

ANNUAL REPORT



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The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society is a registered charity that has been changing the lives of animals for over 150 years. The Society strives to keep pets and families together and does so through a variety of community support services, such as sheltering and adoptions, including emergency sheltering, feral cat management programs, animal transfers, food distribution, humane education, animal advocacy, and spay/neuter services. The Ontario SPCA does not receive annual government funding and relies on donations to provide programs and services to help animals in need. To donate, visit ontariospca.ca

Purpose

Our purpose is to provide care, comfort and compassion to animals in need; we value all animals and engage our communities to treat them with respect and kindness.

Priorities

- Ensure the best possible support for animals in our care.
- Inspire healthy bonds between pets and people through accessible care, education, and community collaboration.
- Partner to influence and advocate for the welfare of animals in Ontario and beyond.

Values

- Compassion
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Collaboration
- Excellence

2023-2028 Strategic Priorities

Focus on Facilities

We will develop a facilities plan to ensure that buildings are safe and reliable for staff and animals in our care.

Build a Central Ontario Regional Animal Centre

We will design and build a new facility that serves the Central Ontario Region and supports our Northern communities.

Northern Outreach

We will partner with like-minded organizations and Indigenous communities to provide sustainable resources to the North.

Enhance Community Support

The Society will create community-based services, such as emergency boarding, feeding pets for families in need, and launching a new Humane Education program.

Develop a Plan for Animal Advocacy

We will collaborate with other organizations in animal welfare, advocating for policy changes and increasing awareness of animal welfare.

Pet Population Management in Our Communities

We will strive to increase access to spay/neuter services to underserved communities.

Enhance Our Impact and Influence in Animal Welfare Through Collaboration

We will consider opportunities to partner and collaborate with other SPCAs and Humane Societies on initiatives that support animal welfare.

Ontario SPCA Leadership Team | 2025 - 2026

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Board of Directors | 2025 - 2026

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A Message from Our CEO



When families thrive, pets thrive. And when pets are supported, communities are stronger.

Across Ontario, many families are facing increasingly difficult socio-economic conditions. Rising costs, housing pressures, and limited access to veterinary care are placing real strain on households.

For many, the bond with a companion animal provides stability, comfort, and connection during uncertain times. Keeping pets and people together is not simply our theme this year. It is our responsibility.

Through a One Health lens, we recognize that animal health, human well-being, and community resilience are deeply interconnected. When barriers to care grow, the impacts ripple outward, affecting family stability, public health, and animal welfare alike.

In 2025, we expanded access to care across the province, helping more than 60,000 animals through sheltering, wellness services, mobile outreach clinics, spay and neuter programs, and community-based supports.

We increased capacity in underserved regions and continued investing in Northern Ontario to strengthen

veterinary services and workforce development.

In my visits to communities across Ontario this year, from urban centres to Northern regions, I have seen firsthand the dedication of our teams and the profound impact of keeping pets and people together.

The need is real. The opportunity to lead is ours. Together, we will continue building a stronger, more accessible system of care for the animals and families who depend on us.

President & Chief Executive Officer
Ontario SPCA and Humane Society

A Message from the Chair



The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society plays an important role in communities across Ontario. As a province-wide organization, we are guided by our Purpose: to provide care, comfort and compassion to animals in need and engage our communities to treat them

with respect and kindness.

The Board of Directors is committed to ensuring the organization stays strong and responsible. We dedicate our time to providing oversight, protecting the long-term health of the Society and making sure we are making thoughtful decisions that support animals and the communities we serve.

This year also marked a meaningful leadership transition. We extend our sincere thanks to former CEO Doug Brooks for his years of service and as he stepped into his well-deserved retirement. Following an extensive search, we were pleased to welcome Charmaine Brett as Chief Executive Officer. We are confident in her experience and vision and look forward to supporting her leadership in the years ahead.

As a leader in animal welfare, the Society continues to watch closely what our communities need across the province, expanding access to veterinary services and building partnerships to enhance support for animal welfare resources across Ontario.

Animal welfare takes both heart and skill. The dedication of staff, volunteers, community partners and donors makes this work possible and strengthens the trust people place in our organization.

Together, we remain committed to caring for animals in need and supporting the people who love them.

Chair
Ontario SPCA and Humane Society
Board of Directors

2025 Highlights

485,103 lbs

of food distributed to community food banks and Northern partners to keep furry bellies full



9,347 spay/neuter

procedures performed, preventing more than 500,000 unplanned offspring

14,837 students

reached through AnimalSmart™



6,325 animals

found loving homes



317 Northern animals

transferred to find homes

679 lost pets

reunited with their families



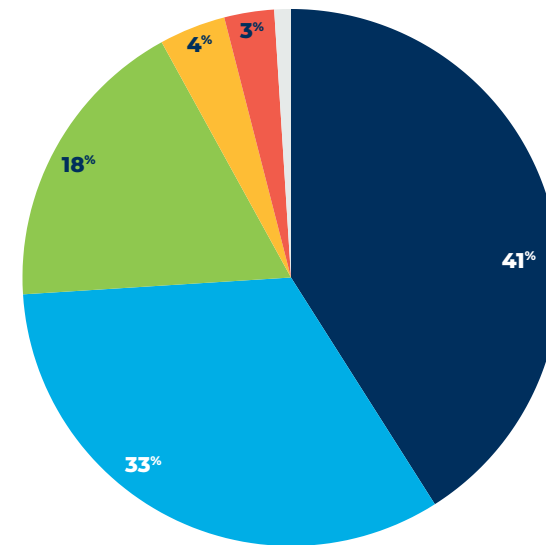
9,952 vaccines

administered


972 volunteers

logging 25,000+ hours

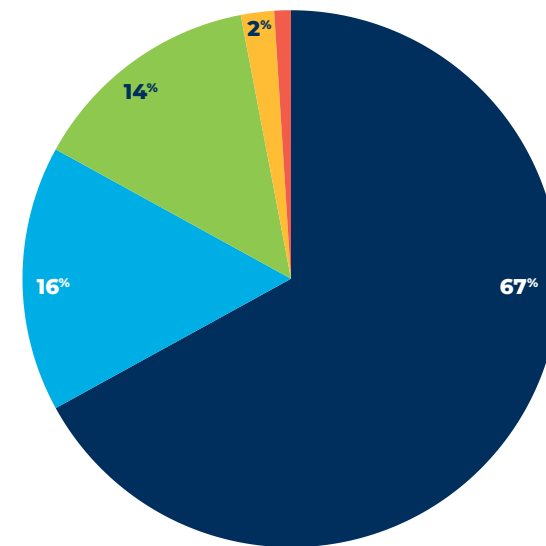
Your Dollars at Work



2025 Revenue

 Legacies	\$12,141,110
Legacy gifts, also known as gift in wills or bequests, are donations left in one's will or estate plan. These thoughtful contributions fund our long-term sustainability and shape our future impact.	
 Fundraising	\$9,713,377
Includes digital fundraising, individual, corporate and foundation giving, special events and lottery.	
 Shelter and Veterinary	\$5,408,929
Includes adoptions, spay/neuter surgeries, vaccines, microchips, dental, and wellness.	
 Investments	\$1,194,564
Includes interest earned on cash reserves and GICs.	
 Municipal Contract Fees	\$993,525
Includes municipal contracts and license revenue.	
 Other	\$86,227
Includes grants, gain on sale of capital assets, and capital contributions revenue.	

\$29,537,732



2025 Expenditures

 Animal Care, Community Outreach and Advocacy	\$17,361,780
Includes animal care, facility operations, humane education, advocacy, communication and programs that keep pets and people together, such as spay/neuter clinics and mobile services, basic veterinary services, and community support services such as food distribution.	
 Behind-The-Scenes Support	\$4,061,481
Includes essential support for programs and services needed to operate 14 animal care facilities and 3 spay/neuter clinics across the province.	
 Fundraising Initiatives	\$3,559,981
Includes donor engagement activities, legacies and special events.	
 Amortization of Facilities, Equipment and Systems	\$568,690
The depreciation of fixed assets over their useful life, including buildings, leasehold improvements, computers, vehicles, furniture and equipment.	
 Interest and Bank Charges	\$295,606

\$25,847,538

2025 Capital Expenditures

Construction in Progress	\$1,149,762	Equipment	\$193,930
Animal Centre Renovations	\$568,691	IT and System Upgrades	\$78,817

\$1,991,200*
*excluding vehicles



Before



After

Barrie and District Animal Centre Improvements



New Cornwall and Region Animal Centre and Veterinary Clinic - opening 2027.

Adoption Gives More Than 6,300 Animals Second Chances

In 2025, more than 6,300 animals found what they had been waiting for – loving homes. Through the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society’s network of 13 animal centres across the province, each adoption marked a fresh start and a future filled with care, comfort and companionship.

One of the year’s most heartwarming milestones came during the Home for the Holidays adoption campaign. With a target of finding homes for 500 animals, the adoption event took place Dec. 1–24 and was focused on finding families for animals of all ages, including senior pets and long-term residents who had been waiting months for their chance at a fresh start. Thanks to the compassion of adopters across Ontario, 688 animals spent the holidays where they belong – safe, loved and at home.



🐾 Nuke finds the perfect family after 200 days

Behind every adoption number is a unique story, and few capture the spirit of this work better than Nuke, who was in our care for close to 200 days.

Nuke, a gentle Neapolitan mastiff mix, came into the care of the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society Midland and District Animal Centre through Provincial Animal Welfare Services. His journey wasn’t an easy one, as he needed multiple surgeries to restore him to health.

Nuke quickly became a favourite among staff and volunteers. Despite his impressive size, he was known for his calm nature, affection and legendary snuggling skills – often found snoozing contentedly in the office.

Finding the right home came with challenges. Nuke needed to be the only dog, his size was significant, and at seven years old, he was considered a senior for an extra-large breed. Still, the team never gave up hope.

That hope paid off when a family from Ottawa reached out. During an initial virtual meet and greet, Nuke slept peacefully – snoring included – and won their hearts instantly. Days later, they made the drive to bring him home.

“He has truly become a cherished member of our family,” Nuke’s family reports. “It’s almost like he knows he’s a rescue dog, because he’s so happy to be with us. It’s so incredibly rewarding to watch him settle into home life and grow more comfortable each day. We didn’t expect to adopt a dog so soon after losing our own mastiff, but Nuke has helped us in our own grieving process. It’s clear he feels safe here and we feel so lucky to have him.”

Today, Nuke is thriving, spending his days lounging on the couch and soaking up love. His story is a reminder that with patience, dedication and community support, even the longest journeys can end in joy.

To see animals for adoption, visit ontariospca.ca/adopt

2026 GOAL

Our goal is to find loving homes for 6,660 animals.

Loving Homes for Overlooked Animals

Animals who had been waiting the longest – including long-term residents and senior pets – were the focus of the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society’s iAdopt Furever Homes fall adoption event, which found loving homes for 128 animals in just three days.

The goal of the adoption event, which took place Sept. 26–28, was to place as many animals as possible into loving homes, with a special emphasis on creating matches between senior animals and adopters 55+. With the support of HomeEquity Bank, adoption fees were reduced by 20 per cent for long-term residents and waived entirely for senior animals, helping remove barriers and giving these often-overlooked pets the fresh start they deserved.



🐾 Star power showcases animal adoption

The event also benefited from a boost of star power, with world champion figure skater and animal lover Kurt Browning joining the Ontario SPCA at the York Region Animal Centre.

One of the animals to find a loving home during the event was a cat named Carmen. She had been patiently waiting for nearly two months. This spicy feline was unsure of shelter life and was highly selective when it came to making new friends. When a family came in and was interested in Carmen, something amazing happened – Carmen fell in love with the couple’s daughter. To top it off, HomeEquity Bank generously sponsored Carmen’s adoption fee.

“The entire journey was filled with overwhelming love and compassion, and we are truly grateful for the positive impact you had on our lives. Carmen has already brought immense laughter and joy into our home, and my daughter absolutely adores her,” reports the Bell family, who adopted Carmen. “We are also delighted to congratulate you on your remarkable work in bringing families together and creating cherished memories that will last a lifetime.”



Animal Care and Adoption

6,325

animals found loving homes



25%

fewer stray animals

17%

increase in rehoming requests

48%

increase in pocket pets coming into care

4%

increase in animals coming into care



20.5 days

days on average in care, which is three days less than 2024

Holiday Wishes and Hound Dog Kisses

When Rusty first arrived in the care of the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society, the world felt impossibly big. The two-year-old hound had spent her entire life outdoors, cared for by someone who loved her but was struggling to meet the needs of multiple dogs. Her first car ride was so overwhelming she had to be carried inside – a quiet reminder of how unfamiliar everything felt.

Rusty's story began not with rehoming, but with outreach. For several months, the Ontario SPCA provided food support to help ease the financial pressure her caregiver was facing. Through regular check-ins, trust grew, and conversations deepened. Over time, it became clear that additional, more tailored support was needed – for both the dogs and the person caring for them.



🐾 Building trust for a second chance

When Rusty came into our care, she was shy and uncertain. During her first week at the animal centre, she tucked herself into the back corner of her kennel, silently taking in the unfamiliar sights, sounds, and smells. By her second week, small but meaningful changes began to appear. She peeked out more often, cautiously approached staff and volunteers, and explored her outdoor run with growing confidence. Each soft tail wag marked a quiet victory.

Rusty wasn't alone. Two other hounds from the same home – Sandy and Lacey – also came into our care as part of this ongoing outreach effort.

“Watching the three of them interact, play, and grow together was truly beautiful,” says Heather Jobe, Community Outreach Coordinator with the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society Renfrew County Animal Centre. “Their bond helped them all build confidence day by day. Seeing them blossom has been a privilege.”

As the Home for the Holidays adoption campaign got underway in December, our team hoped these hounds would finally experience something entirely new – the comfort and security of a home. One by one, Rusty, Sandy, and Lacey each found loving families.

🐾 Helping animals begins with supporting people

This pattern reflects a larger trend: while fewer stray animals are coming into our care, more people are reaching out to rehome pets, showing that the community sees the Ontario SPCA as a trusted resource for guidance and support.

We continue to support the individual who cared for these dogs, helping connect them with spay and neuter services and exploring additional options to help them with other animals in their care.

This story reflects what compassion truly looks like – meeting people where they are, offering support without judgment, and creating pathways that improve lives. By helping someone through a difficult moment, three hounds were given the chance to thrive, and a community member was reminded they are not alone.

Because when we support people, we help animals find their way home.

To see animals for adoption, visit ontariospca.ca/adopt

Building a Brighter Future for Animals in Cornwall and Region

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society officially broke ground on the new Cornwall and Region Animal Centre and Veterinary Clinic in 2025, marking an important milestone for animals and the community.



The 8,000-square-foot facility at 2151 Second St. W. will replace the existing animal centre on Boundary Road, which was designed over 30 years ago and can no longer meet the growing needs of the community. Once completed in 2027, the new centre will more than double animal capacity from 24 to 57 spaces and increase animal intakes and adoptions by approximately 30 per cent. Every aspect of the facility has been designed with animal health and comfort in mind to minimize stress and reduce length of stay.

“The size and state of our existing animal centre prevents us from responding to the animal care crisis in the communities we serve. The need is great, and it's growing,” says Candice Gordon, Manager, Ontario SPCA and Humane Society Cornwall and Region Animal Centre. “This new facility will allow us to support the community with the tools to curb and ultimately solve the animal care crisis in our region.”

🐾 Providing essential care to the community

A first-of-its-kind in the region, the 1,400-square-foot in-house veterinary clinic will offer high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter procedures and basic veterinary services. The clinic will include a medical treatment suite for vaccinations and routine care, as well as a surgical suite capable of performing thousands of spay/neuter procedures each year – providing essential care to families who might not otherwise have access.

“We are a big area – both urban and rural – facing big challenges in terms of stray animals, animal overpopulation and a lack of access to affordable basic veterinary care,” says Gordon Campbell, Ontario SPCA Board Member and Capital Campaign Cabinet Member. “This new Ontario SPCA animal centre and veterinary clinic will make our communities safer, help keep animals and people together, and support the veterinary services already here in the community – now and into the future.”

🐾 Investing in Cornwall and region

Designed by Ottawa-based Deimling Architecture and built by Grant-Marion Construction of Cornwall, the \$8 million facility represents a major investment in the community. The centre will create new permanent jobs and volunteer opportunities, strengthening both animal welfare and community engagement.

With the new facility taking shape, the future for animals in Cornwall and the surrounding communities has never looked brighter. From enhanced care and adoption opportunities to a first-of-its-kind veterinary clinic, this centre will set a new standard in animal welfare while strengthening the bond between animals and the people who love them.



To learn more, visit ontariospca.ca/cornwall

Pawsitive Packs Program Keeps Pets and People Together

Since its launch in York Region in 2024, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society's Pawsitive Packs initiative has grown to serve communities across Ontario, including Cornwall and Orillia, helping keep pets with the families who love them. In total, 166 Pawsitive Packs were distributed in 2025 through partnerships with food banks, shelters, warming centres, and social service organizations.



"I was in desperate need of a leash and other things for my dog," one recipient shared on a feedback card included in the kit. "The Pawsitive Pack really made a great difference in our day and keeping Jack safe and warm."

In 2025, the program evolved to meet an urgent need: bringing pet food directly to people experiencing housing insecurity. Through a winter pilot project in Orillia, in collaboration with the Lighthouse emergency shelter, mobile pet food refill stations were launched at the emergency shelter and on the Lighthouse's outreach van – delivering support directly into the community.

Mobile food station launched

Alongside 15 winter-ready Pawsitive Packs, the mobile initiative provided more than 4,000 pounds of pet food – roughly 7,500 meals – and supported an average of five individuals per day. By removing transportation barriers and meeting people where they are, the program ensured pets continued to receive consistent nutrition and care.

Building on this success, additional grant funding from the Community Foundation of Orillia supported a summer expansion, delivering 20 packs to unhoused individuals and sustaining the mobile food station.



2026 GOAL

Our goal is to distribute 250 Pawsitive Packs and expand into two new communities.



Community partnerships make vaccine clinic possible

Remaining grant funds also supported a wellness and vaccine clinic for Pawsitive Packs recipients, where 20 animals received core vaccinations and wellness examinations to help keep them healthy and protected. The clinic was made possible thanks to the generosity of Dr. Michael Bondar, DVM, and Rebecca Bartley from Trooper Pet, who donated their time and expertise in support of pets and the people who love them. An additional 1,100 pounds of pet food was distributed during the clinic to families in need of extra support.

"The Pawsitive Packs were a big hit with our community members and their furry friends," says Lisa Swyers, Outreach Manager at The Lighthouse. "Knowing they didn't have to worry about the little things, even for a moment, gave them some peace of mind. The gratitude, the hugs, the smiles were almost enough to make me tear up. Even the fur babies acted like kids getting candy; it was very heartwarming to see their excitement – like a kid on Christmas morning."

Through innovative outreach and compassionate care, the Pawsitive Packs initiative reflects the Ontario SPCA's commitment to keeping pets safe, healthy, and with the people who need them most.

Keeping Pets and People Together

375,221 lbs

of pet food distributed to food bank partners

997,818 meals



1,121 days

of emergency boarding

68

community food bank partners

679

reunited with their families



225

feral cat shelters built

Partnerships Make Pet-Friendly Warming Centres Possible

Many warming centres across Ontario unfortunately do not welcome pets, making it harder for people to access support while keeping their companions close. The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society partners with local organizations to make warming centres pet-friendly, helping people and animals stay safe and warm together.

In Simcoe County, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society Barrie and District Animal Centre supported the County of Simcoe’s Barrie East and Wasaga Beach warming centres in 2025 with essential supplies, including pet food, crates, jackets, and ongoing winter-season support. These donations allowed individuals experiencing homelessness to bring their pets inside, keeping both people and animals safe during freezing temperatures.

“Pets are family members and often provide crucial emotional support,” says County of Simcoe Warden Basil Clarke. “Thanks to this donation, people can stay safe without leaving their pets behind.”



Sudbury warming centre welcomes animals big and small

In Sudbury, a partnership with the Go Give Project allowed the Energy Court overnight warming centre to welcome animals. The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society Greater Sudbury Animal Centre provided over 500 pounds of pet food, pet beds, jackets, leashes, and bowls to make this possible.

“Each night, it offered a safe and warm shelter for more than 50 people,” says Emma Bailey, Community Outreach Coordinator, Ontario SPCA and Humane Society Greater Sudbury Animal Centre. “What makes it special is that it’s the only shelter in Sudbury



Courtesy of the Sudbury Star

that welcomes pets, so no one has to leave their animal behind to get help. Many nights it welcomed two to three dogs, cats, and even hamsters.”

When the heat of summer blanketed the city, the Ontario SPCA was there to support the Go Give Project with stocking a pet-friendly cooling centre with essentials. Animals escaping the sweltering heat with their people had access to food, leashes, harnesses, bowls, cooling mats, treats and other essentials.

By collaborating with municipalities, shelters, and community organizations, these initiatives ensure that people in need don’t have to face winter alone or without their pets. Caring for animals and people can go hand in hand, keeping both safe, warm, and together.

To learn more, visit ontariospca.ca/communitysupport

2026 GOAL

Our goal is to distribute 500,000 lbs of food to keep furry bellies full.

Volunteer's Creativity Changes Lives

Pet artist Lise Oikle has found a meaningful way to combine creativity, compassion, and community support through her annual handmade calendar fundraiser in support of the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society Cornwall and Region Animal Centre.

What began as a personal passion project has grown into a powerful tradition that continues to change the lives of animals.

“My pets are my family,” says Lise, who also gives her time as a foster volunteer. “As a child I had many types of pets: rabbits, birds, dogs, fish. I always wanted to help any animal in trouble.”

Lise’s calendar fundraiser has become a highly anticipated annual initiative. Each calendar features her original pet portraits and is thoughtfully designed, printed, and assembled by hand.

“I always wanted to be a vet to help the animals,” Lise says. “So, when I started to paint animals for people, I came up with an idea that could possibly help the animals at the Ontario SPCA.”

Now in its fifth year, her custom calendar fundraiser has become a reliable source of support for the Cornwall and Region Animal Centre. To date, Lise’s calendar fundraiser has raised \$23,378 for animals in need throughout the Cornwall and Region, including \$10,428 donated in 2025 alone. These funds support essential care, including medical treatment, spay and neuter surgeries, vaccinations, and daily care.

“Every time I see an animal getting adopted, I would say to myself that it was worth all the hard work and that I am partly responsible for their new life,” she says. “There is no better feeling than this.”

Through her art, generosity, and unwavering commitment, Lise exemplifies how one person’s passion can create lasting change for animals.

“Lise is dedicated to animals and their well-being,” says Arianne Kirkey, Community Outreach Coordinator with the Cornwall and Region Animal Centre. “She is truly the kindest, most genuinely thoughtful person I have had the pleasure of meeting.”

You can join Lise in making a difference for animals in need by becoming a volunteer!



To learn more, visit ontariospca.ca/volunteer

Volunteer Impact in Action

972

volunteers

25,515

hours logged

18%

growth in the volunteer program since 2024

4,100

walks to exercise dogs

56%

growth in the foster program

301

foster homes across the province

19

AnimalSmart™ volunteers delivering humane education in schools

659

AnimalSmart™ presentations reached 14,837 students

New Spay/Neuter Clinic Helps Fill Gap in Northern Ontario

For families across Northern Ontario, access to basic veterinary care can be limited by distance, finances, or availability. As part of our commitment to increasing access to veterinary services and supporting animal welfare in the North, we opened the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society Greater Sudbury Veterinary Clinic in 2025.



🐾 661 surgeries in less than six months

Opening its doors in July, the clinic performed 661 spay/neuter surgeries, preventing more than an estimated 37,000 unplanned offspring. The team also performed 269 wellness examinations and administered more than 1,700 vaccines. It also provided 57 end-of-life care appointments, ensuring families have access to compassionate support during difficult times.

“Our clinic plays a critical role in a region where access to veterinary care is limited and travel distances are vast. For many clients who drive several hours to reach us, we are their only practical option for spay and neuter services,” says Hope Lumbis, Manager, Ontario SPCA and Humane Society Greater Sudbury Veterinary Clinic. “The impact of our clinic extends beyond individual animals – it supports community animal welfare, improves public health, and fills an essential gap in veterinary services across Northern communities.”



🐾 Teaching the next generation of vet professionals

Located on the Collège Boréal campus, the clinic also supports the next generation of veterinary professionals by offering hands-on learning opportunities for students in the Veterinary Care Technician program. This local approach helps strengthen veterinary capacity in Northern Ontario, ensuring care will continue to be available in the years ahead.

Alongside Ontario SPCA spay/neuter clinics in Stouffville and Barrie, the clinic is making it easier for families, rescue partners, and communities to care for their animals and plan for healthier futures.

To learn more, visit ontariospca.ca/spayneuter

High-Volume Spay/Neuter Clinics by the Numbers

2026 GOAL

Our goal is to perform 16,000 surgeries at our clinics.

8,327

spay/neuter surgeries performed at the Barrie, Stouffville and Sudbury clinics



More than **473,000**

unplanned offspring prevented

5,469

vaccinations

184

dental procedures

2,212

microchips

Basic Veterinary Care Impact

2,035

wellness appointments



3,810

vaccinations

274

humane care appointments

138

microchips

608

subsidized appointments

2026 GOAL

Our goal is to provide 3,200 appointments to help animals.

Vet Clinics Provide Compassion and Care

To help keep pets with the people who love them, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society provides basic veterinary services at its spay/neuter clinics in Barrie, York Region and Sudbury. These services are designed to reach people who may be struggling to provide care for their beloved companions, offering physical examinations, vaccinations and microchipping to support lifelong health and well-being.

In some cases, that support comes at the most difficult moment of all. For families without access to a veterinarian, we also provide compassionate end-of-life care for animals who have reached the natural end of their life.

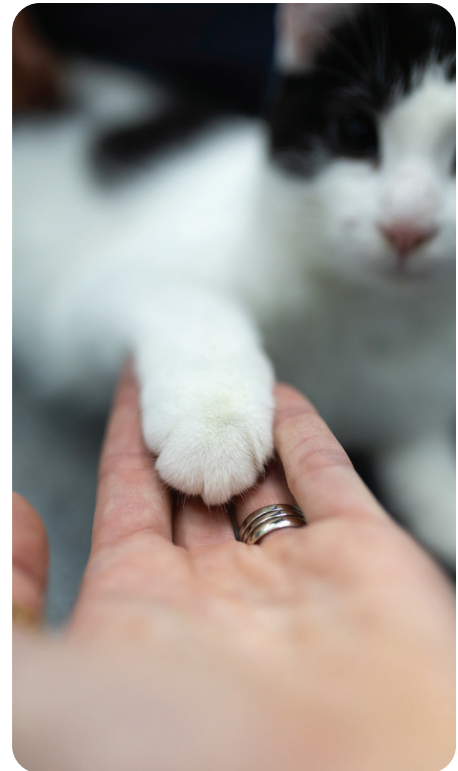
🐾 Helping say goodbye with kindness and love

One such moment began with a call to the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society Greater Sudbury Veterinary Clinic from a man asking about euthanasia for his ailing 15-year-old cat, Daisy. On a government subsidy, he worried he couldn't afford care. When he learned we could help, he was overcome with emotion. Daisy had been with him through years of hardship, and all he wanted was to be there for her as she had always been there for him.

Our veterinarian, Dr. Joey Tang, took the time to listen and ensure the decision was made with care, dignity and compassion. This pet parent had private time to say goodbye and received keepsakes to honour the special bond he shared with Daisy.

“Saying goodbye to one of your best friends as they cross the Rainbow Bridge can be one of the most emotionally devastating moments of our lives,” says Dr. Joey Tang, DVM, with the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society. “As veterinarians, we have been granted the rare blessing to not only ease suffering and help our furry friends cross the Bridge with dignity, but also provide the support necessary to ensure their families know they made the right decision.”

Saying goodbye is never easy. But by offering accessible veterinary care – including end-of-life care – we can be there for people and animals when they need support the most, helping ensure no one faces those moments alone.



To learn more about basic veterinary care offered through the Ontario SPCA, visit ontariospca.ca/services/basic-vet-clinics

On The Road with the Neuter Scooter



To help reduce barriers to accessing spay and neuter services, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society continued to expand its Neuter Scooter program in 2025, making 765 procedures possible and preventing an estimated 50,000 unplanned offspring.

What began as a pilot project in 2024 now operates in six communities, helping families in Orangeville, Leeds and Grenville, Lennox and Addington, Durham, Renfrew and the Cornwall region, including Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, and Prescott Russell.

For families facing financial or logistical challenges, this support can be life changing. Sarah, a single parent living with chronic pain, had welcomed a rescue kitten named Rose into her home – a loving companion for her young daughter and a bright spot during a difficult period for their family. Having not had a cat in her life for many years, Sarah was unaware of the cost of spay surgery.

Keeping families together

Hoping to find a more accessible option, Sarah delayed the procedure. But as Rose began going into heat, her behaviour changed, including urinating on the family's belongings. Sarah was unable to find care she could afford and feared she might have no choice but to re-home Rose.

Through our Neuter Scooter program, Rose was able to receive the spay surgery she needed, allowing her to stay with the family who loved her. For Sarah, it meant relief, stability, and one less hardship to face.

"I can't begin to tell you how relieved I was," Sarah says. "I am so thankful . . . most of all to the kind people who donate to this organization, making it possible for families like ours, who have already overcome so many hardships, the opportunity to give a loving home to an animal in need. Thank you!"



New pilot project for dogs rolled out

Building on last year's success with cats, a dog Neuter Scooter pilot was also completed, transporting three female dogs for spay surgeries.

Together, these efforts help reduce pet overpopulation and keep pets where they belong – at home with the families who love them.

To learn more, visit ontariospca.ca/neuterscooter

Neuter Scooter Driving Impact

2026 GOAL
45 Neuter Scooter trips for 800 animals

50,000
unplanned offspring prevented

7,607
kms travelled

42
trips 

765
spay/neuter surgeries

Vaccine Clinic Fights Parvo in Cornwall

Since a spike in parvovirus cases in 2017, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society has been working tirelessly to reduce infections in Cornwall. In July 2025, we held another vaccination clinic that provided essential wellness exams and parvovirus vaccines to 62 dogs, helping families overcome barriers to veterinary care.

The event welcomed referrals from social service agencies, families receiving social assistance, and members of First Nations communities, ensuring care was accessible to those who needed it most.

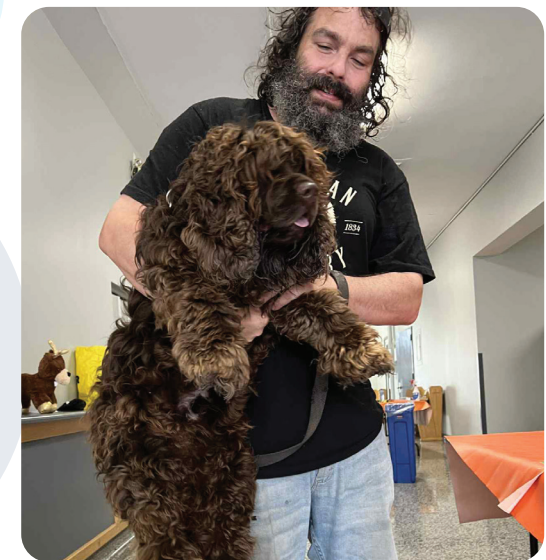
"Parvovirus is highly contagious and can be deadly, but it's preventable with vaccination," says Bonnie Bishop, Eastern Regional Manager, Community Outreach Services, Ontario SPCA and Humane Society. "This clinic helped remove barriers to care, while also connecting families with the resources they need to keep their pets safe and cared for."

Helping people and pets thrive

In addition to vaccinations, participating families received 2,100 pounds of dog and cat food and litter, along with collars, leashes, toys, and other essentials to help pets thrive. A follow-up booster clinic in August ensured ongoing protection and support for participating pets.

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society began holding annual vaccination clinics in response to the 2017 spike of parvovirus, successfully helping to reduce infections and protect pets across the community. By 2019, 450 dogs had been vaccinated, and only three cases of parvovirus were reported that year.

These clinics reflect the long-term impact of community-focused outreach, demonstrating how sustained efforts in preventive care can safeguard pets, strengthen connections with families, and ensure that all animals have access to the veterinary care they need.



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- Flexible, short-term commitment

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Free Vaccines on World Rabies Day

On World Rabies Day, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society brought lifesaving veterinary care directly to communities, helping families protect their animals from the deadly disease.

Through two free vaccination clinics in Bracebridge and Cornwall, 80 cats and dogs were vaccinated against rabies. These clinics were designed to reach families who may face barriers to veterinary care, ensuring pets could stay healthy and protected.

In Bracebridge, a free rabies vaccination clinic was held at the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society Muskoka Animal Centre in partnership with Veterinarians Without Borders North America/Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Amérique du Nord (VWB/VSF). Rabies vaccines for the clinic were generously donated by VWB/VSF, made possible through financial support from Merck Animal Health.

In Cornwall, a World Rabies Day clinic focused on cats was sponsored by Pet Valu's Companions for Change™ program and supported by Boehringer Ingelheim. Alongside vaccinations, families received vital outreach support, including 3,200 pounds of pet food and essential supplies, helping ensure animals were not only protected, but supported to thrive.

World Rabies Day, marked each year on Sept. 28, supports the World Health Organization's "Zero by 30" goal to eliminate human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030. Through strong partnerships and accessible care, the Ontario SPCA continues to protect animal and community health – one vaccination at a time.



To learn more, visit ontariospca.ca/communitysupport

Mobile Animal Surgical Hospital in Action

255

spay/neuter surgeries



11,600

unplanned offspring prevented

5

MASH events

673

vaccinations

157

microchips

2026 GOAL

6 MASH events to provide 475 surgeries and 180 wellness appointments

Advocacy Advances Animal Care

Ensuring pets stay healthy and with the families who love them starts with access to veterinary care – a barrier that remains a major concern for the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society. Our animal advocacy efforts in 2025 included engaging the provincial government to push for more resources to attract veterinarians to work in underserved communities and shelter settings.

We also contributed to the College of Veterinarians of Ontario (CVO) consultation on changes to Ontario's veterinary medicine system. The consultation is part of the implementation process of the new Veterinary Professionals Act, and the Ontario SPCA ensured that issues specific to shelter medicine and access to veterinary care in underserved communities were on the table.

Stemming from the issues we raised during the consultation process, the CVO has recently created an Advisory Group on Shelter Medicine to better understand and respond to concerns relating to shelter medicine.



🐾 Pushing for a ban on unnecessary veterinary procedures

In 2025, our primary advocacy focus was pushing the Government of Ontario for a consultation on banning medically unnecessary veterinary procedures. These procedures, like feline declawing, and ear cropping, tail docking and devocalization of dogs, are banned or regulated in every other province but Ontario. The provincial government had promised in 2023 to hold a consultation towards banning these procedures but never followed through. The Ontario SPCA was forced to take action to push them to follow through on that commitment.

After months of advocacy, the provincial government announced a consultation in late 2025. The Ontario SPCA will work to ensure that the proposed regulations provide as much protection as possible for cats and dogs – and that the regulations actually become law following the consultation.

We are also engaging our supporters and the public to voice their agreement that these procedures should be banned when they are done for any reason other than medical necessity. Unfortunately, the provincial government dropped tail docking from the list of procedures included in the consultation, and we are working tirelessly to have the government reverse course.

🐾 Working to end the use of animals in medical research

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society responded to Premier Ford's promise of legislation to ban the use of dogs and cats in medical research. We provided specific items we wanted to see in the legislation, including:

- Detailed definitions of the type of research that would be banned, ensuring that legitimate veterinary training isn't inadvertently included
- Ensuring dogs and cats that might still be used in low-risk research have a proper rehoming plan
- Better protections for animals, like allowing the province's Animal Welfare Service to inspect research facilities
- Preventing stray animals in pounds from being bought or seized for use in research

Many of our recommendations appeared in the draft legislation and regulations and we are continuing to engage the province with specific ideas to ensure the strongest legislation and regulations possible.

To become an animal advocate, visit changeformanimals.ca

United for Northern Animals

Caring for animals in Northern Ontario has always required collaboration, creativity, and strong community roots. A strengthened partnership between the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society and the Thunder Bay & District Humane Society builds on these foundations to better support animals – and the people who love them.



After decades of working side by side, the two organizations announced in 2025 that they would formally merge, with the amalgamation official Jan. 1, 2026. Now operating as the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society Northwest Animal Centre, the Thunder Bay team continues its vital work with the same dedicated staff and volunteers. Funds raised locally remain in Thunder Bay to help animals in the community.

The merger gives the Thunder Bay centre access to expanded provincial resources and administrative support. Together, the organizations can grow local programs and increase their ability to care for animals throughout Thunder Bay and the Northwest region.

🐾 Bringing more resources to the North

The Ontario SPCA has long recognized the unique animal welfare challenges in Northern Ontario, working closely with the Thunder Bay team, First Nations communities, and local rescues to provide hands-on support. Efforts include food distribution, mobile spay/neuter and wellness clinics, relocating animals for adoption, and supporting community-led animal management strategies.

Local leadership will continue to guide the work ahead. Former Thunder Bay & District Humane Society Board Directors Ryan Venn and Derek Noyes now serve on the Ontario SPCA Board, ensuring Northern voices remain central.

“This is a step forward for animals and the people who care for them in the Northern community,” says Shawna Beaulieu, Regional Director of Northwestern Ontario, Ontario SPCA and Humane Society. “Our team is excited for the future and to have access to these great resources.”

Grounded in local knowledge and boosted by provincial support, this partnership lets the Ontario SPCA continue serving animals and families across Northern Ontario with compassion and community at its core.

Changing Lives in the North

318 hrs

of driving, covering 23,702 kms to transfer animals to find homes

142,057

meals

Over
9,600

animals helped

68

communities supported

109,604

lbs of pet food distributed

317

animals transferred

Bringing Veterinary Care Closer to Home

Veterinary care in Ontario is in crisis, particularly in the North. Many communities lack access to critical animal care, which is why the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society is proud to support Lakehead University’s new Collaborative Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Program.



This initiative will train a new generation of veterinarians in the North, graduating 20 students each year from local communities. They will gain the skills needed to provide high-quality care across the region – ensuring pets and their families don’t have to travel far for help.

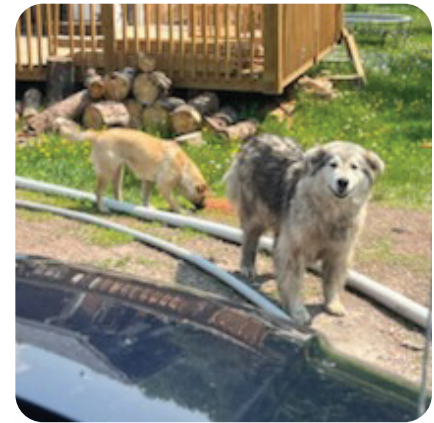
🐾 New animal education facility to open in 2027

In June, Ontario SPCA representatives attended the Ground Blessing at the future site of the new facility, marking the ceremonial start of construction. The program’s new animal education facility, Gakina Awesiinyag – Anishinaabemowin for All Animals (Place for) – will be at Lakehead’s Thunder Bay campus. With housing for large and small animals and specialized clinical spaces, students will get hands-on experience with local veterinarians, preparing them for Northern practice.

We’re proud to support this initiative to expand access to care and strengthen communities.

Supporting Animals Affected by Wildfires

When wildfires swept across Northern Ontario in 2025, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society worked with partners to support animals and the people who care for them. By co-ordinating emergency response, we helped ensure animals received timely supplies and care.



Through 11 emergency requests via the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre, the Ontario SPCA shipped over 37,000 pounds of pet food and supplies to affected regions. While government resources helped cover the cost of food and supplies during evacuations, additional support from donors ensured animals in at-risk areas received pet food, emergency supplies, transportation, and temporary sheltering. Donations also helped communities continue caring for animals long after the fires were extinguished.

🐾 Partnerships strengthen response efforts

Thanks to these partnerships, our response was even stronger. Pet Valu donated \$10,000 in essential products through its Companions for Change™ program, and Kijiji matched the first \$10,000 in donations during a 72-hour fundraising campaign. Together, nearly 200 donors contributed more than \$37,500, allowing us to secure additional in-kind support and deliver 50 skids of food to communities in need.

When communities come together, extraordinary things happen. Together with donors and partners, we help animals affected by disasters get the care they need.

To donate to support relief efforts, visit ontariospca.ca/donate

2026 GOAL

Our goal is to host 4 MASH clinics to provide spay/neuter and wellness services to Northern communities.

Community Giving Honours Beloved Dog

The bond between people and their pets leaves a lasting imprint. After the passing of his beloved dog Charlie, Angelo Contardi, President and CEO of Pizzaville, wanted to celebrate Charlie's life while helping other animals. In honour of Charlie's life, Pizzaville wanted to do something that reflected both its love of dogs and its commitment to giving back.



🐾 Charlie's Treats initiative gives back

The result was Charlie's Treats: a simple cause marketing initiative with a powerful impact. Made from 100 per cent fully cooked white chicken breast crumble, Charlie's Treats are offered in 40-gram portions at participating Pizzaville locations. Customers can add the treats to their order for just 50 cents, with all proceeds donated directly to the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society. Over \$9,000 was raised in 2025 to give animals in need a second chance.

What began as a tribute to one special dog has become a meaningful way for Pizzaville customers to support animals across the province. When a business leads with heart, even the smallest gestures can make a difference.

Visit ontariospca.ca/ways-to-give for ways you can support animals.

50/50 Lottery Powers CARES Fund

In 2025, the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society launched the CARES Fund – Community Animal Resources, Education & Support – to strengthen local SPCAs and Humane Societies in underserved Ontario communities. Supported by proceeds from our Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery, the fund brings vital resources and care to animals and the people who love them.

The first year was inspiring. Six projects stood out for their innovation, compassion, and lasting impact.

- The Pet Pantry Food Assistance Program at the Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo and Stratford Perth will establish a permanent pet pantry for families facing food insecurity.
- Fort Erie SPCA will create a new Registered Veterinary Technician role, expanding access to veterinary services.
- Helping Paws at Windsor/Essex County Humane Society will deliver veterinary outreach and spay/neuter services to at-risk pet parents.
- From Sad to Rad at Alliston & District Humane Society will renovate the cat area, improving housing, enrichment, and volunteer engagement.
- Student Animal Care Work Experience at Humane Society Hastings Prince Edward will prepare the next generation of animal care professionals while supporting shelter operations.
- Subsidized Spay/Neuter Program at Arnprior and District Humane Society will help low-income pet parents access essential preventative care and support population control efforts.

In total, \$122,152 in funding was awarded to initiatives that remove barriers to care, enhance shelter infrastructure, and strengthen the human-animal bond. Through the CARES Fund, the Ontario SPCA stands alongside these organizations to create stronger, healthier communities for animals and the people who love them.

To learn more, visit ontariospca.ca/caresfund

Partnership Creates Comfort and Calm for Animals Awaiting Adoption

At the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society, helping animals feel safe, calm, and cared for while they wait for their loving forever homes is essential – and that shared belief is at the heart of our partnership with CEVA Animal Health Canada.

Through a province-wide partnership supporting the Ontario SPCA's animal centres and our Community Outreach Services team, CEVA brings both expertise and compassion to animals across Ontario. As a global leader in pet behaviour and well-being, CEVA supports animals in care through donations of FELIWAY® and ADAPTIL® products, which use species-specific pheromones to help cats and dogs feel calm in unfamiliar or stressful environments.

🐾 Helping animals make a smooth transition

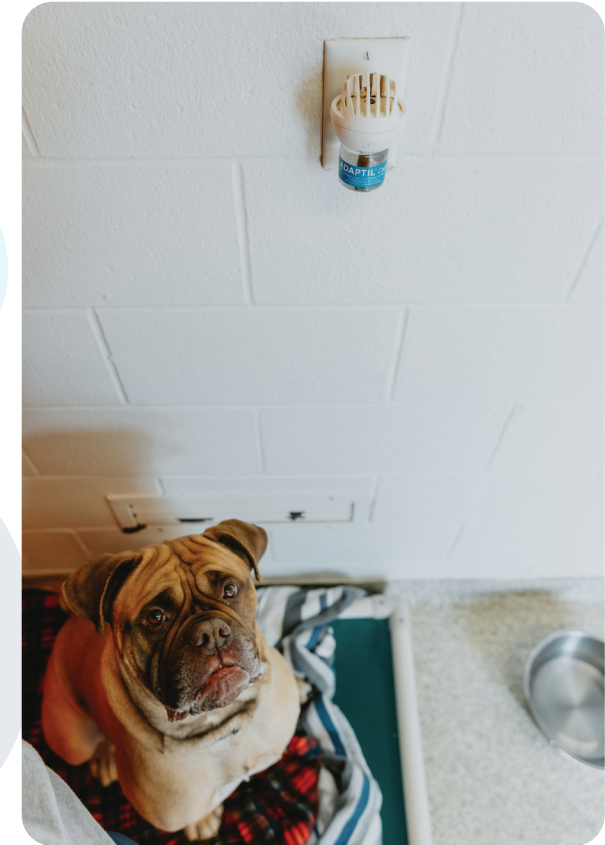
CEVA's support extends beyond animal centres. Products are also provided to support spay/neuter clinics and community outreach initiatives, helping animals and pet parents alike. In 2025, adopters were also welcomed home with CEVA take-home kits, helping ensure a smoother, more comfortable transition for animals settling in with their new families.

🐾 Hands-on support for animals

CEVA's commitment is also deeply hands-on. In fall 2024, 40 CEVA employees came together at the company's warehouse to take part in our largest feral cat shelter build to date, constructing 60 shelters in a single day. The team then personally delivered the shelters to eastern Ontario animal centres, providing warmth and protection for community cats through the winter.

That spirit continued in fall 2025, when CEVA employees joined us at the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society York Region Animal Centre to assist with cleaning, organizing, and creating enrichment items for animals in care.

Thanks to CEVA's dedication, animals in our care – and in communities across Ontario – receive the support and comfort they need to thrive. This partnership reflects a shared commitment to animal wellness and a lasting dedication to helping animals feel safe, supported, and loved.



To learn more about how your company can get involved, visit ontariospca.ca/ways-to-give/corporate-giving



The Love You Leave Behind Changes Everything

When you include a gift in your will or estate plans, you're shaping the future – a future where animals in need receive the care, safety and compassion they deserve. It's a powerful way to ensure your love for animals lives on forever, making a difference for generations to come. Here's why some of our supporters have chosen to leave a legacy of love to the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society.

“This is the last thing that I want to do in my life - it's my positive paw print. My last gesture will be to leave money to these animals that I love so much.”

– **Linda Morgan, Legacy Donor
and Retired Board Member**

“I know that when I'm no longer here, my legacy will live on in the lives of the animals who will be saved and cared for. It brings me peace knowing that my love for animals will endure.”

– **Dan Hicks, Estate Lawyer
and Legacy Donor**

To learn more, visit ontariospca.ca/legacy