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130 Years of Rescuing, Rehabilitating and Rehoming Hamilton's Animals. Then & Now.

HAMILTON, ON (March 29, 2017) – Spring is afoot and the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA celebrates 130 years of service to community on Saturday April 1st. That's a lot of animal rescue, rehab and rehoming since the first gathering in the Mayor's chambers 13 decades ago in 1887.

Lots has changed over time. The early focus of the Hamilton Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was working animals and the requirements for humane standards of care and working conditions. Now, the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA has one of the highest call volumes in the Province and responds to more than 100 calls a month about animals in distress. The Society touches more than 4,000 pet companions a year in its Companion Animal Hospital and rehomes 2,000 animals every year.



THEN

The HBSPCA – 250 volunteers, 25 staff, a 12 member Board – does not do this work alone. It takes a village to raise a child and it takes no less for animals, those too who cannot speak for themselves. The Women's Committee (established 1946) exemplified the caring community we are, tirelessly raising funds for animal rescue and rehabilitation, and a new building on Dartnall Road in 1996. Today, legacy bequests support veterinary care for some of the most vulnerable people and their pet companions. Charitable grants are helping us take animal clinics closer to where people and their pets reside. And monthly donors help sustain best practice standards of care for shelter animals.



NOW

“Every day, our community shows its heart and respect for animals that are so much a part of our lives”, says Marion Emo, CEO. “Working animals, pet companions and those in dire circumstances touch us all and summon our humanity to ensure every animal is healthy and safe”.

On Saturday April 1st, the HBSPCA celebrates a milestone and launches a year of events to say thank you to friends and supporters on behalf of the animals. The HBSPCA invites you to drop in through the month of April and say hello. Meet the people behind the animals. Share a birthday wish. Discover our Days of Caring campaign, and find out how you can help build a better future for the animals and their families.

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The Hamilton/Burlington SPCA (HBSPCA) is a private non-profit animal welfare charity. The HBSPCA protects animals from people, cares for animals in its companion animal hospital, kennels and foster homes and promotes responsible pet ownership. Over 2,000 pet companions are adopted every year. Charitable Registration#: 11923 6750 RR0001