

## News

### Birds Rescued at Leiterman Park in Milton

Our Animal Protective Services team (with help from our Registered Veterinary Technicians and Hobbitstee Wildlife Refuge), recently spent several days rescuing approximately five ducks and 10 geese from an oil spill at Leiterman Park in Milton.

We are thrilled to report all the birds who were in distress at the park have been successfully rescued and safely transported to the rehabilitation centre. All of them have been gently cleaned, assessed and will eventually be released back into the wild. The Ministry of the Environment is currently investigating the source of the spill.

If you believe an animal is sick or injured in Oakville or Milton, the best thing to do is to call us (905-845-1551), so we can dispatch an [Animal Protective Services](#) Officer to attend.



## Families in Transition

### No Pet Left Behind

Pets are often a huge concern for people experiencing personal crisis. OMHS began a Violence Prevention Program in 2002

to help victims of domestic violence by caring for their pets on a short-term basis. Due to increased needs in our community, the program expanded into the Families in Transition [\(FIT\) program](#).

We are pleased to announce that the Halton Region Community Investment Fund has provided OMHS with a \$30,000 grant enabling us to continue providing the FIT program for another year.

FIT helps residents like James (pictured with his dogs Tyson and Jewels), who find themselves temporarily homeless for a variety of reasons and can't care for their pets. This could be due to financial crisis, mental or physical health issues or being hospitalized. The FIT program provides temporary boarding, medical care, food and support for vulnerable pets – ensuring the family unit can be kept together.



The program is made possible thanks to our funders: the Regional Municipality of Halton, the Oakville Community Foundation's Give Oakville Campaign and the OMHS.

## Lottery Tickets on Sale Now



You can help some of the most vulnerable animals by purchasing tickets for our [Fall Lottery](#). The animals win every time you buy a ticket!

1 ticket = \$5  
5 tickets = \$20  
10 tickets = \$40  
25 tickets = \$100

**Lottery Hotline**  
**905-845-1551 ext. 304**

## PATCH Program

Every August since 2002, Frank Apa and his team at Lexus of Oakville celebrate

the joy that animals bring, with a special fundraising initiative in honour of a sweet little dog named Patch.

Loyal and friendly, Patch was Mr. Apa's gentle, outgoing, and charismatic Shih Tzu - the dealership ambassador who won the hearts of everyone he met.

[Read more](#)



## OMHS Staff Profile

### Caitlin Jones and APS: Protecting Animals 24/7

The role of Animal Protective Services (APS) Officers at the Oakville & Milton Humane Society (OMHS) goes far beyond just picking up strays. In fact, they are contracted by the Town of Oakville to fulfill animal control services, including providing enforcement for animal-related bylaws as well as the *Dog Owners' Liability Act*. They also respond 24/7 to calls for stray domestic animals in Oakville as well as conduct animal rescues for sick and injured wildlife in both Oakville and Milton.



Caitlin Jones has worked at OMHS for 11 years, the last three managing APS, and knows better than anyone how challenging and rewarding the work can be. During that time she has helped more types of animals in distress than she can recall, but counts the rescue of a peregrine falcon as a career highlight.

"Each day is different as we respond to calls on an emergency basis. It typically includes several rescues and stray pick up calls. At the same time we carry out proactive patrols throughout neighbourhoods in Oakville as well as responding to concerns for investigations under the bylaw," explains Caitlin. [Read more](#)

## Board Awards





Cheryl Clark



Karin Tomosky-  
Chambers



Lisa Lanoue

## Celebrating Excellence in Leadership!

Congratulations to our outgoing members of the [Board of Directors](#). On June 29th we celebrated the achievements of our outgoing Board members during our virtual Annual General Meeting. Together, Cheryl Clark (6 years) , Karin Tomosky-Chambers (2 years) and Lisa Lanoue (6 years) have served our Board for more than 14 years.

Fortunately for OMHS, all three will continue on committees of the Board sharing their expertise, talents and experience. Thank you Cheryl, Lisa and Karin for your tremendous contributions that have been integral to our continued growth and efforts to enhance our community engagement.

## Forever Families!



We are thrilled to report that Elvis has left the building! Elvis was one of our more challenging dogs who finally found his forever home with Tyler. We are



Also finding her [forever home](#) is Cheese Taco! His new mother Kristin says she is even keeping the name for the cat. We look forward to updates from Tyler

sure that they will become the best of friends. Congratulations Tyler and Elvis!

and Kristin once Elvis and Cheese Taco get settled in their new homes.

## Help Animals All Year



### Join the PAW Program

Join the [PAW monthly giving program](#) and provide year-round support. This is the best, most cost effective way to help the animals and you will play a crucial role in helping us provide emergency care, shelter and other life-saving services to animals in need. For more information, please call 905-845-1551 ext. 304 or email [donations@omhs.ca](mailto:donations@omhs.ca)

[Join now](#)

## Reunited

### Marty Makes it Back Home

We are delighted to report that Marty, who had gone missing, has been reunited with his owner Sherry. Kudos to the shopper who brought the yellow budgie into the shelter after he flew onto his shoulder at a plaza. Our Lost & Found department immediately started checking all the lost reports and quickly found a match for the missing budgie! An overjoyed Sherry was contacted and came right over to take Marty home.



Learn more [here](#) on how to report a found pet.

## Protecting Wildlife

### Rescue of Ducklings by Animal Protective Services

On July 17th our Animal Protective Services (APS) team responded to a call regarding a mother duck



and her ducklings that had become stuck in a backyard and were unable to escape. APS Officer Pollock safely gathered the mother and her ducklings and then transported them to a nearby river where they were successfully [released!](#)

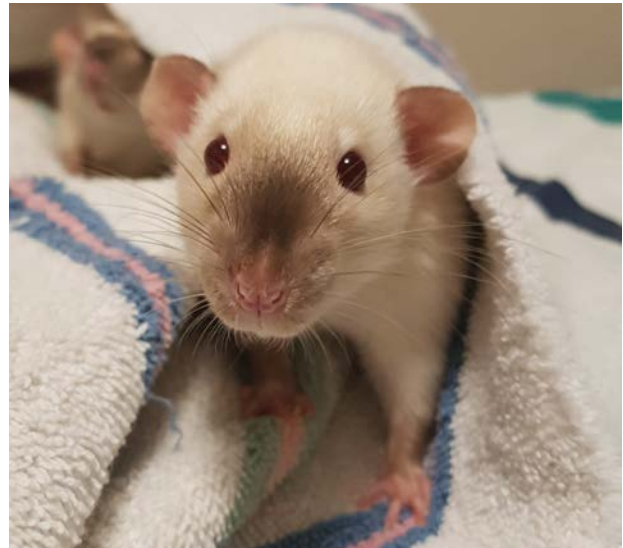


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## Alumni Update

### Hello From Remy and Rizzo

We are happy to report Remy (top image) and Rizzo are enjoying their new home! Their adopter Manuela named them based on their personalities and how hard it is to tell the rats apart from their appearance.



Remy is very adventurous and will always come to the doors of the cage when you walk up to it. He will also climb onto Manuela's hand when left out in the open in the cage. Rizzo is more skittish to loud sounds, quick movements and being picked up, but enjoys being petted.

Both of them also have recently really taken a liking to hanging out on Manuela's shoulder! Thanks Manuela for sharing your update and providing such a wonderful forever home for Remy and Rizzo! [Become](#) part of our alumni team today.



## Harnesses on Sale

### Freedom Harnesses Available Now For Purchase

We are thrilled to announce Freedom no-pull harnesses are now available for purchase! These harnesses make

leash training a walk in the park and are the same ones we use here at the shelter.

We have great success in teaching the dogs in our care proper leash skills with this easy front and back loading harness.

All sizes available and in the following colours: blue, red, purple, and black. If you are interested in purchasing one you can visit us during our regular office [hours](#).



[Lost a Pet?](#)

[Found a Pet?](#)

[Dog Licenses](#)

[Pet ID Kit](#)



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