

## Veterinary Heroes!



While many of us may be eager to see the end of 2020 due to the pandemic, we can also look back on 2020 and be thankful for the many ways it has brought us together and the ways we have been reminded about the importance of family, friends and community.

For those of you that have pets, you know your veterinary offices have faced challenges while still managing to care for your pets when needed.

At OMHS we rely on our community veterinarians to help us provide care for all of our pets and they have been there for us this year. Our community veterinarians support OMHS in so many ways from providing life-saving surgery, regular health exams, vaccinations, and spay or neuter services so we can make new pets available for adoption. They also donate much needed funds, spread the word about our Society, and sell OMHS calendars and dog licences.

All kinds of animals come to OMHS in need of care, and we are fortunate to have the support of so many valuable veterinary resources in our own community. You are our heroes!

## Dogs of Oakville

Meet Winslow! He's making his debut this year in the 2020 Edition of the [Dogs](#)

[of Oakville](#) book.



You can read all about him and many other amazing dogs in our community in this year's edition entitled "Together".

There are limited copies available, get yours now! [Purchase online](#) (pickup only)

or visit us at the shelter - they make a great Christmas gift for your pet-loving friends and family. When you purchase a book, you're helping the vulnerable animals in our community find their forever family AND you have the chance to **win one of two gift baskets!**

## The Joys of Adopting a Senior Animal

### For Tiffany, Discovering Riley was Love at First Sight

Prospective pet parents often don't fully consider the benefits of adopting a senior cat or dog. But for Tiffany, the choice was clear the minute she set eyes on a mature cat named Riley.



"Riley joined our family in June 2016, already a senior boy with diabetes. It was absolutely love at first sight for us and we didn't let his age or medical condition scare us away. From the day we brought him home from the shelter, he made himself completely at home with no transition time required. He was a ray of sunshine bringing so much love," says Tiffany.

When you adopt a puppy or kitten, you may have many questions such as how large will they get, what will their personality be like, or how active will they be? With a senior cat or dog, "what you see is what you get" - this goes a long way to ensuring a good match! Read [more](#).

## Thank You For Your Support!

A big paws up to the United Way Halton & Hamilton for believing



in the power of the connection between humans and their pets, especially in times of crisis. Your gift will allow the Oakville & Milton Humane Society to reach the Oakville community's most vulnerable pets and their families through a pet food bank. [Thanks](#) to YOUR unique support, pets will continue to receive love from their pet parents, while we reduce the stress of purchasing quality food.



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Thank also to the Oakville Community Foundation! Your gift is enabling the Oakville & Milton Humane Society to be resilient in this time of crisis and continue our important education programs for children and youth in our community- virtually! Heather White, Manager, Community Outreach and Education, extends her [thanks](#) on behalf of the shelter, volunteers and of course, our animals.

## OMHS on Good Morning Oakville

Thanks to the [Oakville Chamber of Commerce](#) for inviting us to be on their recent *Good Morning Oakville* live broadcast. A big paws up to Lucille, Robin and Robyn for helping update everyone on the great work that is going on at the shelter thanks to your support.

Today Lucille is thriving. Without support from caring people like you, surgery would not have been an option. There are so many other animals like Lucille who deserve a second chance. Your gift will be matched up to \$45,000 doubling the impact. [Please donate now](#). You can view our segment [here](#).



## Forever Home!



Daisy has found her forever home! We are thrilled that Dr. Helen Waters of the Oakville Animal Clinic recently welcomed a new puppy into her home. It was another case of love at first sight!

Our goal is to find the best matched pet for your family and to find the best matched home for the animals in our care.

For more information on our virtual adoptions process please click [here.](#)

## Protect Your Pet For a Lifetime!

# Microchip Clinic

Give your pets the protection of a lifetime with identification that can not be lost or stolen.



Just **\$30** by appointment only. Social distancing in effect.  
905-845-1551 or email: [shelter@omhs.ca](mailto:shelter@omhs.ca)

**Sunday Dec. 13, 2020 10 - 5 PM**  
**Location: Oakville & Milton Humane Society**  
**445 Cornwall Road.**

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## Tree of Lights

Honour your loved ones on the Tree of Lights. Bulbs can be purchased as a special tribute to your beloved pets, friends and family members.

Each bulb is \$5 and can be purchased [online here](#), at OMHS or by calling the shelter at 905-845-1551 ext. 304.



Tax receipts will be issued when you buy four or more bulbs (\$20+).

**22 Chances to WIN!**

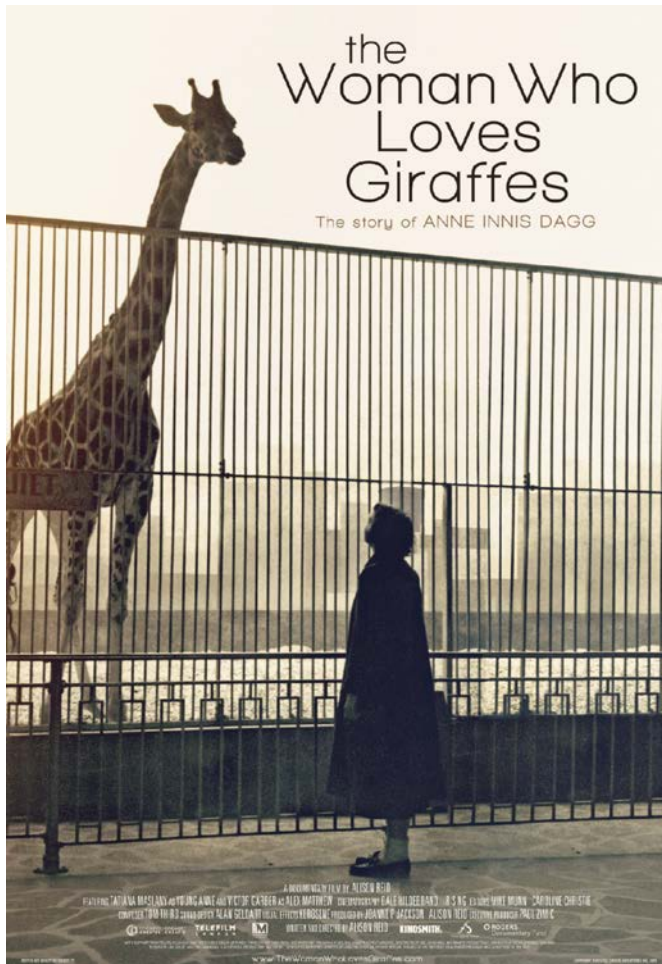


Tickets for the Spring Lottery are on sale now! Call 905-845-1551 x 304 or download and mail in the [order form](#) to purchase your tickets today.

1 ticket = \$5  
5 tickets = \$20  
10 tickets = \$40  
20 tickets = \$80  
25 tickets = \$100

The animals win every time you buy a ticket.

## Save the Date!



The OMHS is partnering with the Anne Innis Dagg Foundation to bring our community a very special online screening of [The Woman Who Loves Giraffes](#). The award-winning film documents the life and work of Dr. Anne Innis Dagg, a ground-breaking Canadian scientist whose observational studies of giraffes in the wild preceded the research work of Jane Goodall and Dian Fossey. Weaving through the past and present, her journey gives an intimate look into the insurmountable barriers she faced as a female scientist and the factors that destroyed her academic career.

Tickets will be available in January! In the meantime, mark your calendar for February 7 and 14.

## Make Your Shopping Count



Take home a hidden treasure! Our [Barkin' Bin](#) thrift shop has opened its Christmas Store with great gifts for everyone on your list.

Located at 511 Pinegrove Rd. in Oakville you can shop Thursday to Saturday from 1 pm to 4 pm.

If you're moving, spring cleaning or downsizing, please consider donating new and gently used items to the Thrift Store.

All proceeds go directly to help the animals!

## The Year in Review and Looking Ahead

As 2020 comes to a close, it's timely to reflect on the year we've just had at the OMHS. I am incredibly grateful to everyone who has rallied around our cause to assist our animals in any way possible.

Financially the organization has been challenged like no other time in its history. Many of our community-based initiatives and events were cancelled or shifted to a virtual environment. Regrettably all eight weeks of summer camp programming and many professional development days needed to be cancelled. The success we had with our special events in 2019 with Mission Pawsible and Prancing with the Stars could not be replicated in a virtual environment, despite strong support from our community partners and participants. [Read more.](#)





*The staff at OMAS wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year! Here's to quality time with your immediate family, furry companions and friends, even if they can't be in person.*

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