



The HBSPCA bring attention to the cruelty inflicted on animals in sport.

The Ladies Junior Auxiliary (now known as the Women's Committee) is formed and raises money to buy property to build an animal shelter.

Hamilton Junior Society and Humane Education is developed in educational institutions.



The Hamilton SPCA provides animal control services to the City of Hamilton, covering a 700 square kilometer area.

After multiple building expansions, the entire, original building is replaced in stages.



Bill 50 is declared making Ontario's animal protection laws one of the toughest in all of Canada.

The Wiggle Wagon, an animal-shelter-on-wheels, is launched by the HBSPCA and designed to make the shelter more accessible throughout the large territory.



The Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is founded

1873

1888

1920s

1946

1968

1987

1996

2009

2012



A new, state-of-the-art shelter facility is complete on Dartnall Road for the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA.

The HBSPCA opens a Companion Animal Hospital to spray/neuter and serve the medical needs of the animals in HBSPCA's care.

1887

The Hamilton Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is established. Adam Brown serves as Society's first President until 1922.



1919

The need for the animal shelter increases as the number of homeless pets also dramatically increases.



First legislation is passed to protect the welfare of the animal- Ontario SPCA Act.

1930s

Parkdale Avenue is approved to become the animal shelter location with room to accommodate 200 pets.

1948



The Dr. Jean Rumney Award is established following Dr. Rumney's passing. The award recognized those individuals who have demonstrated continued outstanding service to animals.

1975

1989

The first annual Wiggle Waggle Walk-A-Thon takes place to raise funds for Hamilton's homeless, ill and abused animals.



2003

The Hamilton/Burlington SPCA ceases to provide animal control services for the City of Hamilton. The building is divided into two parts, with the HBSPCA in front and the new Hamilton Animal Services in the back.

2010

The HBSPCA launches the Community Assistance Spay/Neuter program for limited income individuals and families. The program alters 7979 in its first year.

The Hamilton/Burlington SPCA celebrates 125 years of serving the homeless, ill and abused animals of Hamilton and Burlington.

