

# THE PUPDATES & TAILS

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Summer is here! We've got all the tips and tricks to help keep your pets safe, healthy and happy this summer! Read on to learn how the Cambridge & District Humane Society has been helping animals in our community.



# Letter from Michelle Gellatly, Executive Director CDHS

In this Issue, we focus on the sweet days of Summer.



Vacations are planned, outdoor activities, backyard BBQ's, fresh Ontario grown produce, campfires, and an opportunity to perhaps reunite with family and friends that the Pandemic kept apart. You and your pet(s) can enjoy extra cuddling, playing frisbee or eating cool summer treats (see some recipes in this Issue).

It's also a time of birth which means for us, kitten and baby wildlife season. We see interesting visitors at our Shelter during the warmer months like the Teddy the Tegu. Please read the article for more information. Another interesting visitor was the snake; who was quickly adopted into a loving family.

We are still experiencing the negative impact of a Pandemic on dogs who were purchased during Covid but unable to be socialized through proper training facilities. Animals coming into our Shelter are requiring more medical care and additional enrichment before adoption.

We are very grateful for the animal rescue and wildlife rehabilitation organizations we partner with, but everyone is feeling the pinch of limited space compared to a higher demand this season.

We are seeing an overwhelming number of rabbits being surrendered at our Shelter. Rabbits make great pets, and are full of personality. Just ask Igloo's new family!



Igloo has become such a daddy's girl. She enjoys spending time in the kitchen with my boyfriend and doing binkies or lounging near his chair.

In Animal Services, the change of season also means an increase in activity and demands on our time. Sadly, we have been investigating more dog bites in our community with dogs being allowed to run without a leash or Owner present as well and sick and injured wildlife calls. Just a reminder to walk your dog on a leash (max. 6 ft).

Retractable leashes don't allow you to respond and protect your dog from a potentially aggressive dog off-leash.

I'd like to remind the public that some of the wildlife in our community are rabies carriers and as such should not be handled by the general public. For sick and injured wildlife please call Animal Services and do not approach or get too close to wildlife that may be behaving in an odd manner.

She loves to be pet and we enjoy giving her the love she deserves plus extra to make up for the hard times in her life. She's adjusted quite well to being a spoiled house buns ♥



For healthy wildlife that are a nuisance on your property, please call the Wildlife Removal experts like one of our partners, Skeddadle (Humane Wildlife Control).

Despite the long hours, we do what we do for the love of animals; with many hours behind the scenes, working in different departments wherever the need takes us.

We still receive many calls about the following:

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that due to the increasing number of calls re: surrender of their pets, there is a waiting list due to limited space. In some cases, instead of calling for an appointment, people have brought their animals to the front of the building or tied up an animal at the side of the building and left.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that our animals are only viewed by appointment? We noticed that continuous viewing of animals put undue stress on the animals and now, once an Adoption application has been submitted and approved, the prospective Adopter is invited in to meet the animal.

Improvements are ongoing at our Shelter:

- We have moved to online applications for Adoptions and our Compassion Fund.
- We have a new phone system with prompts, directing the caller to the correct Department.
- We have improved our customer response time in Animal Services by offering online reporting and with the new phone system, allows callers to choose a line that best responds to their question or concern (Emergency vs Non-Emergency). Lines are busy with a number of callers making repeat calls. Each call is dispatched to the Officer on duty who is likely in the field attending to another call so it is appreciated if callers would only call once and leave a detailed message.

The needs have increased but unfortunately the financial and staffing resources to support that increased need are not there. Fundraising has been on hold for the most part and we are now looking for new fundraising initiatives to help us sustain the work we do.

As always, we are grateful for the donations we receive from the community.

In our Shelter world it's a special day, when our community raises much needed funds for the animals in our care; lemonade sales, birthday party donations in lieu of gifts, or baking cupcakes.

The daily donations (rain or shine) made for the animals is so important and greatly appreciated.

This issue, I'd like to thank Pet Valu stores in Cambridge, Ren's Pets and Global Pet Foods. They help us throughout the year in many ways. They are our Satellite Adoption Centres as well as collecting donations and sponsoring our events.

Our Annual Calendar sponsorships help support the enrichment needs: for example, special toys or beds. We still have Sponsorship spots available for the 2023 Calendar.

A big thank you to the following 2023 Calendar Sponsors to-date and to Victor Rose Photography for the very special photo shoot sessions.

- Galt Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM
- Holliday Veterinary Hospital
- Graham Mathew Chartered Professional Accountants
- Rotary Club of Cambridge (Preston-Hespeler)
- MacNeil & Dodd Pharmacy
- Farm Mutual Re
- Petidco
- Canadian Tire Pinebush



I encourage our readers to support the businesses that have chosen to help the Shelter animals in our care.

**Enjoy your Summer!**

# Teddy the Tegu

Affectionately named Teddy, this large lizard was found hanging out in a backyard. The Animal Services Team was called out for some assistance and Teddy was brought into our care. Identified as a black and white Argentine Tegu, Teddy is the largest lizard we've ever housed at the shelter and definitely the most interesting. Did you know Tegus will drop a section of their tails when caught in the grasp of a predator or feeling threatened? Neither did we! Teddy must have had a scary moment in his life as he only had a partial tail. If he could talk what a story he would tell.

No one came looking for Teddy and although we loved having him at the shelter, we were not set up properly to accommodate his needs. Teddy was transferred to the largest exotic animal rescue in Canada, Little Ray's Nature Centre where he will be cared for by an experienced team of keepers and educators.

Teddy is featured on our TikTok account.



*What's 4 feet long, scaly and weighs about 20 pounds? This guy!*

For Teddy's story, and more, follow us on social media:

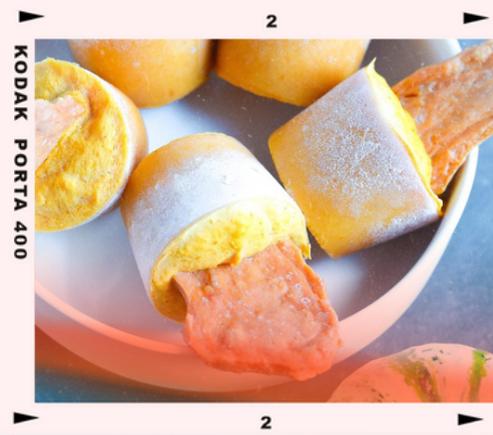


While a cool refreshing popsicle with cheese, bacon and chicken may not be tempting to you, it will be to your pup!

Enjoy making some tasty treats, **PUPSICLES**, with your pup to keep them cool this summer.

There are so many variations and something to please even the pickiest of pooches!

**[CLICK HERE FOR RECIPES](#)**



Pack these tasty snacks in your cooler, grab a water dish, a sun shade and let the adventure begin! Beach days are so much fun and who better to spend it with than the family D-O-G. Although some beaches don't allow pets, there are some great spots that welcome you and your furry friend.

**[CLICK HERE FOR DOG FRIENDLY BEACHES](#)**



## Become a Monthly Donor

Monthly giving allows for sustainable revenue that we can count on to help the animals in our care on a monthly basis.

**CLICK HERE TO BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR!**

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### Donate

You can help contribute to providing an essential service for homeless animals in our community. With your support we are able to provide enrichment to the animals who stay longer in our shelter due to age, injury, illness, surgery, or necessary behavioral training.

**CLICK HERE TO DONATE TODAY!**

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### Donate Items

We accept donations in the form of items. Our wish list on Amazon makes purchasing items and delivering them hassle free!

**SHOP OUR WISHLIST HERE!**

## How to Help



\$30 will provide 1 day of animal care

\$50 will provide enrichment

\$250 will provide the basic needs for a pet waiting for adoption for 1 week

\$350 will provide a spay or neuter

\$1,000-\$1,500 will provide a senior dental procedure

*"Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time, we can give our expertise, we can give our love, or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give."*

*-Steve Goodier*

# A Day in the Life of an Animal Service Officer

What do you get when you put two ducks in a box?

A box of quackers!



Where there's an animal in need, our Animal Services team is on the way! From injured field mice, to lost pythons, no animal is too small or too scary for our team to help!

You've probably seen our vans around Cambridge or maybe you've called in to report a sighting of a wandering pet or an injured wildlife critter. Our Animal Services team works 24/7, 365 days a year to ensure the safety of all the feathered, furry, and scaly creatures in Cambridge.



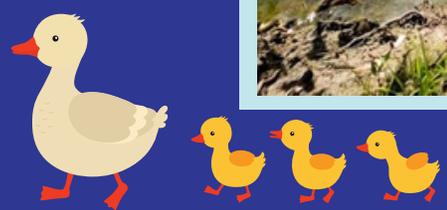
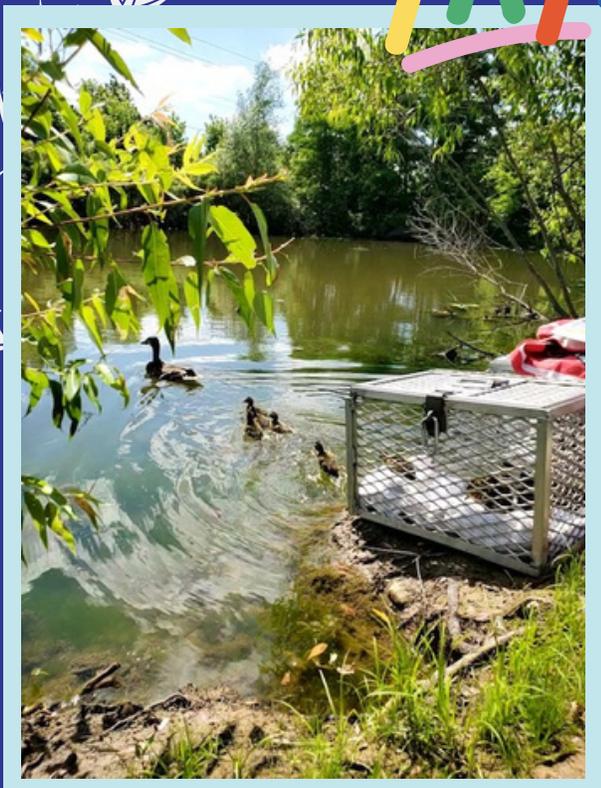
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# Dealing with Quack-cidents



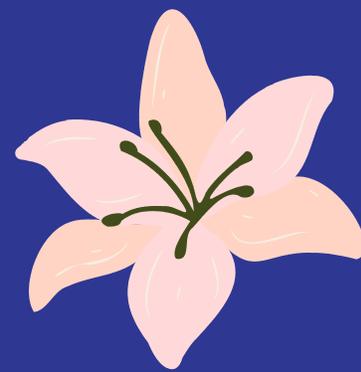
Our Animal Services Officers teamed up with two City of Cambridge workers to save these baby ducklings who had fallen into the bottom of a storm drain!

Mama Duck was very relieved to be reunited with her babies so quickly!



# Adoption Success!

## Lily has 'blossomed' in her new home



Lily's first day at her new fur-ever home vs now. Not only has she gained some needed weight, but she has also gained so much confidence.



“ We love how her tongue always hangs out of the right side of her toothless mouth. She also hates to get out of bed, she loves to lounge in bed waiting for belly rubs. But she's also a good sport and doesn't mind us doing funny scary movie type photos.

-Gudrun



“ We've had Lily in our lives for 2 months now and she's so much fun to live with. She makes the neighbours smile when they see her and the neighbourhood children have no fear of our toothless, tongue-hanging Lily. She encourages the children to practice good dental hygiene since we tell them that she didn't brush her teeth when she was younger.

-Gudrun



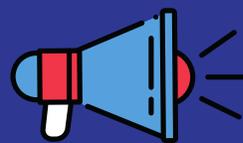
“ Lily is still a very picky eater. We were told that she was used to eating human food and that's still her favourite. She has trained us to hand feed her - the food tastes better that way.

-Gudrun

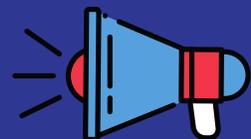


” Lily enjoys sleeping in, and staying in bed as long as possible. She might even steal your pillow! We're so happy this princess has found her castle!





**NO EXCUSES. NO HOT PETS.**



# Heat Kills!

**Never Leave Pets In  
Your Car Unattended.**



## Temperature

Outside      In Car

26°C = **49°C**

32°C = **71°C**



JOIN THE ONTARIO SPCA CAMPAIGN.  
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## ACT FAST. SAVE A LIFE.

If you spot an unattended pet in a vehicle that appears to be suffering from heat exhaustion, do not hesitate to:

- Call Provincial Animal Welfare Services 1-833-9-ANIMAL
- Call your local Police (WRPS) 519-658-7700
- Call 911



## Did you know?

The Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) Act came into effect January 1, 2020 and allows police, First Nations constables and provincial animal welfare inspectors to enter motor vehicles to help pets in distress. The legislation also has the strongest penalties in the country for people who violate animal welfare laws, including causing distress to an animal.

**LEARN MORE  
ABOUT 'PAWS'  
HERE**

**Ontario**



**Cruelty to any animal is not tolerated in Ontario. If you think an animal is in distress or is being abused, call 1-833-9-ANIMAL (264625).**

What happens when you call  
1-833-9-ANIMAL?

If you report an animal that is in distress, being abused or neglected:

1. The Ontario Animal Protection Call Centre will file an incident ticket and connect you with the appropriate local contact.
2. Based on the location and nature of the incident, the call centre may flag the ticket for further investigation with the appropriate authorities, such as a provincial inspector or the local police.
3. After the appropriate authority reviews the incident ticket, they may investigate on-site or involve other authorities as needed. Authorities may contact you directly if they need more information.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



Boo! **Howl-o-ween** will be taking place on **Saturday October 29th 2022**.

Mark your calendars and start thinking about costumes (for both you and your pet!)



Our 'For the Love of Animals' lottery will be returning for another year. Stay tuned for more details!

Our annual fundraising calendar is back! Calendars will go on sale in the fall. They make a perfect gift for friends and family and all proceeds support the Shelter!

## Calendar Sales



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26	27	28	29	30		

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Wedding Favour Program

# Happily Fur-ever After

NEW



Choose to donate to Cambridge & District Humane Society in lieu of a wedding favour and we will create a table card letting your guests know a donation was made.

Say "I Do" to helping animals today!

Email [development@cambridgehumanesociety.org](mailto:development@cambridgehumanesociety.org)  
for more details



# SUMMER SAFETY TIPS



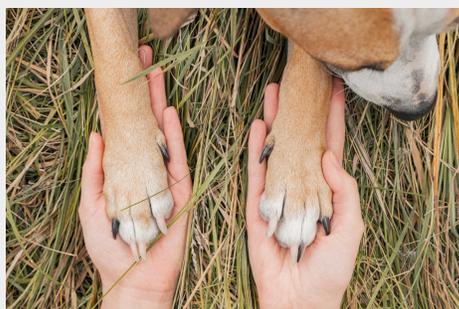
## Stay Hydrated



You wouldn't go for a run without bringing a bottle of water for yourself, so make sure you are bringing water for your dog when you are out on a walk. Dogs need to stay hydrated, and an easy way to do this is to carry a portable water bottle/dog dish with you, which can be purchased at most pet stores.

## No hot paws!

Protect those paws! If it's too hot for you to keep your hand on the pavement comfortably for 10 seconds, then it's too hot for your dog to be walking on that pavement. Asphalt can reach very high temperatures in the summer and cause serious burns to your dog's paws.



[CLICK HERE FOR TIPS ON KEEPING YOUR PUP'S PAWS SAFE](#)

## Warm Days, Hot Pavement

	25°C	30°C	31°C
Air Temp.	25°C	30°C	31°C
Asphalt Temp.	52°C	57°C	62°C



## Flea and Tick Prevention

These creepy crawlies may be tiny but they can be a BIG problem for you and your pet. Luckily there are many ways to prevent and treat fleas and ticks! Check out the link below to learn more about how you can keep your pet safe this summer from these unwanted guests.



[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT KEEPING YOUR PET SAFE FROM FLEAS AND TICKS](#)





# What you need to know about Avian Flu

## What is Avian Flu?

- Avian influenza, known as "bird flu," is a viral infection that spreads easily and quickly among birds. Parts of North America, Europe, Asia and Africa are currently seeing bird flu outbreaks.
- Sick birds may show one or many of these signs: lack of energy, movement or appetite, decreased egg production, swelling around the head, neck and eyes, coughing, gasping for air or sneezing, nervous signs, tremors or lack of coordination, diarrhea, sudden death

## Who is at risk?

- Avian flu is a virus that can affect many different species of birds such as farm animals like chickens and turkeys, but can also affect pets and wild birds. The H5N1 strain is considered highly pathogenic, causing severe illness and death in birds.
- Avian flu is not a significant public health concern for healthy people that are not in routine contact with birds
- On rare occasions, this virus can cause disease in humans that have close contact with infected birds, or heavily contaminated areas
- Please contact your local public health unit or physician for questions or concerns about human health

## How can I help?

- By removing your bird feeders and emptying bird baths as well as monitoring for any signs of sick birds in your area
- Do not bring deceased birds to a wildlife rehabilitation centre or veterinary clinic as they will not be able to test for the disease
- Anyone who finds a sick or dead wild bird is encouraged to contact the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative (CWHC)

**Host your  
own  
fundraiser!**



From lemonade stands to garage sales, there's plenty of ways that you can put the 'fun' in fundraising and raise money for the Shelter!



Are you celebrating a recent birthday or fundraising event? Have you collected donations for the shelter animals, and are you interested in scheduling an appointment to drop off your donation?

Please email [development@cambridgehumanesociety.org](mailto:development@cambridgehumanesociety.org) to book your appointment.

# Meet the Team!

## Administration

**Mich** (Executive Director)

**Darline** (Adoptions Counsellor)

**Cera** (Fundraising Coordinator, contact for donations, events, and compassion fund inquiries)

## Animal Care

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

**Joanna, Caitlin, Dakota, Kaila, Donna** (Animal Care Attendants)

## Animal Services

**Officer Lee, Officer Marengour, Officer Sealy, Officer Haimerl, Officer Jonak**



**Animal Services operates 24/7, 365 days.  
Contact: (519) 623-6323 or  
email:**

**[dispatch@animalservicescambridge.ca](mailto:dispatch@animalservicescambridge.ca)**

**Incidents can be reported after-hours on  
our website**