

GEORGIAN TRIANGLE HUMANE SOCIETY

2 0 1 6 A N N U A L R E P O R T

Our mission...

**To provide abandoned, neglected,
and abused domestic animals a
second chance in life at a
forever home.**



www.gths.ca

Ernest, now Ernie, was found by himself as a stray in Wasaga Beach. He was never claimed by his owner. In October 2016, he was adopted into a loving home!





The Georgian Triangle
Humane Society helped
1,074 animals in 2016.

We did this due to the
extraordinary support of our
local businesses, supporters,
adopters and volunteers.

YOU make our work possible!

Together we can help ensure
there are no more homeless
pets.

THANK YOU!



OUR CORE VALUES

Responsible Leadership Build a stronger community by practising respect, transparency and clear communication.

Compassion for Animals Help animals live with dignity, health and happiness by promoting responsible pet ownership and striving for excellence in animal welfare.

Team Work Harness the dedication, creativity and energy of our team members through collaboration and empowerment.

Proud Member Of

Ontario SPCA

Association of Fundraising Professionals

Association of Animal Shelter Administrators of Ontario

Collingwood Chamber of Commerce



Volunteer Cindy Warsh with
Todd (GTHS Alumni) at the
GTHS Annual Walkathon

BECAUSE EVERY PET DESERVES A HOME

Leadership. Compassion. Teamwork. These are the words that define and guide us. They couldn't be more true or applicable to our organization at the Georgian Triangle Humane Society. Composed of Board Members, Volunteers and Staff, we work diligently to embody our core values and lead with pride. We work compassionately to provide support, resources and refuge to animals and community members that turn to us. Most of all, we work together as a team, because we know that together we are stronger, wiser and more resilient.

This report is our way of sharing the numerous stories that have touched our hearts. It is our way of saying thank you for your support, because in truth, these are your stories too.

Without you, over one thousand (1,000) animals would still be suffering, homeless and frightened. None of this is possible without you. Thank you!

Tail wags,
Sonya Reichel
Executive Director



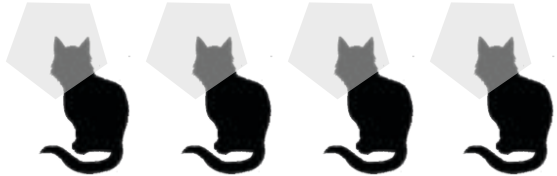
A YEAR IN REVIEW: 2016

1797

Vaccinations given



744



Animals were **spayed / neutered** through our shelter and community assistance programs in Collingwood, Meaford and Wasaga Beach.
PREVENTING OVER 8900 UNWANTED ANIMALS!

566



Kittens were **surrendered** or born in our care.
A record, including 123 in one month alone!

114

Animals entered our
FOSTER PROGRAM

including 11 Mother cats and 103 kittens!



A YEAR IN REVIEW: 2016

1074 Animals turned to the
GTHS **in need of help**

808 

266 

9% GROWTH OVER 2015!



891 Animals found their
forever homes!

698 

193 

3% GROWTH OVER 2015!

\$160K Veterinary care and
medicine expenses



FIV CATS BECOME "PAWSITIVELY" ADOPTABLE



Belladonna

The first FIV positive cat adopted.

Arriving in October of 2016 with her litter of kittens, Belladonna was diagnosed with FIV. This condition can compromise her immune system, but with regular veterinary care and an indoor lifestyle, Belladonna could live a long and healthy life. Belladonna was adopted in December 2016 into a loving home.

OUR TEAM WELCOMES TWO NEW POSITIONS

Providing extraordinary care of our residents and helping as many animals as our resources allow is a big job. We are fortunate to boast a talented team of staff and volunteers, including our two new additions.

Courtney Hancock

Canine Behaviour and
Program Coordinator



Lindsay Robinson

Customer Service
Coordinator



NEW COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

We work every day in the promotion and education of Responsible Pet Ownership. In 2016, the following initiatives were launched in our communities:



GTHS Lost & Found Facebook page. Increased feline reclamation rate by 55%!
(www.facebook.com/gthslostandfound)



Durham Dump Cats, a joint relationship with Feral Cat Rescue in Owen Sound.



Third spay/neuter assistance program, Wasaga Beach Cats, including the Cedar Grove Trap-Neuter-Release project to manage feral cat population.
(www.gths.ca/wasagabeachcats)



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"I would like to take this opportunity to say millions of thank you's to you and your fantastic staff. Even though we reside basically in Toronto, we come up to GTHS to do all our pet stuff. I feel privileged to have met Lynne and others that are so helpful, so caring... we think the world of you and what you do. I am hoping to come there during the warmer weather to volunteer next year, when I basically live in Wasaga Beach."

”



Loki, adopted
December 2016

- Jeff, adopted Loki





MAGGIE LOWE - GRASSROOTS HERO

Awarded the Order of Collingwood

GTHS Board Member and volunteer Treasure Tails Manager, Maggie Lowe was recognized for her outstanding accomplishments in animal welfare.

Honoured as a Grassroots Hero in On The Bay magazine and awarded the Order of Collingwood for her excellence in volunteerism, Maggie was given the recognition she deserves. Working tirelessly, Maggie has raised thousands of dollars for homeless animals

“Fourteen years ago, one little rescue dog named Toby tugged at my heart,” she said. “My offer to help just a little bit turned into 14 years and became a labour of love.”

~ Maggie Lowe

TREASURE TAILS

Antiques to Amazing Finds

The GTHS retail store is 100% operated by an amazing team of dedicated volunteers, making an outstanding impact!

All proceeds go directly to the care of our animals - and raised..



Sharon Johnston,
a long-time Treasure
Tails volunteer

\$185,200!



TREASURE TAILS

A Georgia Thoroughbred Horse Shows Charity Store





STRENGTHENING THE HUMAN-CANINE BOND

GTHS DOG SCHOOL

112 dogs were trained through the GTHS Dog School, a program aimed at preventing surrenders and growing the human-canine bond.





GUARDIAN ANGEL SUCCESS STORY

BEFORE CARE Petra is a beautiful young long-haired dilute calico cat. She was brought into our care through an unfortunate situation of pet overpopulation in a household. When Petra was brought into our shelter, she was suffering from fleas, internal parasites, malnutrition, and general lack of veterinary care. Most notably, her left eye was very damaged - and was immediately taken to one of our partner veterinarians. After a physical examination and further testing, it was determined that her eye was **damaged beyond repair** and needed removal.

AFTER CARE We are happy to announce that thanks to the generosity of our community, Petra underwent surgery and is doing FANTASTIC! This girl is the happiest, spunkiest cat around! She is so much more comfortable now, and only having one eye is NOT slowing her down!



LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

Through community support, the GTHS invested in equipment to help improve the quality of life for our cats and dogs while creating more space. Working together, we helped 7.4% more animals in our community!



Donated by the
Keep Family Foundation

DOG PARK



Reno jumping for joy in the new dog park!



Helped save over 500 kittens!

KITTEN CONDO

Supported by individuals and businesses in our community!

Donna Benn

Yvonne Berriault

Bonnie Bodkin

Janet Ellis

Sheila Ewing

Howard & Karen Fawcett

Sheila Gordon

Marilyn Keating

Barbara & Anson Lake

Gillian Lawford

Cathie Lee

Sheena Liikson

Lisa MacInnis

Maxine Mark

Katelin Moulton

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Stainless Steel Kennels

Rotary Club of

Collingwood



Did you know that the GTHS **SAVES LIVES** from other shelters?

Through our Transfer Program, the GTHS helped to find homes for 309 cats and dogs in need.

Transfer Partners

Feral Cat Rescue Owen Sound
Timmins Humane Society
Cayman Islands Humane Society
Hobbs Animal Centre (New Mexico, USA)

"I have felt endlessly grateful to them [GTHS] for helping so many of our dogs find the loving homes they so richly deserve, even those that at first glance, may not make the most likely companions - and for continuously allowing us to witness the results of all our hard work with their adoptions pictures and updates. The GTHS, like us, believe that there is a home for every dog.

We just have to take the time to find that home, even if it requires what may seem like extraordinary measures. It has been and will continue to be, a great pleasure to work with the dedicated, caring and determined group of people that I have found at the GTHS."

Joanna Magee,
Lea County Animal
Transport International
Transport Coordinator



ADOPTION PROGRAMS



HISTORIC!

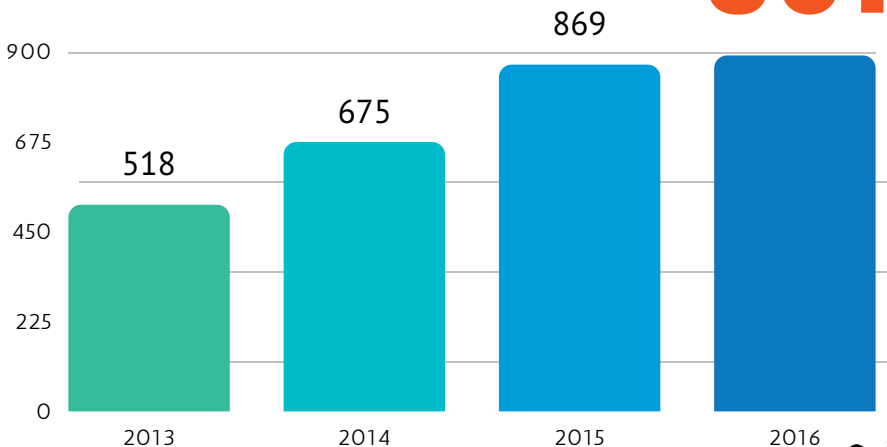
THE MOST CAT/KITTEN ADOPTIONS
IN ONE MONTH - 113!!

Karen Fawcett (right), Cat Adoption
Counsellor and Cat Care Technician.
Karen played a significant role in
helping the GTHS find homes for
over 650 cats in 2016!



TOTAL ADOPTIONS

891



OFF-SITE ADOPTION EVENTS

The GTHS participated in a number of off-site adoption events that allowed for 50 animals to find their forever homes. A HUGE thank you to our Adoption Partners for their work and efforts in facilitating these events.

Adoption Partners

Pet Valu Collingwood

Pet Valu Meaford

Pet Valu Wasaga Beach

Mullin's Pet Market Thornbury

Mullin's Pet Market Markdale

PetSmart Owen Sound

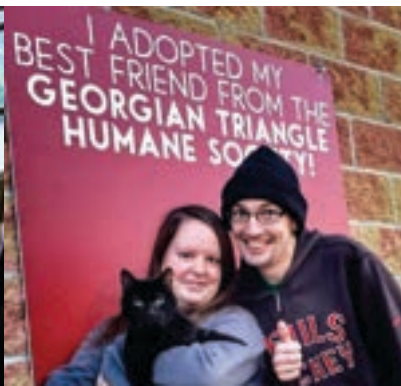
Pet Valu Owen Sound



Lord Byron,
adopted November 2016

“Working with the team at the GTHS is very rewarding. They are organized, gracious, accommodating and above all, amazing with their animals. They are always going above and beyond and just love the partnership!”

Susanne Dent, owner of Pet Valu Wasaga Beach and Meaford



KITTYPALOOZA

WE DID IT!

Together, the team of staff,
volunteers and local businesses
helped to find homes for

77

CATS AND KITTENS

in just **THREE** days!

It was an **extraordinary**
achievement in animal welfare!





GTHS Volunteers
are the heartbeat of this
organization. We couldn't do it
without their help!

THANK YOU!

More than 18,000 hours were
completed by selfless and
dedicated community
members.





GIVING FROM THE HEART

"2016 was a year of loss for me. Volunteering and caring for our fur friends helped me tremendously with the grieving process. It helped me find inner peace with myself, providing a healthy life balance. It made me realize that I've become my own hero by helping and caring for the ones in need! Talking with the dogs on many walks makes me look crazy - and I'm perfectly fine with that! The GTHS is not only a game changer for these loving pets, it is for me as well! Thank you for allowing me to volunteer at the GTHS!"

DOG WALKS

500

IN 2016!



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Georgian Triangle Humane Society does not receive any form of government funding, relying solely on the generosity of the community to support our efforts in animal welfare throughout a wide far-reaching region. Our community partners are businesses that have hosted various fundraisers for our animals. We THANK YOU so much for your support!

COMMUNITY PARTNERS*

Blue Mountain Tea Company
Canadian Tire Wasaga Beach
CC Tatham & Associates
Collingwood Home Hardware Building Centre
Collingwood Olive Oil Company
Collingwood Tattoo Co.
Dogs We Love
Friends Pub in Stayner
Global Pet Foods Collingwood
Global Pet Foods Wasaga Beach
Magnone's Italian Restaurant
Pet Valu Collingwood
Pet Valu Meaford
Pet Valu Wasaga Beach
Scotiabank Meaford
See Sawyer Run
The Beaver and the Bulldog
TSC Collingwood
TSC Owen Sound



Collingwood Tattoo Company
raised \$3,075 at their
Canada Day event!

*Community partners have each raised at least \$750 for the GTHS animals.

Chico,
adopted November 2016



As a 15 year old senior dog, arthritic and frightened, Chico was surrendered when his owner could no longer care for him. He was immediately entered into the Guardian Angels program due to severe dental disease and required diagnostics. Deserving a second chance, we didn't hesitate to help Chico. Each and every one of them touches our hearts, as we know they just want to live out their final years with dignity and love. xox

OVERLOOKED PETS PROGRAM

This program is used for those animals in our care who are being overlooked for adoption for many different reasons such as age, health, looks, behaviour etc. By recognizing that an animal is being overlooked, we can then place that animal in this program which will get them more exposure.

CHICO is one of hundreds of dogs that turned to the Georgian Triangle Humane Society (GTHS) for help this year.



A close-up photograph of a brown and white cat sitting on a dark, textured surface. The cat is looking upwards with its mouth slightly open, showing its teeth. Its eyes are yellow and wide. The background is dark and out of focus.

GUARDIAN ANGELS

Our Guardian Angels
program saves lives.

In October 2016,
YOU helped save
Buttercup from a
lifetime of pain by
raising funds to give
her the surgery she
desperately needed.

Buttercup,
adopted May 2016

Our Guardian Angels program allows the GTHS to provide extra medical care due to injuries, illness, long-term abuse or neglect. We could not do this without your generous support.

FRIENDS OF THE ANIMALS SOCIETY

DONORS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

VISIONARY

Anonymous
Teri Band
Big Coat Media
David & Pat Garner
Alison & Doug Glussich
The Lowe Family
Carolyn Robinson
Dan Watt
Jennifer Watt

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Howard & Karen Fawcett
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Niru Somayajula

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Anonymous
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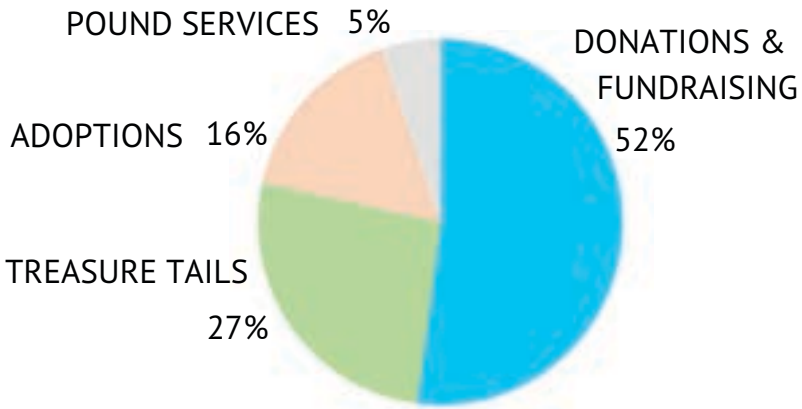
"I know them, I trust them, and I know that my gift will look after the dogs and cats and will take some of the pressure off the people who work so hard to help the animals." ~ Lee



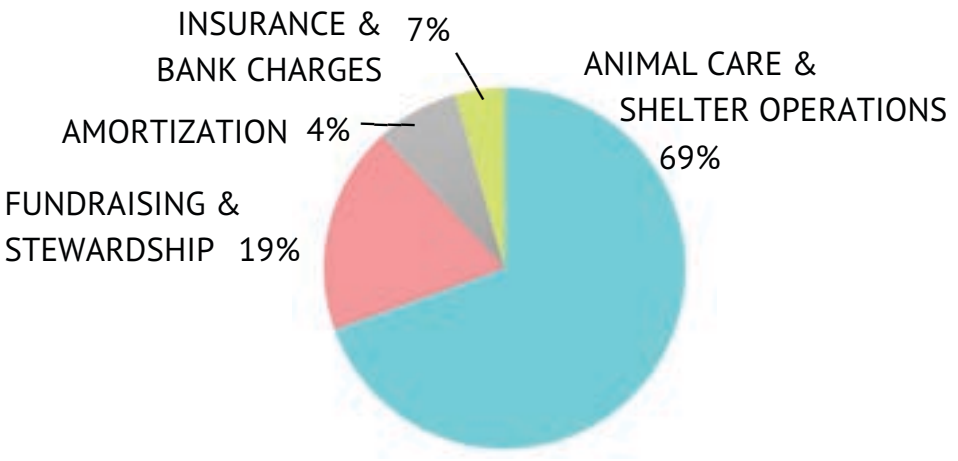
FINANCIALS

In the absence of federal or provincial government funding, the GTHS relies on the generosity of individuals, community and corporate supporters to help us continue to provide our animals with a second chance at life they so richly deserve.

HOW YOU SUPPORT US



YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK



SIGNATURE EVENTS

Kittypalooza	\$2,500
National Cupcake Day	\$10,500
Sunset Cruise	\$13,500
Walkathon	\$27,500
TOTAL	\$54,000

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For helping us, help GTHS cats & dogs!



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016

Deb Boyd | John Worts | Karen Schilcher
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Pam Odam | David Garner | Jenn Watt*
*(Resigned in 2016)



Kathi Reid

FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

GTHS Partners

Ontario SPCA | Royal Canin



Funding Partners

Kathleen, Mary and Walter Barron Family Foundation | Dunin Foundation | IBM Canada | Keep Family Foundation
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Veterinary Partners

Balsam and Ardiel Veterinary Hospital | Bellbrae Animal Hospital | Blue Mountain Veterinary Hospital | Collingwood Veterinary Hospital | Mountain Vista Veterinary Hospital | River Road Veterinary Hospital | Thornbury Veterinary Hospital | Wasaga Beach Veterinary Clinic



OUR MONTHLY DONORS ARE PAW'SOME!

Sandra Andrews
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Hope,
adopted September 2016

WITH LOVE, FROM HOPE

A little dog with a big heart! Hope, arrived at the GTHS animal shelter when she was rescued from a hoarding situation. She won the hearts of everyone. Adopted September 2016, Hope passed at the beginning of 2017 when her little body gave out.

It goes without saying that the adopters that walk through our doors every day are our heroes. They literally come to OUR 'rescue' by providing a homeless pet a forever home.

"Hope was a very special little dog that greeted us each day with enthusiasm. Her journey came to an end yesterday. She started to struggle physically, mentally, and emotionally. I only had her for a short time but loved her more than anything in the world. I am devastated but had to do what was right for her. She was much loved and very spoiled."

– Hope's Mom



HAPPINESS IS...

SAVING LIVES, EVERYDAY

For as little as \$10 a month



The UPS Store

Collingwood and Wasaga Beach

*Thank you to our sponsor
for your support!*

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