



# 2017 IN NUMBERS



The year 2017 marked 130 years of service to community since 1887. And what a banner year it was.

The year closed with an astounding **4,531** spay/neuter surgeries at our onsite Companion Animal Hospital, with cats making up 90% of spay/neuter surgeries. With thanks to PetSmart Charities of Canada and a grant for a second year, 1,200 surgeries were subsidized in 2017 enabling pet owners to be the responsible pet parents they want to be.

The HBSPCA Protection Team rescue-d 329 animals at risk in the community – 96 were removed from their dwelling or site for reasons of abuse and/or high risk, and 233 were surrendered due to the inability of the pet owner to appropriately care for pets with assessed needs. Overall, the Team investigated 1,106 reports about animals in distress in 2017. This work in Hamilton and area is **100% donor supported** – Thank you!

Foster families are critical to the recovery and rehabilitation of rescued pet companions. In 2017, 30 foster families cared for dogs undergoing heartworm treatment, puppies too young for the shelter and requiring bottle-feeding, kittens gaining weight prior to spay/neuter surgery, and abandoned animals

learning to trust people. Foster families make a difference. To find whether fostering is in your future, contact our volunteer department at 905-574-7722 ext 423 or keep checking our website for upcoming volunteer positions.

## WELCOME TO THE NEW HBSPCA



ADOPTIONS & COMMUNITY SPACE



The Board of Directors made a commitment to shelter renovations and concept drawings were revealed in October. The goal is Freedom to Thrive for all animals in care. Stay tuned for next steps!

Finally, in the year of our 130th birthday, the HBSPCA was humbled and proud to receive a Hamilton Spectator **Reader's Choice Diamond Award** for best charitable/non profit organization. Thank you to our donors and supporters for the trust you put in the HBSPCA to rescue, rehab and rehome animals every day, and support the health and well being bond between pets and their companions.

