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Events

Relive Daffodil's Amazing Journey By Playing Mission Pawsible: Homeward Bound!

Imagine being left alone, tied up and abandoned in a cemetery with no food, no water and no idea if someone would ever rescue you. Meet Daffodil. This is how she came into the care of OMHS. When Daffodil arrived, she was suffering from severe joint issues and required a special diet and medicine to help her on her way to being 'Homeward Bound.'

Daffodil is just one of the many animals our Mission Pawsible: Homeward Bound participants are representing. It's not too late for you to get in the game. Have you ever wondered about an animal's journey from arrival to finding their forever home? Mission Pawsible: Homeward Bound takes you through each step in that real-life journey on our giant game board.

Between now and June 12th, you can register as a participant for Mission Pawsible: Homeward Bound and raise funds in support of the animals who need you to help them find their forever homes. Raise funds as an individual, group or family and follow us on Facebook to watch our participants progress through the steps. Join us today to help us tell the stories of these incredible animals!







Adoptions Update

Adoptions Moving Online!

While OMHS remains closed to the public until at least May 18th, we are pleased to announce that we have moved our adoption process







online to make it easier and safer to find forever homes for animals during the current COVID-19 crisis.

If you are interested in adopting. you can view our adoptable animals on our website and our Facebook page. At this time, all adoptable animals are being housed with foster families and we are temporarily limiting interactions between the public and our staff. As a result, interested adopters will not be permitted to view the animals in person prior to adoption with the exception of dogs.

To apply to adopt an available animal, you will first need to complete our adoption <u>survey</u>. You can e-mail your completed survey along with the name of the animal you are interested in adopting to <u>adoptions@omhs.ca</u> or fax it to 905-845-1973.

All Adoption Surveys will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis. Once the Adoptions department has received your adoption survey, an adoption counsellor will contact you within 24-72 hours to discuss next steps. This includes going over any important information you need to know before taking home your new pet. Please contact our Adoptions department by calling 905-845-1551 ext. 147, or email adoptions@omhs.ca if you have any questions.





Make Your Pet a Star!

Enter your feathered, furry or scaly best friend in the Pet Photo Contest, encourage your friends to vote and your pet will have the chance to win a coveted spot as a model-of-the-month in our beautiful 2021 wall calendar.

Enter and vote here

Special Gifts for Mother's Day

Searching for a unique Mother's Day gift for your animal-loving mom? This Mother's Day, help an animal in need by giving the gift of love. We have the purrfect selection of gifts your mother will adore.

Gifts here

Animal Rescue!

APS Officer Rescues Goslings from 7th Story Balcony



Thanks to the quick response of OMHS' Animal Protective Services Team, seven baby goslings were **saved** when they were safely removed from their nest in a planter box on the edge of a 7th floor balcony overlooking Lake Ontario at Bronte Road.

Officer Zuwala took great care in safely blocking the parents with cardboard and one-by-one removing the babies and placing them into a box. The officer then moved the goslings down to the park and opened the box so they could be reunited with mom and dad who quickly flew down to find them. The family is now safe once again at ground level, and the goslings are thriving!

Coping with COVID-19

How to Prepare a Go-Bag for your Pet in an Emergency

In the event of any emergency, it's important to plan ahead by developing an emergency plan and a Go-Bag for your pet in the event that you are unable to care for your pet.

It takes very little time and materials to do this, and being prepared can save precious minutes when it really counts. Click **here**



to learn the simple steps to take to make your plan and what items you need for your pet's Go-Bag.

Volunteer Appreciation Week!

Thanks to Our More than 450 Amazing Volunteers!



In celebration of National Volunteer Week in April we sent shout-outs from our staff to our fabulous volunteers on **Facebook** in recognition of the many ways they make life better for our animals.

By dedicating their time, love, and talents, our volunteers make a huge impact on the lives of the abandoned, neglected, and abused animals that enter our shelter every day.

Whether they're taking our shelter dogs for regular walks all through the day, bottle-

feeding a newborn kitten, socializing a rescued animal (or one of about 25 other jobs), our team of more than 450 volunteers enables us to provide the very best of care for our animals and help us provide support to the people and animals in our community.

Since we rely 100% on donations to help our animals, we simply could not do the work we do without our volunteers. Thank you for everything you do!

Board of Directors

You Can Play a Vital Role at OMHS

Our Board of Directors possess an interest in animal welfare and provide the strategic direction, resources, and high-level oversight for the organization to be successful in achieving its vision and mission.

We are currently seeking individuals with experience in Capital Campaigns, Human Resources and Governance, who wish to use their



expertise in making a difference in the Oakville & Milton communities. Learn more **here** on how you could play a vital role in shaping the Society's future!

Protecting Wildlife

Spring Checklist for Wildlife



In most of Ontario, wildlife baby season usually begins between mid-March and April, which means raccoons, birds, squirrels and skunks are now much more active than normal. The key to coexisting peacefully with wildlife is prevention; there are many things homeowners can do to prevent wildlife from choosing their property. Here are some

recommendations from our partners at **Skedaddle Humane Wildlife Control**.

Lost a Pet?

Found a Pet?

Dog Licenses

Pet ID Kit



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