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GEORGIAN TRIANGLE HUMANE SOCIETY
2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Because Every Pet
Deserves a **HOME**



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The Georgian Triangle Humane Society helped 1296 animals in 2017, a 20% increase from 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.

Buddha was one of the first FIV + cats adopted out in 2017. His name was a true reflection of his gentle and loving personality. From the street life to the safe life....Buddha found a safe and loving home!

THANK YOU!



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

Responsible Leadership Build a stronger community by practicing 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.

Proud Member Of

Ontario SPCA

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Association of Animal Shelter Administrators of Ontario

Collingwood Chamber of Commerce

Our incredible team of volunteers logged more than 27,000 hours for volunteer work in 2017.



Healthier animals = A healthier community

Every day we see the meaning of these words come to life through the tales of love that pass through our doors. We believe that **every pet deserves a home** and that by working together, we are making a greater impact towards our mission!

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 animals would still be suffering. With your help, we have renovated areas of our shelter to improve the lives of our residents, purchased life-saving equipment to support our animal care team and helped 20% more animals than 2016.

Together, we are making a difference. Together, we are building a humane community. Thank YOU for an amazing year!

Tail wags,
Sonya Reichel
Executive Director



A YEAR IN REVIEW

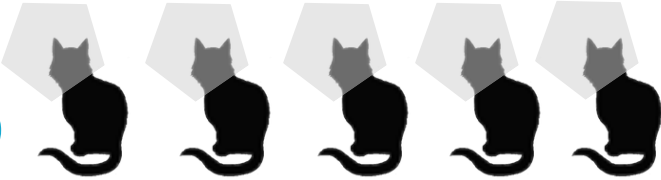
HELPING ANIMALS REACH THEIR PAW'TENTIAL

1134



Microchips were administered

1073



Cats and dogs were **fixed** (including community cats)

157

Mother cats and kittens were entered into our **FOSTER PROGRAM**

54 more than in 2016!

1296

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



1163

Annual Adoptions

919



244



31% INCREASE OVER 2016!

45

Animals received dental surgery



“Hello! I just wanted to let you know that Tinsel is doing great! She is starting to make friends with her blind big brother. She has a great appetite and she **LOVES** getting cuddles. Thank you so much for rescuing her and letting her be part of my family. She is just an awesome cat and a perfect fit here.~ Tinsel's Mom “





In 2017, the GTHS started testing all dogs in their adoption program against heartworm. Heartworm is a thread-like parasite that is transmitted through mosquito bites. Treatment is costly and lengthy but it is imperative for the long-term health and wellness of the dog.

OUR TEAM WELCOMES 3 NEW TEAM MEMBERS



Glenda Green
Operations Manager



Lisa Guthrie
Volunteer & Community Relations Coordinator



Lauren Parr
Animal Care Attendant

We are so grateful for our Foster Heroes that open their homes to pets in need.

SHADOW a senior Cocker Spaniel, spent several weeks in foster care while waiting for his new family. Arthritic and fragile, Shadow thrived under the care and attention of his foster mom. 30 days after arriving at the GTHS, Shadow was adopted by a extraordinary local couple with a soft spot for senior pets.



“So rewarding, to be a bridge to help our dogs find their forever home.”

~ Ruby N. GTHS Foster Volunteer

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“Fostering graces me with the opportunity to pour all my love into little souls. To watch that love blossom as they grow strong and secure; and then to allow them to spread that love back into the world through their forever homes. It is a perfect circle of giving.”

~ Karen Milloy, GTHS Foster Mom
Fostered 40 cats and kittens in 2017!

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GTHS Launches a Humane Education Program

Funded through Ontario Trillium Foundation and in collaboration with Elephant Thoughts.



Meet **Karen Marsh**,
our Humane Education
Coordinator

The goal of our Humane Education Program at GTHS is to teach students about the special relationship humans have with companion animals, recognizing that we share many of the same physical and emotional needs.

Concepts taught in our comprehensive program promote: **empathy, sensitivity, responsibility, respect, compassion and kindness to all living beings.**



“Another excellent class, Karen. We are so lucky to have you come in here and teach our students about empathy and compassion. Thank you so much. It’s the best part of our week.”

~ Kelly Miller, Teacher
Admiral Collingwood Elementary



“This program should be in every school in the province. It is more important than anything else we’re doing.”

~ Caitlin Summer, Teacher, Admiral
Collingwood Elementary



TREASURE TAILS – AN OUTSTANDING TEAM MAKING AN OUTSTANDING IMPACT!

Store location: 186 Hurontario St #104, Collingwood

“Due to incredible community support and the hardwork of our volunteers, we had another wonderful year at Treasure Tails. It feels so gratifying to know that our work is making a difference and saving lives. It is truly a labour of love.”

~ Maggie Lowe, Treasure Tails Manager & GTHS Board Member

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South Georgian Bay Rotary Club
Wasaga Beach Lioness Club

“As a former business owner, I understand the importance of having an operating budget. The PAW program provides a reliable source of funding and security that makes it easier to plan and deliver much-needed services. I love knowing that my monthly gift is helping the GTHS care for the animals as they wait to find their forever homes.”

~ Elizabeth Parker, Visionary Supporter



IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR SHELTER

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STAINLESS STEEL KENNELS

A brand-new bank of stainless steel kennels were installed in the room 3 quarantine cat room. This markedly improved our ability to keep cats healthy and happy.

Donor

PetSmart Charities of Canada

MAIN ROOM RENOVATION PROJECT

A fantastic revitalization project for our Main Cat Adoption Room. Thoroughly well received by our cats, our team members and the public.

Donors

Teri Band

The Lowe Family

Pet Valu (Wasaga Beach & Meaford)

Shell Canada

Wasaga Beach Woodworking Clubs

TOROKVEI MEDICAL INTAKE ROOM

Our medical intake room was completely renovated in 2017 due to a generous donation. It is now completely set up for diagnostic testing, intake examinations and routine shelter medicine.

Donor

Cynthia Torokvei



GUARDIAN ANGEL SUCCESS STORY



Our Guardian Angels program saves lives.

MICKEY is a six month old kitten that arrived at the Georgian Triangle Humane Society on October 30th in a cardboard box. She was discovered by community members who found Mickey crying and dragging herself along the cold ground. Despite her best efforts, Mickey could not use her back legs.

Guardian Angel Donors **SAVED MICKEY'S LIFE** and gave her **HOPE**.

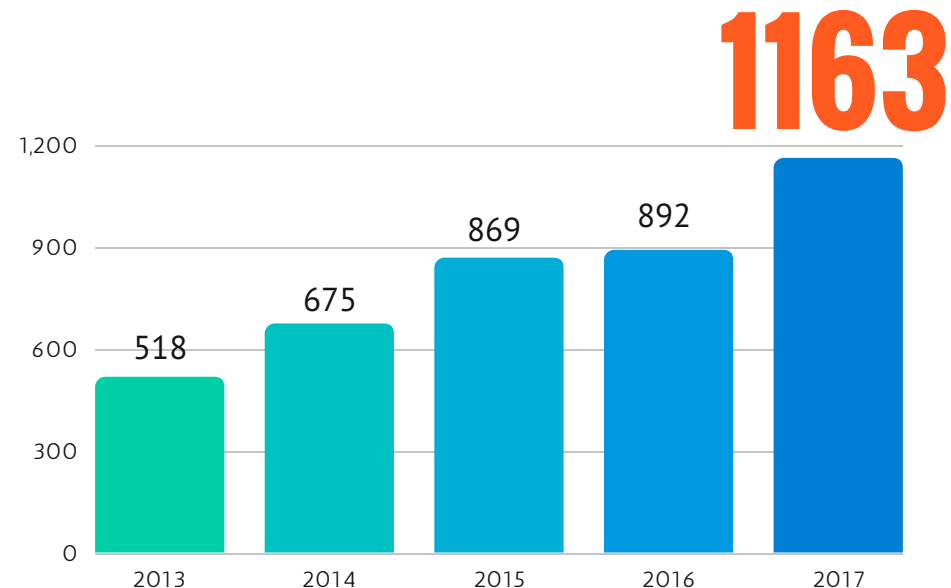
ADOPTION PROGRAMS

ANOTHER RECORD YEAR FOR ADOPTIONS!

Due to the hardwork of our volunteers and staff, Harley found a home after 135 days in the GTHS program.



TOTAL ADOPTIONS



The GTHS participated in a number of off-site adoption events that allowed for 112 cat adoptions and 39 dog adoptions 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

"Having recently gone through the adoption process with the GTHS it's obvious how much they care for the animals and want to make sure they go to somewhere that is in the best interest of the animal. The facilities are great, all the staff and volunteers are friendly and knowledgeable."

~ GTHS Adopter



FLAX was surrendered to the GTHS and needed immediate medical help. His coat was incredibly matted, his paw pads were lacerated and he needed dental surgery. This was all provided and little Flax was adopted by a lovely family. They changed his name to Gus and reported back to us that he is very cuddly and they are very happy that they could add him to their family.



Flax, Before



Flax, After

VOLUNTEERS

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

- Over 27,000 hours volunteered in 2017
- 6 people volunteered 500 hours or more in 2017: Karen Fawcett, Pam Odam, Chris Yorke, Judy Sterling, Rachel Oldfield, Bonnie Grigg
- 2 people volunteered more than 1400 hours in 2017: Karen Fawcett, Rachel Oldfield

DID YOU KNOW?

Based on a 2018 Survey...

- 86% of our volunteers said the GTHS Volunteer Program met their expectations.
- 81% of volunteers said they feel welcome and supported by staff
- 92% of volunteers said they feel welcome and supported by other volunteers

“In the short time that I have volunteered at GTHS, I have seen nothing but kindness given to all the animals and appreciation for the efforts of the volunteers. No wonder it is such a successful endeavor. Thank you for the opportunity to do what I can to be a part of the experience.” – Judy, volunteer.



VOLUNTEERS

On April 20th, in honour of National Volunteer Week, the GTHS held their first Evening of Excellence celebration. 12 GTHS volunteers were recognized for reaching their 10 year anniversary with the organization. Now placed on a Wall of Excellence plaque in the shelter, their dedication and commitment will be remembered for years to come.

WALL OF EXCELLENCE

John Worts // Deb Boyd // Shawn McLean
Maggie Lowe // Jackie Robson // Lisa Rowland // Janice Merrifield // Joanne Anderson // Joan Doner // Gloria Bowman
Kathi Reid



“Kathi worked tirelessly to upgrade the standards at one of the temporary shelters located on Hope Street, years before being able to move into our current facility. She became the driving force and primary advocate for the health, welfare and well-being of all of the animals. Once we were able to open the shelter, Kathi became The Director Animal Care. She along with her team developed policies, procedures, protocols and was really very instrumental with infection control, quarantine, daily care and then of course adoption. Kathi, it is with great honour, admiration and respect that we present you with a certificate to make you our first **Director Emeritus.**” ~ Deb Boyd, Board Member

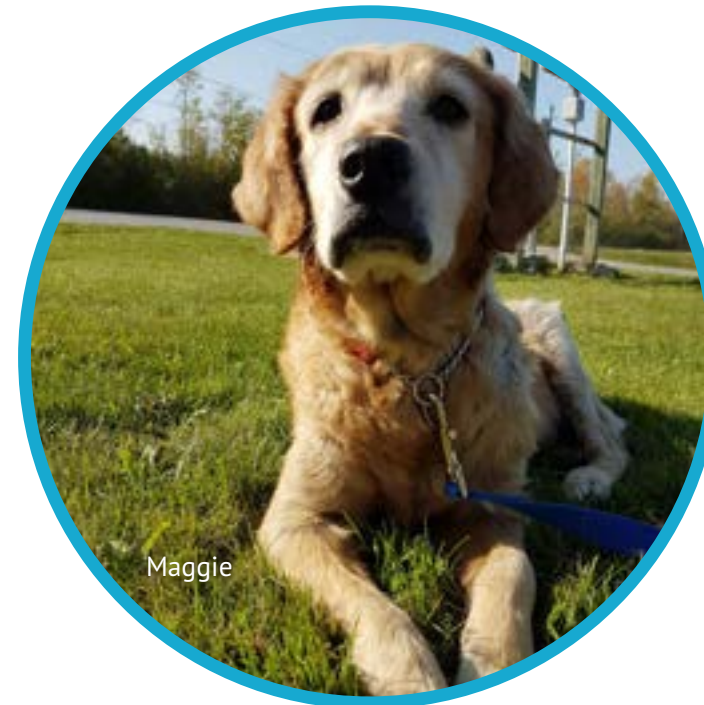
We Remember.



On November 11th, the Georgian Triangle Humane Society honoured animals in war by placing a wreath at National Remembrance Day Ceremony.



Seven cats joined the GTHS unexpectedly one day when a witness saw them dumped on the side of the road near Owen Sound. Coined the **“Game of Throne”** cats, Mr. Bubbles, Stannis, Jorah, Bronn, Ygritte, Brienne and **GENDRY** were quickly adopted into loving homes.



OUR
GUARDIAN
ANGEL
PROGRAM
SAVES LIVES.

At the GTHS, we know that love comes in all shapes and sizes... and ages! Maggie was surrendered to the GTHS and her age was guessed at 10 years plus. She was covered in fleas, barely had hair and had sores all over her body. The team of staff and volunteers knew that Maggie had lots of life left to live and worked to get her the care and attention that she needed.

“As soon as we got Maggie home she initiated play with my 8 year old labradoodle! Next, Maggie went down to the creek that runs through my property and promptly went for a swim. She has settled in and is unbelievably relaxed and friendly. I promise to bring her back for a visit when her coat grows back so she will be looking gorgeous.”

– Maggie’s adoptive Mom

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*

- Autumn's Magical Reindeer Food & Easter Bunny Bait
- Beaver & The Bulldog
- Collingwood Olive Oil Company
- Collingwood Tattoo Co.
- Dogs We Love
- 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
- Serendipity Candles
- Tim Hortons Collingwood, Stayner and Thornbury
- TSC Collingwood
- TSC Owen Sound



Autumn's Magic Reindeer Food



Tim Hortons Smile Cookie Campaign

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

COMMUNITY CATS

Over 200 community cats were fixed in 2017 due to the GTHS community cats program and hardworking volunteers.



"As a TNR volunteer with Creemore Cats rescue group, working together with the GTHS has been a game changer. Our collaborative efforts have ensured that we can increase awareness and help more animals."

~ Melinda, Creemore Cats volunteer

COMMUNITY CATS FOOD BANK

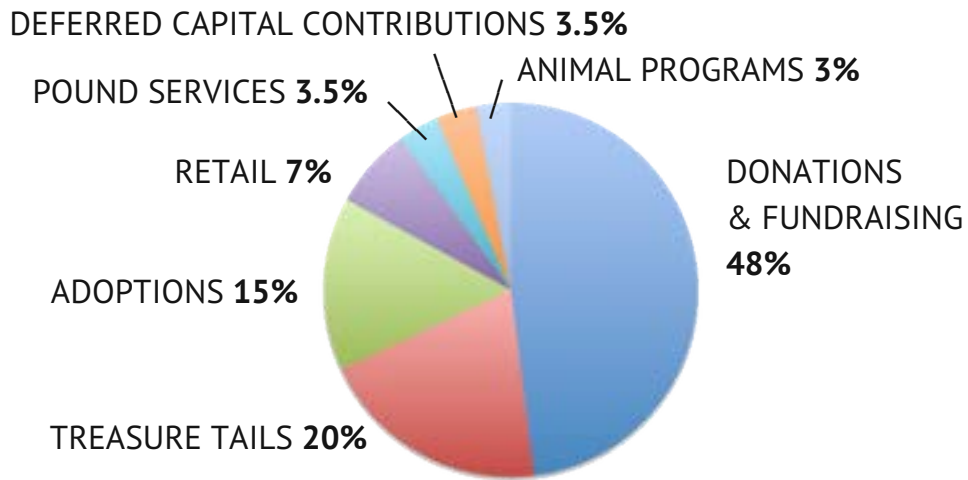
2017 was the first year we were able to formalize our Community Cats Food Bank. Colony management is never-ending work and providing a resource for food can free up time and energy to focus on the life-saving work of TNR.

We would not be able to run this food bank without the incredible support for each and every business and community members that makes in-kind food donations to our shelter.

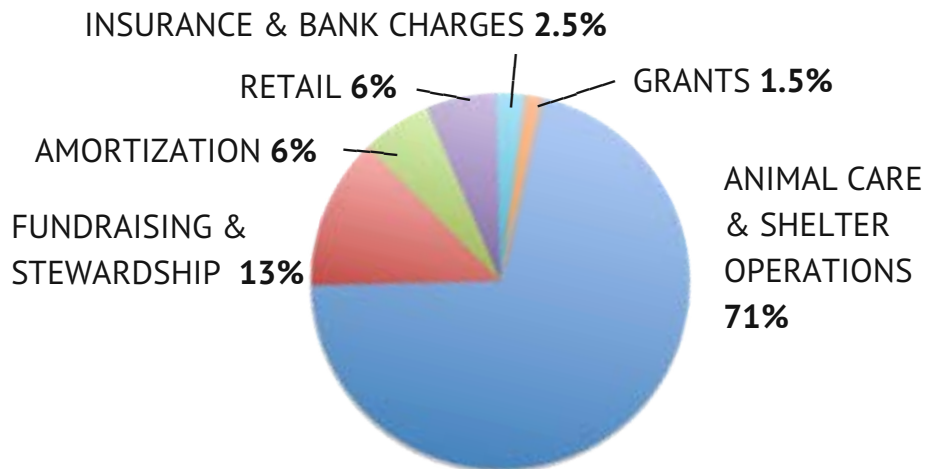
FINANCIALS

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.

REVENUE SOURCES



YOUR MONEY AT WORK



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Kittypalooza	\$3,000
National Cupcake Day	\$21,700
Furball	\$59,500
Sunset Cruise	\$14,000
Walkathon	\$31,600
TOTAL	\$129,800



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