, Executive Director of OMHS. Also pictured (left to right) are: Stephanie Aleksich, Manager, Customer Care; Casey Quiggan, Sales Representative with Royal Canin; Andrea Barker, Manager, Animal Care and Heather White, Community Outreach and Education Manager.

Keeping Your Pet Safe

Which OMHS Licence is your Favourite?

We are celebrating a decade of providing unique dog licence tags at OMHS! Which one is your favourite? Our dog licence tags have helped reunite nearly **4,400 dogs** with their owners in the past decade here at the shelter. If you haven't, protect your dog's safety and get your licence today here.



Lost a Pet?

Found a Pet? Dog Licenses

Pet ID Kit



Oakville & Milton Humane Society

