130 years of caring
2016 Annual Report
It speaks for those of God’s Creatures who cannot speak for themselves, and are too helpless to protest, too patient to complain.

Adam Brown, President HSPCA (1887-1922)
Hello Members and Supporters

I am delighted to be sharing my first Chair’s message with you in our very special 130th year of service to community. Over the past year we have continued our primary work in rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming animals in our community. We could not do this without the extraordinary dedication of our staff and volunteers. Their passion and commitment to the animals and to our Hamilton/Burlington SPCA is truly remarkable.

Under the terrific leadership of our CEO Marion Emo, we have advanced the conversation in our community to collaboratively provide animals with a safe environment. We have saved animals’ lives and enabled them to find new forever homes where they experience boundless love and caring. As our population ages we will strive to find ways to support people’s ability to keep the animals they love in their lives and not have to make those difficult decisions when life changes - when they can no longer walk their dog, or seek care for a cat's treatable illness, and for others, choose between leaving an abusive relationship or leaving a beloved pet at risk of harm.

This starts with our staff and volunteers, our foster families and adoption parents, and our students. None of this happens without you - our members, donors, and supporters and, those who grace the HBSPCA with legacy gifts in their estates as their forever commitment to the animals.

The HBSPCA is well served by a dedicated board of directors. I am proud to volunteer with this very committed group to help guide our organization and steward the very precious resources we are afforded by our donors and community partners.

In this our 130th year our gift to the HBSPCA is to refresh our Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan and to launch a capital campaign to improve the living conditions of the animals we serve. We will be renovating our building to ensure the animals in our care, and those who care for the animals, are in a space that is in alignment with best practice standards for animal shelters. We hope you will join us and support us with your time, talent, and treasure as we move toward these goals.

Animals enrich our lives and our community. The HBSPCA is privileged to serve them and you as we strive to ensure every animal is healthy, safe and wanted. Happy birthday HBSPCA - please come celebrate with us!

With warm regards,
Juanita G. Gledhill (and Bentley’s Mom)
Chair, HBSPCA Board of Directors
2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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+ elected February 2016

Father's Day
LOOKING BACK 130 YEARS

*Inspector’s Report 1887: 1st Hamilton SPCA Annual Meeting, April 16, 1888 at Gore Coffee Tavern*

William Kerley was appointed October 27, 1887 and directed to prosecute worst cases of animal abuse and otherwise give warning to offenders. In his First Annual Report:

- 11 persons fined – ill treatment of horses (9) cockfighting (1), plucking live chicken (1)
- Total fines $194.50
- Warnings to 125 persons
- One investigation of “cruelly treating little girl”
- Total receipts $602.29
- Total expenses $235.16
- Livery stable providers agreed to provide transport - horse and buggy - for out of City cases.

**Courtesy of the Hamilton Spectator.**
The Companion Animal Hospital touches the lives of about 4,500 companion animals a year. Most procedures are spay/neuter surgeries.

4,010 cats and dogs spay/neutered
- 300 street cats
- 2,291 family owned pets
- 1,419 HBSPCA adoptable pets
- 6 Community Clinics

4,000 animals microchipped!
Every animal treated at the Companion Animal Hospital whether an owned pet or an adoptable pet is microchipped and rabies vaccinated.

1907 animals adopted
- 300 youths in Critter Camps
- 400 pet visits to children, youth and seniors
- 220 volunteers giving their time and talent
- 30 dedicated foster families
The Dr. Jean Rumney Award honours those who have shown outstanding commitment and dedication to the animals and community served by the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA.

**DR. JEAN RUMNEY AWARD: PAST RECIPIENTS**

1983 – Mr. John C. Bryan  
1983 – Mr. T.A. Perry  
1984 – Mr. C. Smart  
1986 – Jenny Walden  
1987 – Betty White  
1988 – Dr. Larry Belbeck  
1989 – Dr. Dudley Collins  
1990 – Alice Sawbridge  
1990 – Tom Cherington  
1991 – Sidney H. Sandler  
1994 – Dorothy McGregor  
1995 – Terry Cooke  
1996 – Frances Ganski  
1997 – A.K. German  
1998 – Edna Whitbread  
1999 – Mike Field  
2001 – Marilyn Hawkrigg  
2002 – Joyce Anderson  
2002 – Ingeborg Jung  
2003 – Barbara Watson  
2004 – Donna Calvert  
2005 – Albert O’Hanian  
2006 – SPCA Volunteers  
2007 – Tom Jackson  
2008 – Elizabeth O’Brien  
2009 – Dan McLean  
2010 – HBSPCA Staff  
2011 – Don Wallace  
2012 – Dr. Anna Perlikowski  
2013 – Julie Brooks  
2014 – Vivian LaFlamme  
2015 – Jesse (Judy & Keith Howard)  
2016 – Margaret Strecker
CINDY SUFFOLETTA
2017 RECIPIENT OF THE HBSPCA DR. JEAN RUMNEY AWARD

As far back as I can remember I have always loved animals, forever bringing home anything that needed a home, much to my mother’s protests.

As I considered a career, I initially started in the animal field studying to be an animal health technician but changed my path and began working with at risk youth.

As my own family got older and I had more time to devote to volunteering, I recognized that cats in Hamilton were another at risk population and I started volunteering with a local cat rescue.

I soon realized it didn’t matter how many cats got adopted, there were always more to save. So a friend and I got together and thought, in order to continue to help cats and reduce the numbers born each year, we must go to the source of the problem. We hit the streets and formed Hamilton Street Cats.

Hamilton Street Cats’ goal is to reduce the number of cats living on the streets in Hamilton through Trap/Neuter/Return/Monitor (TNR-M) – an approach to spay/neuter and rabies vaccinate as many cats as possible and return them to their territory. This prevents more cats being born and gradually, the population declines. We know too that education is key; we speak with the public about best practices and resources available to caretakers of street cats to help the cats they care for and keep both caretakers and cats safe.

Not only does Hamilton Street Cats promote TNR/M, we also raise money and help caretakers cover the costs of spay and neuter surgeries. Cat lovers want to do the right thing! This past year, Hamilton Street Cats is proud to have joined Hamilton Community Cat Network, a collaborative to expand our impact on cat population issues.

I am humbled to be a recipient of the Jean Rumney Award. I and my colleagues are just a few among many who want to help in so many ways, big and small, to ensure all cats are healthy, safe and wanted.
Mike Field, former HBSPCA staff and Wiggle Waggle founder cuts the event ribbon with Terry Cooke and Tom Jackson at the 2nd annual Wiggle Waggle Walk in 1990.
These paws are made for walkin’

Friends of homeless and neglected animals have been walking for the cause for 28 years. Down by the Bay, Gage Park, and Confederation Park. Thank you.

For more information, visit www.hbspca.com/donate
Looking Back

2016 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Operating Revenue
- Program fees: $673,056
- Contributions: $573,913
- Fundraising: $432,692
- Grants: $191,561
- Bequests: $154,190
- Investment and other: $108,348
- Membership and Merchandise: $69,162
Total: $2,202,922

Operating Expenses
- Salaries and Benefits $928,908
- Total Operating Expenses $1,202,129
Total $2,131,037

Revenues (deficiency) over expenses before other items $77,185
- Amortization of capital assets ($114,709)
- Amortization of government assistance $37,966
- Gain on sale of capital assets $57,522
- Unrealized gain on investments $579,418
- Excess of revenues over expenses $632,082

2016 Audited Statements for the HBSPCA prepared by SB Partners available at www.hbspca.com
What follows Black Friday and Cyber Monday? Giving Tuesday! The new Canadian movement for giving and volunteering is November 28th, 2017. It marks the “opening day” of the giving season where companies and individuals come together to rally for their favourite causes.

MIRACLES HAPPEN EVERY DAY: MEET HONEY BEE

Injured shortly after birth, “Honey Bee” spent the first five months of her life under the watchful, caring eye of an HBSPCA foster family. Bee suffered from a badly broken back leg as well as deformed front legs. Following her diagnosis, the decision was made to amputate the back leg. Bee learned quickly how to adapt to her surroundings and this happy, resilient pup has been brightening her forever home ever since.
ONE UNSPAYED FEMALE GIVES BIRTH TO 4 KITTENS

MALE
FEMALE

8 MONTHS LATER

16 MONTHS LATER

Adapted from the Calgary Humane Society
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**EVERYWHERE A CAT**

“The hardest to find homes for are cats” (*Hamilton News, August 11, 1950*). True for decades. But change is afoot. Spay/neuter is becoming common, accessible and affordable. And, across Canada, adopting a pet is becoming the standard, shelter intake is down, and return to owner rates are increasing.

Paws up to PetSmart Charities of Canada for making a difference in Hamilton. By the end of 2017, PetSmart Charities will have subsidized 1900 cat spay/neuters at the HBSPCA for family owned cats, supporting pet parents who do the right things for their furry feline friends. 🐱
Luna
Today, the HBSPCA remains inextricably linked with community building, nurturing respect for all living things, and supporting people and their pets whom for many are the most significant relationships in their lives.

Help us mark 130 years of service in Canada’s 150th birthday and donate a day of caring at $250 to be matched by a local business.

*Find out more at www.hbspca.com*
### GIVING BACK: AASTHA

I have been volunteering with the HBSPCA for almost two years. I started as a Leader in Training at Summer Critter Camp where I interacted with kids and explored all the ways that animals positively affect our lives.

And now, early every Saturday morning, I pick up cats and kittens at the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA and bring them to PetSmart in Ancaster for adoption. I set up their temporary home, prep their adoption files and meet with potential adopters to see if we can make a forever match.

My love of animals started early in my life. I have always wanted to help animals, learn more about them, and help people have good relationships with them.

I’m in grade 12 and will be attending the University of Guelph in the fall to study Animal Biology. I hope to attend Veterinary school.

There is a role for everyone at the HBSPCA and volunteering has been a great way for me to learn, and give back to the community and to the animals.
Ninkin
WHERE IS KITTY’S HOME?

This is an all too frequent question in neighbourhoods, among rescue groups, at Hamilton Animal Services, and the HBSPCA. There could be as many 35,000 homeless cats in our community.

Too many cats find themselves abandoned by their owners or lost, and fending for themselves on the streets, in back yards, in industrial parks. Some are cared for by neighbourhood caregivers who take responsibility to safely feed street cats or community cats and ensure some measure of shelter from the elements.

Cat parenting is variable and ownership is fluid. Owned cats might be indoor cats only, have limited outdoor access, or be mostly outdoor. Some cats get lost, become stray and produce more cats – now living on the street. And some cats are feral, having little or no familiar contact with people.

There is a solution for street cats. Make a difference and keep our cats healthy, safe and wanted.

Take responsibility.
Fix your cat.
Micro chip your cat.
Help all cats get fixed.

Find out how at www.hbspca.com

SHELTERING HAS STRUGGLED WITH CATS

Cat “Ownership” Spectrum

Indoor Owned
Limited-range Owned
Free-range Owned
Un-owned Stray
Feral

Community Cats, Fluid “Ownership”

Adoptability/Perceived Value

Courtesy of the British Columbia SPCA
I didn’t grow up with a dog, but as a youngster I was always helping local critters. As a young adult, I adopted my first dog 49 years ago from the Hamilton SPCA which was then on Parkdale! Animals bring joy to my life and I’m a firm believer that they all deserve a second chance.

Animazing Pet Spa is a small business. Since we opened in 2006, our sponsorship has always been focused on animals first. Over the years Animazing has supported the annual ‘Rescued’ calendar and Picture your Pet with Santa. In addition, we purchase tickets for both the Spring and Fall lotteries for our staff and this year we raised funds on National Cupcake Day all for the animals.

Anyone who adopts a dog from the HBSPCA receives a gift certificate from Animazing for a bath, blow-dry, brush and of course loving care for their new pooch. Every day, I see the joy that these pets and new family members bring to people’s lives.

I am proud to belong to a community of passionate people in small businesses who make a difference in the lives of homeless animals.

I encourage everyone to consider adopting or donating to the animals.
1946 - Junior Ladies’ Auxiliary. Anne Watson, Betty White, Mary Lucas & Betty Marshall
RAISING FRIENDS AND FUNDS ALL FOR THE ANIMALS

The HSPCA’s Women’s Committee was instrumental in building the HSPCA’s first shelter in 1949. What a force for the animals they were – bundling newspapers for $14.00 a ton for Dominion Glass during the second world war, and for years holding garage and lawn sales, bridge games, bake sales, draws and open houses.

On June 7, 1996, the Women’s Committee handed a cheque for $50,000 to the HSPCA Board of Directors for the new shelter built on Dartnall Road.

Hats off to Betty White, Edna Whitbread, Peggy Tucker, Betty Beamsley, Inga Jung, Glynis White and Dorren Dustan, and, Joyce Anderson and Frances Ganski (1996).
Marshall

Beans

Chelsea

Odin
A HOME FOR ALL

Sick, injured, unwanted… it doesn’t matter. There is a home for all at our shelter and beyond.

Marshall: Age is just a number
Marshall first made an appearance at the HBSPCA in 2010 from a shelter in Belleville that was out of space. He found a forever home quickly and settled in. It was heartbreaking to find Marshall as a stray in 2017. Marshall had a significant growth on his side that turned out to be cancerous, and needed to be removed. Finding a home for a senior dog with a likelihood of returning tumors might be difficult, but it was only a short visit for Marshall before a family fell in love with him and wanted to give him a loving home for his golden years.

Tripod Beans
Beans had it rough from the start! Birthing complications caused Beans to come into this world with a deformed leg and tail. He was surrendered to the shelter as a newborn and was hand-raised with love. You wouldn’t know that he only has three legs, as he can keep up with two dogs and a cat in his new family!

Chelsea beats the odds
A hand-raised miracle puppy, Chelsea fought the odds. She and her 4-day old siblings arrived at the shelter after their mom passed away from birth complications. The pups were hand fed, but Chelsea was struggling. At just 8 days old, her lungs were failing her. Thanks to a network of supporters, and mobile oxygen tanks, Chelsea pulled through and is now living the good life in her forever home.

One-eyed Odin
Odin arrived at just three weeks of age with a badly damaged eye. The eye was quickly assessed, and the damage was too severe to repair it. The eye was removed and Odin recovered in foster care, where his foster family decided he would stay forever.
MONTHLY GIVING – ALL FOR THE ANIMALS, 10 YEARS OR MORE
WE COULDN’T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

CORPORATE SPONSORS:
Lori Birbari (Judy Marsales Real Estate Ltd., Brokerage) 🙏
Ren’s Pets Depot 🙏 Royal Canin 🙏 Skedaddle Humane Wildlife Control

FUNDING PARTNERS:
Petsmart Charities of Canada 🙏 Hamilton Spectator Summer Camp Fund 🙏 Canada Summer Jobs Program

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:
Outreach Partners: Banyan Community Services 🙏
McMaster University Faculty of Social Sciences 🙏 Positive Pups 🙏
Petsmart Ancaster 🙏 Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board 🙏 Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board 🙏
PLUS, our Pet Visiting program partners: 17 Long Term Care and Adult Day Programs 🙏 2 Special Needs Classrooms 🙏 2 Library Literacy Programs 🙏 Mackids and the West 5th In/Outpatient Mental Health program.

Spay/Neuter Program Partners: CLINICS: Blue Cross Animal Hospital 🙏 The Cat Clinic 🙏 Community Veterinary Outreach 🙏
Upper Ottawa Animal Hospital 🙏 Beattie Animal Hospital (Stoney Creek, Ancaster & Burlington) 🙏 OUTREACH: HARRRP Community Centre 🙏 St. Matthew’s House 🙏 Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club 🙏 Kiwanis Homes

SUPPORTERS:
Banko Media 🙏 Boston Pizza Grimsby 🙏 Cable 14 🙏 CHCH 🙏 Deloitte 🙏 Fresh FM 🙏 Go Easy Financial 🙏 Nutech Fire Protection Co. 🙏 Pet Max

SUPPORTING VOLUNTEERS:
Hamilton Ti-Cats 🙏 Pita Pit

PROUD AFFILIATE OF:
Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA)

PROUD MEMBER OF:
Canadian Federation of Humane Societies 🙏 Hamilton Chamber of Commerce

MONTHLY GIVING – ALL FOR THE ANIMALS, 10 YEARS OR MORE (CONTINUED)

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YOU CAN SAVE A LIFE EVERYDAY OF THE YEAR

Whether you love dogs, you fancy cats or you just love animals, $10 a month is all it takes.

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