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Bella

Singing a new song with Timber

by Joanna Fischer

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Bella (Willow) came into our Shelter from a family with an autistic son. They had adopted the dog for their son because he was really struggling with the Covid isolation. While they had another dog, that their son enjoyed his time with, they thought that getting him his own puppy would help him through the loneliness of Covid 19.

Unfortunately, because of the son's diagnosis he started to fixate on Bella's mistakes, e.g., peeing on the floor. This led the family to make the very heartbreaking decision to do the best for their son and Bella that she finds another home. They reached out and entrusted us with this role.

Bella being full of love and energy met many different families, but she fell in love with this big teddy bear, Timber, that came to meet her with his family. They can now enjoy their days singing with each other which according to their family, they are often gifted with a harmonizing song! [Click here to watch Bella and Timber singing together!](#)



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Here is a little update from Bella's new family

"Hi Joanna. I just wanted to send along a quick note to thank you once again for trusting us with Bella (now Willow - Timber likes it better) and allowing us to welcome her into our family! We are so in love; she is the perfect little bundle of joy and I'm pretty sure the feeling is reciprocal! She is so attentive and loving, she has already captured all our hearts and we can't imagine the house without her! ♥"

None of this would've been possible without the support and funding from our community and the incredible vets in the area who go above and beyond to help our animals.

She has already captured all our hearts and we can't imagine the house without her!



For more adoption stories please follow us on:



CONSIDER BEING A MONTHLY DONOR!

Contributing a certain amount to General Donations on a monthly basis provides us with sustainable revenue we can plan for, to ensure we can meet the individual needs of the animals in our care.

\$25.00 per month covers one day of animal care in our Shelter. (Annually \$300)

\$100.00 per month covers one senior dental procedure (Annually \$1,200).

Medical costs can vary from a few hundred dollars to almost two thousand dollars per animal. We typically adopt close to 500 animals per year but adoption fees don't cover the animal care and medical expenses. **Medical costs are over \$100,000. per year.**

Welcome Message from the Executive Director

by Michelle Gellatly — Executive Director CDHS & Manager of Animal Services Cambridge

“ *The expression “it takes a village” comes to mind when thinking about this issue.* ”

In some ways the pandemic meant keeping us physically apart from those we love, care about and also work with, in some cases. It meant changing our mindset to how we meet and communicate with one another and as the popularity of “face-timing” with families increased, many of us had to learn about new platforms to hold meetings (Zoom, Webex Meetings, Google Workspace, GoToMeeting, BlueJeans Meetings, join.me, Cisco Jabber, TeamViewer).

We started to have a sense of being comfortable working from home as long as we were still able to do our work and connect with our families and friends. It started to begin to feel easier for many working behind locked doors. Our staff looked forward to continuing to work together but adjusting to face masks and physical distancing. Our work was our focus because animals need to be cared for 365 days a year. Other Department staff whose normal duties were suspended due to the pandemic, helped out in any other Department that needed it.

In other ways this new way of adapting didn't change our lives at Cambridge and District Humane Society; we still brought in unclaimed strays, animals surrendered for personal reasons, assisting those with a financial need to help pay for an emergency vet bill, or euthanasia and cremation and continued to adopt animals out so their length of stay was as short as possible.

The team, like many essential service workers, continued to work tirelessly to ensure the animals received all the love and care they needed. It wasn't the “norm” when we, like many pet owners were faced with delays in booking appointments as Veterinary Clinics were struggling to survive and maintain as much staff as they could to continue their good work. We are very grateful to the Veterinarian clinic staff who continued to help our animals for emergency care and when possible, for spay and neuters so adoptions were not on hold.

Some of our medical suppliers were having distribution problems, and our Pet Store partners were struggling to keep their businesses going between-lockdowns, also adapting to new ways for people to shop for food and products for their pets.

Grocery stores had limitations and we all learned to be more patient with line-ups when we waited for our turn to purchase fresh vegetables and fruit for our rabbits, birds, a hedgehog, to name a few. Throughout the pandemic, Freshco located in the Delta Centre at 1 Hespeler Rd, Cambridge still ran donation drives for customers to purchase bags for the animals in our Shelter.

Did you know that The Beer Store and liquor stores save the flats from the beer cans for us? They become the perfect one-time use litter box for the cats in our care!

At the same time, people in our community didn't forget about the animals in our care and through their continued support and making the effort, they did to drop off donations in our Donation Bin at the front of our building or made financial donations that all helped us meet those day to day challenges. We also want to thank those special few who came to our parking lot to offer us coffee and donuts and a gift basket. It really made a difference to our days, knowing people were still thinking about us.

This issue is honoring the “village” of supporters who through their love of animals, their generosity and their kind words meant we could continue to meet the every day needs: To our event attendees, donors, those that purchase calendars and lottery tickets that help us cover medical expenses, volunteers who sell tickets, to our invaluable Board of Directors, and corporate partners who are event sponsors or organize fundraising events on our behalf, we wanted to highlight the good work that they often do quietly.

We have many supporters and with limited space in our Newsletter, can only feature a couple in this issue, but we plan to highlight more in the coming issues.

At a time of much uncertainty, it is comforting to know that this community truly cares for the animals who need to find their new and loving homes.

Thank you and Happy Holidays.

Meet the Team!

I am very proud of the positive, professional and intelligent people on my team: compassionate and dedicated to the care of every animal we have contact with whether through Animal Services or the Shelter staff. — *Michelle Gellatly, Executive Director*

ADMINISTRATION

Mich (Executive Director)

Darline (Fundraising & Event Management, Contact for donations and Compassion Fund inquiries)

Joanna (Adoptions)

Grace (Reception)

ANIMAL CARE TEAM

Michelle (Animal Care Supervisor, Contact for surrenders and cremation services, emergency boarding and Pet Food Bank)

Courtney, Caitlin, Kaila, Joanna, Donna (Animal Care Attendants)

ANIMAL SERVICES TEAM

Officer Marostega, Officer Lee, Officer Cruden, Officer Brown, Officer Stumpf

Operates 24/7, 365 days. Contact: (519) 623-6323 or email: dispatch@animalservicescambridge.ca
Incidents can be reported after-hours on our website



What did the chicken say when she crossed the road?

Egg-scuse me!

This stray chicken was found wandering the streets of Cambridge, and while she managed to successfully evade the KFC truck she was scooped up by a member of the public. She was brought to the Shelter where she was given the name HeiHei and soon became a favourite among the staff.

HeiHei enjoyed her veggies, fruit and oats, but she loved her daily cuddles from her caretakers the most. She would greet us all with her funny sounds and even laid some eggs.

While we don't usually have chickens available for adoption, we did find a home for this feathered gal.

HeiHei is hoping she can soon live in a world where she can cross the road without her motives being questioned.



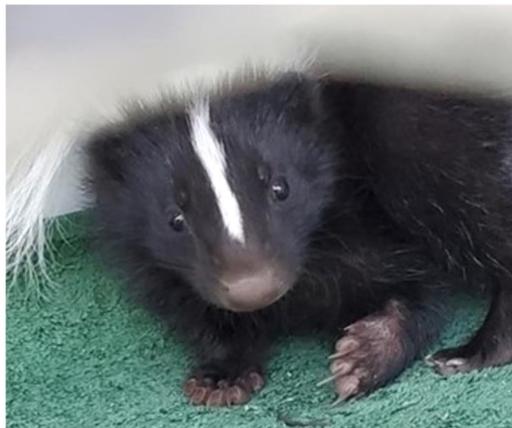
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RESCUE MOMENTS

with

Cambridge Animal Services



A day in the life of an Animal Services Officer

Animal Services works hard as a team to assist the public with By-Law concerns and wildlife care.

Our Officers help all kinds of animals, from very big to very small!! We work closely with wildlife rehabilitation centers to ensure the best possible outcome for our furry friends!

We often get calls to rescue orphaned wildlife, injured wildlife and sick wildlife. Our Officers have come across some wild encounters: we've rescued ducklings in sewer drains because they are too small to avoid the holes in the grates. We've rescued orphaned raccoons where the mother has passed away or has been re-located without knowing she had babies to care for.

Our Officers rescued and released turkeys flying through windows of the homes of the general public. They've even rescued stinky little skunks getting stuck into tight places!!

Our Officers enjoy helping the community and all types of animals in need, so let's work together to save our furry friends!

GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS



2022 Pet Calendar

Calendars are now on SALE!! Only \$15.00 each!

Calendars can be also mailed (shipping costs extra)

We have a **limited quantity**, so buy your calendars while supplies last!



We have an annual CDHS calendar fundraiser where you place a bid to have your pet featured in one of the calendar months! Your bid will get you: a **one on one photo session for your pet** with a local photographer, a **personal print** of the photographers choosing (and option to upgrade to a package at your cost), and **your pet will be the featured photo for the month** you've placed the highest bid on! The auction takes place in March of 2022, so keep an eye on our Facebook page for the launch!

Make a donation in lieu of a Christmas gift for that special person!

Another great gift idea for the "hard to buy for" friend or family member is to make a donation in their honour to the Shelter to help the animals in our care. We will provide you with a Christmas card to send, or can send on your behalf.

Tax receipts can be issued in your name or the name of the gift recipient.



[CDHS ONLINE store](#) is active for calendar sales on our website!



A day in the life of the Animal Care Department

Where do adoption stories come from?

We've often been asked how we come up with our adoption stories, and the truth is, we're just weird!

Animals don't talk, so when you work with them all day, you have to imagine what they would say. There are a lot of one-sided conversations that happen on a daily basis, which make their way into an adoption story.

You'll often hear staff asking the animals, "what's wrong?" to a meowing cat, or "how are you doing today?" to a veggie munching rabbit. We compliment the dogs' "borking" and napping abilities, and somewhere along the way, we give them a name. The name is really the beginning of the story. Names can come from TV shows, movies, types of food, or even a funny word, and the story snowballs from there.

We're a creative bunch with huge imaginations, and some may even say we're witty. We create stories that are fun and engaging, and use our social media platforms to generate interest, likes and shares. We want the story of the clog-dancing dog to gain traction, and we want the grumpy hamster to go viral.

The truth is, these animals all have a sad story. They're homeless, after all. They have been failed by humans at some point in their lives, and now we as a Shelter need to do what we can to help them find happiness again. We create new identities for them and try our best to figure out who each of them are. Instead of focusing on something sad, we choose humour, positivity and for those Tik Tok fans, I guess you could say we "add a little bit of spice".

Muffie

Dear diary, I've been in this shelter for a couple of weeks now and it's given me some time to plot my revenge on the warlock that has cursed me into a homeless cat. He shall become my new scratching pad! I will tangle him up in these "toys" that I have figured out can be used as weapons. Muwhahahahaha. Now I can focus my thoughts on finding a home. I know I have resting cat face, but I'm actually a very sweet feline. I have a tough exterior and use hissing as a coping mechanism for the life I have been cursed into. I'm not one for youngsters and would much rather be around a wiser crowd. Preferably humans that can reach the treat jar in case of a true emergency. I can't recall if I've lived with other animals before as the warlock has made parts of my memory vague. The chatter among the other felines here is that home life is actually quite nice. Show me what being a cat is all about and reverse the curse of homelessness.



Lincoln

glances up from cat nip martini Fancy meeting you here! Allow me to introduce myself, I'm Lincoln and I'm looking to bring sophistication into your human world. Have you seen a more dashing cat than I??? Didn't think so. When you wear a tuxedo everyday like me, you just know you're stupendous! I not only have the looks of a feline goddess, I have the temperament of a saint. Whoever let me go is missing out on the best cat ever. I'm not just a cat you know, I'm a friend, a companion and I want to be a part of your family. I love being cuddled, I love being held and I promise you'll ADORE having me in your life. No one knows if I've lived with other animals or children before, but I'm willing to give anything a try if you introduce me slowly.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Howl-o-we'en – October 30, 2021

We had such a blast celebrating our 2nd annual Howl-O-Ween Walk & Family Fun Day!

Thanks to our event vendors, sponsors, and attendees, the day was an amazing success for the shelter! The weather didn't stop any of you from coming out to show your support, and we are so thankful to you all!

There were so many amazing costumes that had us laughing! Thank you to @Victor Rose Photography for capturing all of the fantastic costumes and smiling faces from our day!

With your help we were able to raise almost \$7,000 for the animals here in our shelter! We can't wait to celebrate with you again next year!



SPONSORS

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| Rens Pets | Gold |
| The Melissa Francis Team RE/MAX Twin City Realty Inc., Brokerage | Silver |
| Pet Valu Hespeler Rd | Bronze |
| Andrea Lee Fitness | Bronze |
| Oxford Learning Cambridge | Bronze |



Your support and generosity to assist us to raise funds to provide quality animal care to our community is greatly appreciated. Annually we spend over \$100,000 in animal and medical care before the animal is adopted. Your support helps us provide enrichment programs for animals that need to stay with us longer due to health, age or behaviour problems. Our Compassion Fund allows us to help lower income families with cremation services and emergency veterinary care for their fur babies on an individual basis.

Thank you for making it possible!



No charge with Licence
\$10 for a Replacement Tag



PET LICENCING AND DOCUPET

The City of Cambridge requires dog owners to have their dog licensed each year in accordance with By-law 172-13. A license also serves as another form of identification for your dog.

Providing your dog with proper identification significantly increases the likelihood that your dog will get home promptly if it strays or becomes lost.

All dogs (older than 12 weeks/4 months of age) residing within the City of Cambridge are to be licensed and have their license tag affixed at all times.

Dog owners are subject to a fine of \$195.00 per dog, if the dog is not licensed as per City of Cambridge By-law # 172-13.

It's so easy to purchase your City of Cambridge dog tag now! In partnership with Docupet, you can visit our website https://cambridge.docupet.com/en_CA/ for more information. When you purchase a City of Cambridge license through Docupet, you will also receive a \$20.00 gift card from Rens Pets and one free ride home from the Pound.

Docupet Special:

Dog Tags help raise funds for CDHS!

Promotion: use code **Welcome50** and receive 50% discount on the purchase of a designer tag. Offer expires Dec. 31/21.



Compassion Fund

This marks our second year with our Compassion Fund Program! With the help and generosity of the community, your donations have made an impact on several families this year.

We have dispersed funds towards services such as: emergency dental care, veterinary medical expenses, cremation services, end of life care, and assisted a family that was struggling with their health due to contracting Covid-19 and unable to care for their pet.

In the past, families would be faced with surrendering their beloved pet due to financial strain or in situations such as hospitalization. With the help of our Compassion Fund Program, we have been able to offer better support to the community that surrounds us.

Our program offers confidential support, and confidentiality to the families that receive funding. With the continued help of our generous community, and the ongoing donations we receive, we plan to keep offering assistance to those families in need!

For more information visit our website:

<https://cambridgehumanesociety.org/programs-in-the-community/compassion-fund-program/>, email development@cambridgehumanesociety.org or call Darline in the Development Department at (519) 623-7722 x224.



No pet deserves to be hungry.



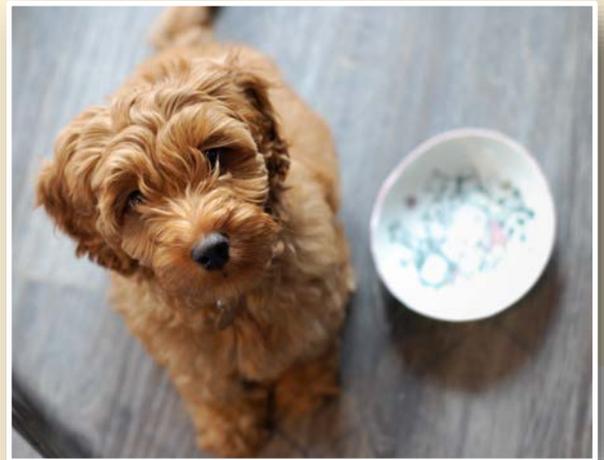
ANIMAL CARE & ADOPTIONS

by Michelle DaSilva, CDHS Animal Care Supervisor

Emergency Pet Food Bank

To date the Emergency Pet Food Bank has filled the bellies of 412 cats, 280 dogs and 5 smaller animals. This program can remain available in the community because of the generous donations we receive.

Please visit our website for more information on how you can make a difference in the lives of pets: <https://cambridgehumane.org/programs-in-the-community/emergency-pet-food-bank/>



Adoption Fees will be increasing January 1, 2022

Due to increased medical expenses, we need to increase our Adoption fees. Our Adoption fees still do not cover all of the expenses, but an increase will certainly provide us with the resources we need to continue to help the animals in need in our community.

Small Animals: small animal fees vary depending on the type of animal to be adopted. Animal Care and Adoption staff will be happy to discuss the Adoption fee in advance.

Dogs: All ages and breeds are adopted for the same fee, although their medical costs may vary before adoption. Each animal receives the individual care and treatments they need before finding their new home. Fees: increase to \$450.00



Cats: All ages and breeds are adopted for the same fee, although their medical costs may vary before adoption. Each animal receives the individual care and treatments they need before finding their new home. Fees: increase to \$330.00

In 2020 we've helped place 339 cats, 41 dogs and 28 small animals in furever, loving homes.

To date in 2021 we have adopted 233 cats, 40 dogs, and 50 small animals in furever, loving homes.

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PLUS

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Winners will be published daily on our website and Facebook page. Must be at least 18 years to purchase a ticket and/or win a prize. Licence #: M844151

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

Lottery Couple: Top Sales Year After Year



Our highest Lottery ticket sellers last year were Pat & Jill Chornaby! This lovely couple has been helping us raise awareness and promote our For The Love of Animals Lottery for several years!

Thank you Pat and Jill for your continuous efforts and support!

We couldn't do what we do without the community support of people like you!

Julie Gil

This sweet and generous soul has been a volunteer with The Cambridge & District Humane Society for over 16 years! That's right, 16 years!

That's 16 years of cheering us on and watching us grow within the community. There isn't a role Julie hasn't done here at the Shelter; from cleaning cages with the Animal Care team, to selling our lottery tickets, calendars, our Poochie Power Walk Registration booths, Adopt -a-thons at our partner pet stores, office admin duties, social media management and right down to designing this very newsletter!

Julie has also taken home some of our foster dogs, rabbits, guinea pigs, and even some gerbils! Although she acts as a silent partner, she is a member of the CDHS family!



Thank you Julie for your many years of service and dedication to The Cambridge & District Humane Society!



JOIN OUR FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

Are you ready to open your heart and home to an animal in need of temporary shelter?

The goal of the Foster Program is to give every animal possible a second chance at a new beginning. By becoming a foster parent you are enriching the lives of animals in our care and improving their overall quality of life.

Foster parents can also provide temporary homes for animals during a crisis or emergency situation including; fire, flood, staff illness, overcrowding, pandemic and more.

PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS



 **Thank you!** 

Pet Valu Franklin
Pet Valu Cedar
Pet Valu Holiday Inn Dr.
Pet Valu Hespeler Rd
Rens Pets Cambridge
Global Pet Foods

Pet Store Partners

Retail Partners

Local pet stores have been strong community connections for the Cambridge & District Humane Society for many years. I'm sure you have seen a cat or two of ours in their stores walking about getting into the treats while they wait for their new families!

Throughout the years we have many fundraisers together – thank you to all the pet stores that have our cats up for adoption, sales for lottery tickets and calendars, and have gone above and beyond for us here at the CDHS!



Cambridge Centre Honda

Corporate Partner

Cambridge Centre Honda holds an annual “Test Drive For Charity” event in April with \$10 for every test drive coming to The Cambridge & District Humane Society! They were able to raise just over \$2,000 for our Shelter programs and services! This summer they also chose CDHS to be part of their “Spot the Civic” contest.

We're so thankful for community support such as this!

Thank you Cambridge Centre Honda!



Skedaddle Fall and Winter Wildlife FAQs

by Bill Dowd



Cambridge is home to many species of urban wildlife, including raccoons, skunks, birds, squirrels, mice, foxes and coyotes. Cambridge's proximity to the Grand River, and abundance of forested areas make the area extremely attractive to local wildlife populations.

Fall is the most active season of the year for urban wildlife. While each species reacts differently to the changing temperatures and weather of fall & winter, they all share the same goal: Find a safe den, keep out of the cold and survive till spring.

WHAT ARE WILDLIFE UP TO DURING FALL?

Wild animals notice changes in temperature quicker than humans do. When the temperature begins to drop, animals are triggered to begin preparing for the upcoming winter. This process looks different depending on the species, but the common goal is to find shelter, stock up on food, and avoid predators.

Raccoons and skunks find appropriate winter dens and begin stockpiling food, and eating more to gain weight in preparation for winter. Mice, rats and squirrels also begin collecting copious amounts of nuts and seeds to hide away in their nests until first frost arrives. Migratory birds begin their long travel south, while

non-migratory birds search for places to build warm, cozy nests.

Check out their link for helpful information:

<https://www.skedaddlewildlife.com/blog/fall-and-winter-wildlife-faqs/>



Upcoming & Community Events

- ◆ Your Neighbourhood Credit Union Cambridge raised a grand total of \$1,338.01 for CDHS!
- ◆ Coming in March 2022 — CDHS calendar fundraiser!
Bid to have your pet featured in one of the calendar months!
Stay tuned for details on our Facebook page!

On sale
December 11!



DOG TREATS RECIPE

Made With 5 Ingredients or Less

- from <https://www.puppleaks.com/simple-dog-treat-recipes/>

Quick & Easy Peanut Butter Treats / [Puppy Leaks](#)

You can't go wrong with this simple dog treat recipe. You'll need 2 cups of flour, 1/2 cup peanut butter and 2 eggs. Mix the ingredients together until combined, and then add water until it becomes wet enough to roll out as dough. *3 ingredients + water, 20 minute cook time*

Chicken Dog Treats / [Kol's Notes](#)

You'll need a cup of diced chicken, half cup of cooked rice, 3 table-spoons of rice flour, tablespoon of parsley, and one egg. If you don't have chicken on hand you can dice up your pups favorite meat for this simple recipe as a substitute. *Five ingredients, 20-30 minute cook time.*

Easy Two-Ingredient Dog Treats / [Dog-Milk](#)

This homemade dog treat recipe is perfect for novice cooks (myself included). If you're interested in making some super simple dog treats I'd recommend starting out with this easy recipe. The only ingredients you need are 2 cups of organic whole wheat flour and 2 jars of pu-reed baby food. *Two ingredient dog treats, 20-25 minute cook time.*

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