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MESSAGE FROM THE **CEO**

Sparking action through leadership and inspiration

There's a lot going on at the Toronto Humane Society right now. Only 4 months into 2018 and already we've had 874 adoptions, taken in 122 strays, performed 1,714 spay/neuter surgeries, administered 1,329 vaccinations, and delivered 91,165 pounds of food to pet owners in need. Over 25 animals have completed their rehabilitation programs, and 540 animals have been saved through our rescue transport program.

We've already rescued a group of dogs from meat markets in China and made a trip to a fly-in community in Ontario's North, to provide wellness checks and spay/neuter surgeries. All of this while gearing up for summer events, readying ourselves for "kitten season", and preparing for the new challenges brought on by Lyme disease thanks to migrating tick populations.

There's no off-season, no time-out or pause button in the world of animal care. Every day there are more animals in need, and the Toronto Humane Society is committed to helping every single one of them.



But taking a step back from the day-to-day for a moment to look at the big picture: what are we doing now that will change things later? What are we doing that will create lasting change in our community, in our culture?

Well, we're actually in the middle of pursuing an ambitious strategic plan that, we believe, will lead and inspire humane action at a deeper and more sustained level.

How?

By reaching out to communities both near and far in an effort to promote conversation and, through educational programs and practices, help foster an environment of respect, responsibility and compassion.

By working with not only our fellow animal care workers, youth educators, and advocates, but also our governments, bureaucrats, politicians, and other stakeholders to improve and strengthen animal welfare legislation and guide policy development.

We want to help spark public action through leadership and inspiration. We want to promote our standards and beliefs, extending the reach of our expertise, resources, and capacities through community resources and support.

It's about tapping into the foundations of what drives us as a society and steering us all towards a safer and more compassionate world as a whole. It's about working today for tomorrow.

None of this would be possible without our amazing staff, dedicated volunteers, and of course, our caring and supportive donors who, thanks to their trust in us, help make our dreams, and those of our animals, a reality.

Dr. Jacques Messier, DVM, MBA

Chief Executive Officer

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TORONTO HUMANE SOCIETY

BY THE NUMBERS

We'd love to share some of our fantastic achievements from 2017!



Together we improved the lives of over 17,000 animals.



Over 3,000 animals were brought into our care and found their forever homes.



Over 1,300 palliative, special needs and juvenile animals spent time in foster care.



To increase our lifesaving capacity, we have expanded our Rescue Transport Program to help other animal organizations in need! This program allows us to decrease their euthanasia rates by bringing at risk animals to our shelter. In 2017 our Rescue Transport Program brought nearly 2,000 animals to the Toronto Humane Society! Including animals in need of new homes following two major hurricanes.



186 TONS

In 2017 we distributed over 410,000 lbs. of pet food to pets whose owners or caregivers were in need. And we also supplied food to rescue organizations and cat colony caretakers.



We spayed/neutered more than 4,910 animals – 62% of these were cats – and that is not including the 850+ feral cats through THS' free Trap-Neuter-Return program with Toronto Street Cats.



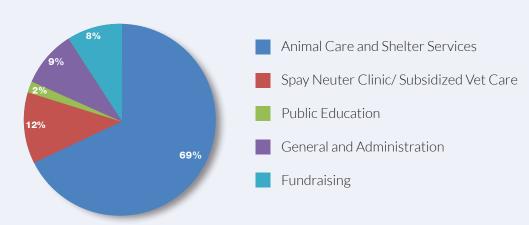
Our staff and volunteers spent more than 41,000 hours enriching the lives of the animals in our shelter through walks, training, playtime and other activities.



Over 5,800 children have participated in our Humane Education Program since it's inception in 2016.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

The Toronto Humane Society understands that we are accountable to each and every one of our donors. We remain focused on ensuring that every dollar received goes directly to improving and saving lives. In 2017, fundraising costs accounted for 8% and administration costs accounted for 9% of our total expenditures. Organizations such as Charity Intelligence provide top ratings for charities with fundraising costs below 15% and administration costs below 12.5%



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2017, with comparative figures for 2016

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,768,053	\$ 1,911,482
Accounts receivable	1,011,420	792,817
Prepaid expenses	46,832	45,453
	2,826,305	2,749,752
Investments and marketable securities (note 3)	7,242,607	4,544,022
Capital assets (note 4)	5,187,643	5,028,031
TOTAL ASSETS	\$15,256,555	\$12,321,805
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS AND NET ASSETS		
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STATEMENT OF **OPERATIONS**

Year ended December 31, 2017 with comparative figures for 2016

REVENUE:		
Fundraising, promotion and public education (note 9)	\$ 5,633,826	\$ 5,295,279
Legacies and bequests	6,951,450	5,637,817
Adoption of animal donations and related fees (note 9)	1,082,075	889,456
Spay/Neuter Clinic Income	937,816	830,921
Realized investment income (note 3)	295,046	199,046
Amortization of deferred capital contributions (note5)	155,664	155,663
Unrealized gain on investments	(36,125)	20,152
	15,019,752	13,028,334
EXPENSES:		
Animal care and shelter services	7,994,830	7,645,131
Fundraising, promotion and public education	1,035,873	1,199,991
General and administration	1,098,467	1,101,562
Spay/Neuter Clinic expense	970,943	936,516
Education programs	261,138	226,600
Subsidized veterinary care	225,558	187,334
Investment expense	46,751	33,190
	11,633,560	11,330,324
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$3,386,192	\$ 1,698,010

CANINE INFLUENZA

What you need to know

Since the beginning of 2018 there have been over 100 reported cases of canine influenza in Ontario. Canine influenza is a highly contagious infection and we at the Toronto Humane Society want you to know the potential risks associated with this dog flu.

What is Canine Influenza?

H3N2 Canine Influenza Virus is a highly contagious respiratory infection, which is caused by the Type A influenza virus. It's similar to the human flu, only its spread among dogs.

What should a dog owner be looking out for?

The signs of canine influenza include coughing, runny nose, a high fever (above 104° F, or 40° C), lethargy or malaise, discharge from the eyes, and a reduced appetite. However, not all dogs show signs of the illness.

How is it spread?

It can be spread by infected dogs coughing or sneezing around healthy dogs or by healthy dogs coming into contact with contaminated objects. This is why it's important, if your dog displays the symptoms above, for you to contact your veterinarian before bringing your dog into contact with other dogs. It's also important that you disinfect any objects that may have been exposed.

Is my dog at risk?

If you live within or near areas with confirmed cases, it's recommended you contact your veterinarian to ask about your options. There are vaccines available in Canada to protect dogs against H3N2 strains of canine flu. These can reduce the risk of transmission or the severity of illness.

That being said, it's also important not to panic. Canine influenza isn't something that's in the air. It's not waiting for you outside your door. More often than not, it's spread between dogs in close, crowded environments like kennels and shelters, places where dogs come in close contact with one another and share things like toys and beds.



My dog is showing symptoms, what do I do?

Before bringing your dog anywhere, contact your veterinarian. It's unlikely your dog has canine influenza but to limit the potential risks of spreading the flu to other dogs, keep him or her at home until you've contacted your vet. When on the phone with your vet, be sure to tell them the symptoms you are seeing and when they started. Tell them if your dog has recently been in a boarding kennel or in contact with other dogs and if any of these dogs had been coughing.

If it turns out your dog has the flu, there are several treatment options. Mild forms can be treated with cough suppressants. More serious forms of the flu are more aggressively treated with a wide list of antibiotics. From here, it's important your dog gets rest and is isolated from other dogs to decrease the risk of transmission. Most dogs with canine influenza get better within 2 to 3 weeks. Trouble starts if, during that time, they develop secondary bacterial infections. These can lead to more serious illnesses.

Again, unless your dog has recently been in a shelter, an animal hospital or in contact with other dogs, it's unlikely he or she has been near the canine flu.

With no significant updates since the third outbreak, things do seem to be, for now, under control. In the meantime, animal care organizations and veterinarians are closely monitoring any and all new cases.

PAWS in the PARK

A Paws-itively Paw-some day!

Summer is a big deal for dogs in Toronto! The moment spring weather begins to poke its head out from the grey curtains of early April, they and their human companions are out in full force with Frisbees, tennis balls, and all things that squeak! Early morning runs and night-time adventures are brought back into their routines while camping, hiking, and beach-going are no longer just the stuff of doggie daydreams. From start to finish, a dog's summer is a furry fun-fest of ball fetching, pool splashing, cottage swimming and park exploring!

To top this all off, there's the end of summer event that brings dogs and dog lovers from all around the city together for one paws-itively perfect day – Paws in the Park!

Paws in the Park has become a summertime staple throughout Toronto and the GTA's animal-loving community. Each year, near the end of summer, dog owners and their beloved dogs get together to celebrate all things furry and friendly while raising awareness for the Toronto Humane Society's goal: to provide as many homeless animals as possible with the shelter and care they deserve.

The day kicks off with a big dog walk through beautiful Woodbine Park! It's a perfect way to raise money and awareness for the Toronto Humane Society. You can sign up by yourself or with a team to raise funds on our behalf. But that's just a warm-up for what'll be waiting for you afterwards!

For the second year in a row, we'll be hosting adoptions right from the park! You'll meet a bunch of absolutely amazing dogs looking for a new home! Who knows? You might fall in love with one and go back home with an extra family member!

On top of that, we'll have our Vendor Village where you can pick up a ton of cool stuff, our infamous silent auction, caricature artist, face painting, FREE doggy training sessions and a super helpful Q & A session with a veterinarian. There's also going to be a ton of great eats and some nice cold beer at the beer tent!





But what would Paws in the Park be without stuff for the dogs? There's going to be free "Doga" sessions (yoga with your pooch), a dog photo booth, free dog obedience training sessions, dog treats and gear, and much more!

By the end of it all, you and your dog(s) will be paws-itively pooped!

Paws in the Park is the best way for you and your four-legged friend to soak up the last bit of summer sun with friends, family and coworkers. You're not only joining a bunch of amazing people for a ton of summer-end fun, you're also helping make a difference in the lives of animals in need.





So what are you waiting for? Mark Saturday, August 11th down in your calendar, collect those pledges, and join us for one heck of a paw-some day!

We still have open spaces for vendors and event sponsors. If you or your organization would like to take part in Paws in the Park and get your name out there in the animal loving community, you can reach out to us at **paws@torontohumanesociety.com** – we'd love to hear from you! For more information about Paws in the Park, visit our website at **www.pawsinthepark.com**.



BEING A LEADER IN THE **ANIMAL WELFARE INDUSTRY**

How the Toronto Humane Society is making waves in animal care

The Toronto Humane Society knows that an organization is only as good as the people within it. The people who bring themselves – their passion, their ethics, their ideas, and their dreams – to work each and every day are the same ones who shape and define the direction, the culture and the narrative of the whole organization.

Over the years the Toronto Humane Society has been lucky enough to have some of the best minds and most passionate hearts on our team. Thanks to them, we've been pushing the envelope in the areas of animal rehabilitation, behavioural science and veterinary medicine.

For example, Dr. Linda Jacobson, Deputy Director of Shelter Medicine, along with Lauren McIntyre, Registered Veterinary Technician and Jenny Mykusz, Registered Veterinary Technician, have recently been recognized in the prestigious *Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery* – a trusted source for feline veterinarians all over the world – for their ground-breaking work in feline ringworm testing.

Traditional methods for testing ringworm can take up to two to three weeks. During that time, the animal is isolated in quarantine. The problem with this is around 2/3 to 3/4 of suspected cases turn out to be negative. This means a healthy cat may have to wait 2 to 3 weeks before being put up for adoption when they could have been put up right away.

Tragically, organizations that cannot afford the high costs of treating so many ringworm cases, and often lack the physical space to quarantine these potential cases, are faced with no other option but to euthanize some of these animals just so they can continue caring for others.

When Dr. Jacobson heard about a new diagnostic test that could produce ringworm results in just 1 to 3 days, she and her team trialed the test in a field setting. If the test result came back negative for ringworm, the cat or kitten could be moved into an adoption room without the need for 2-3 weeks of isolation, expensive treatment and stress. Most importantly, it meant the Toronto Humane Society could help reduce euthanasia rates at other animal welfare organizations by freeing up quarantine space and lessening the immense strain on their resources.



At the time, these were the only studies of their kind. It truly reflected conditions in an animal shelter and could, therefore, be used by others in the field.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff, the Toronto Humane Society has once more made a far-reaching contribution to shelter medicine and practices. Shelters and feline veterinarians all over the world can benefit from the knowledge gained at the Toronto Humane Society to save more lives!

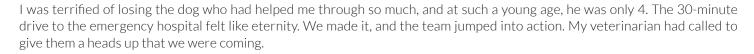
KNOWING THE SIGNS OF BLOAT

Duke's story

It was the Tuesday after the Labour Day long weekend, summer was over, but the heat was not letting up. If you remember, September 2017 was hot, humid and sticky! I had arrived after a long, sunny drive home from the city and found my boy very ill. I had been told about how scary 'bloat' was by a friend of mine shortly after I adopted the dog who rescued me, Duke.

Duke was barely excited to see me when I got home that day. Generally, he is jumping up and down at the door while he waits for me to unlock it and walk inside. Today, he was barely even wagging his tail and his head hung low. He was making an odd sound, something like air escaping from his mouth. As I looked around I noticed several piles of clear, foamy vomit. I took him outside as my heart began to race; I was beginning to fear the worst. While outside, he wandered around aimlessly, looking lost. He was not paying attention to me at all. Terrified, I finally got hold of my 90 lb. boy and rushed him to the vet.

When we got to the clinic, I listed out the symptoms and everyone sprang into action. X-rays and blood work were done, and my worst fears were quickly confirmed. My heart sank. My veterinarian showed me the defined 'C-shape' of Duke's stomach indicating that it had twisted and gas was filling inside. Every second counted. My veterinarian quickly shaved a spot on Duke's side, gave him a needle to release some of the gas built up and told me I needed to get to an emergency vet hospital right away. As he helped me get Duke into my car, he told me Duke might not make it to the emergency clinic.



3 and a half hours went by while Duke had surgery to untwist his stomach and stitch it to his sidewall so it wouldn't twist again. The surgeon appeared from the operating room. Amazingly, my boy had made it through the surgery, with 14 stitches that stretched across almost his entire torso. However, she said, he was not out of the woods yet.

After many weeks of risky recovery, Duke is still with me today, and back to his normal, goofy, energetic self! I cannot express how thankful I am to the medical teams who jumped into action to save his life.

What causes GDV?

It is still not known exactly what causes GDV. Reported risk factors include eating quickly, eating only dry food and/or a single large meal, and anxious temperament. Any dog can get GDV, however it is more common in dogs with large, deep chests. The risk of your dog experiencing GDV increases with age.

Symptoms that your dog may have GDV:

- Change in behaviour/restlessness
- Lethargy or agitation
- Anxiety, restlessness and pacing
- Increased rate of breathing
- Excessive drooling

- Vomiting white foam or trying to vomit unsuccessfully.
- As time goes on your dog's abdomen may enlarge, the gums become pale, heartrate will increase and your dog may collapse

Can you prevent GDV?

The most effective way to prevent GDV is to have a prophylactic surgical procedure called a Gastropexy performed on your dog. A Gastropexy stiches the dog's stomach to the sidewall of the dog and helps prevent it from twisting.

What do you do if you think your dog has GDV?

Get your dog to an emergency veterinary clinic immediately. Every second counts.



OUR ADOPTION PHILOSOPHY

The Toronto Humane Society strives to be an organization that leads the industry in policy and practice across all facets of our operations. This is accomplished through fact-based decision making and building upon the successes of other major shelters across North America. While small

rescues, breeders, and shelters have policies that vary widely between organizations, the Toronto Humane Society is committed to implementing fact-based policies that improve the lives of all the animals in our care today and for years to come.

The adoption program at the Toronto Humane Society, like many shelters across North America, has found great success rehoming animals. Our adoption philosophy removes barriers to adoption and opens up the lines of communication between staff and potential adopters. This philosophy not only results in increased adoption numbers, but higher quality placements. Carmen DiCenso, Executive Director of the Providence Animal Rescue League explains that, "If we start from a perspective that people are coming to us with the best intentions, we will have

Many organizations fall victim to over-analyzing potential adopters They think that by implementing strict requirements and policies and creating many barriers (such as home visits, veterinarian or landlord reference checks, etc.) to qualify for

a much better success rate of finding life-long matches".

adoption, that they have good controls in place. However, this tends to have the opposite effect. Following these practices often leads to potential adopters getting a bad impression, making them angry and feeling like they were treated poorly. Instead of these people becoming advocates of the organization, they discourage other people

from using the organization. The end result of this is animals stay in the shelter system for longer time periods and in cases where resources are scarce, many are euthanized.

When organizations give up these practices and move toward our adoption philosophy, by focussing oneducation, support and resources, before and after an animal has been adopted, the organization is viewed in a positive light that can offer great community services and welcomes all citizens.

The Toronto Humane Society aims to mirror and build upon the philosophies of other world-class shelters across North America. In order to lead the sheltering industry and help as many homeless pets as possible, it's imperative that we acknowledge objective facts. While operating under our adoption philosophy, the Toronto Humane Society has been very successful at not only increasing total adoption numbers, but improving the quality of those placements. Multiple studies led by industry experts show that the Toronto Humane Society has a very low return adoption rate (only 3% in 2017).



WHEN **CASH BREEDS CRUELTY**

Bringing attention to the inhumane practice of "puppy mills"

Puppy mills, according to the National Companion Animal Coalition, are high volume, sub-standard dog breeding operations, which sell purebred, or mixed-breed dogs to unsuspecting buyers.

Now, many hear the term "puppy mill" and think of some distant, far-away hell. We hear about these squalid conditions and shudder. "Not here," we think to ourselves, "that's gotta be someplace else."

The fact is that these places are much closer to home than some people might think. In-fact, the worst cases occur within cities. It's in small, tucked away dwellings in large cities where people can run puppy mills without getting noticed.

However, in recent years, the issue of puppy mills has garnered more mainstream attention thanks to several high profile cases and the public backlash these have generated. Major publications like Rolling Stone Magazine, in their "The Dog Factory: Inside the Sickening World of Puppy Mills", takes a closer look at the underground industry and its sickening consequences.

Here at home, thanks to animal rights activists and the actions of legislators, puppy mills are under the spotlight. Cities like Toronto have banned pet stores from selling cats or dogs in an effort to combat the industry. Instead, stores must adopt out animals from local adoption centers like the Toronto Humane Society or other animal welfare organizations. Ontario has also



enforced new powers under the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' OSPCA Act to address bad breeders, including maximum fines of \$50,000 for owners convicted of animal cruelty.

Despite all of this, puppy mills and their bad breeding continue. It falls on buyers to be aware of the practice and to be proactive when looking to bring a dog home.

According to Dr. Jacques Messier, Chief Executive Officer at Toronto Humane Society, there are a few things you can do to avoid supporting puppy mills:

1.) Adopt. Don't shop.

When you purchase a dog, whether it's from a pet store or through classified ads online or in newspapers, there's a chance the dog you are bringing home is from a puppy mill. While Toronto has banned pet stores from selling cats or dogs, there are plenty of other places outside the city where dogs can be bought. When you choose to adopt, you're not only giving a homeless animal a second chance, you're also cutting off the support these for-profit puppy mills rely on. In addition, when you adopt an animal you save two lives; the animal you bring home and the animal who takes its place.

2.) Do your research. Ask questions.

If you are set on a certain breed and are looking at other options outside of a shelter or animal rescue agency, always be sure to ask about where the dog has come from. If he or she has come from a breeder, do a little investigating. Give them a background check. Any reputable breeder would be more than happy to show you how the mother dog and her puppies live! It's also important to learn about the specific breed of the dog you're after. That way, you can know what to expect when bringing your puppy home, and can call attention to unusual behaviour.

3.) Get involved!

Sometimes, the best way to see change happen is by speaking out. The more people who know about puppy mills, the harder it will be for them to exist. Stay active in your community by supporting new laws that help regulate breeding and selling of animals and the organizations who monitor breeders to ensure they operate ethically. By giving your time, your money, or your particular talents, you can help make running a puppy mill more difficult than ever.

A BLACK & WHITE SUCCESS STORY

How even the most difficult cases get a second chance at the Toronto Humane Society

Angel, a sassy white beauty, along with Noir, a black haired princess, no less sassy and a little feistier, were two cats dealing with some serious behavioural challenges.

Angel was brought to us after her owner could no longer handle her aggression. At first look, we couldn't figure out why. With her gorgeous white coat and stunning eyes (one green, the other blue), she seemed to be a lovely little fur ball who would find a new home in no time.

It was only when we tried petting her that we understood what her previous owner meant. She would lash out hissing and swatting as soon hands drew near. It soon became apparent we were dealing with some severe petting aggression.

Our behaviourist, Jacklyn Ellis, MRes, PhD, and other members of our team got to work trying to make Angel feel as safe as possible while working with her to conquer her challenges. After weeks of careful desensitization, counterconditioning, and a little medication, we were able to increase the amount of contact she would permit until she finally met a family who understood her unique personality. She's now found her forever home and she's happier than ever!

Unlike Angel, poor Noir came into our care as a stray. She had no one to help her through her early years, and on arrival it was clear she had been through a lot. Also unlike Angel, Noir was far more aggressive. After some attempted face biting and scratching, Noir quickly became the most aggressive cat in the building. She was so scared, so upset with the world that she was dangerous for those who would visit her. The challenges she was facing dimmed our hopes of Noir finding that purr-fect home. However, our team was determined to do our very best to give this girl the best chance we could.

We worked tirelessly, day after day, trying to bring Noir out of her fear and aggression. With a combination of medication therapy, behaviour modification plan, gradual increase of human contact, along with positive reinforcement, we were seeing slow and steady improvement. She was even beginning to warm up to our faces with cuddles! Things were looking up for this kitty!

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our veterinary and behaviour staff, Noir found a forever home with a loving and patient couple who ensured a smooth transition into their family by continuing to follow her behaviour modification plan. Though she has a long road ahead, as far as her trust goes, everything seems to be on the up and up as she works with her new family! The Toronto Humane Society believes in second chances for all animals. Thanks to the dedication of our staff, these two beautiful kitties have found families of their own!



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