

Shelter Care Q4 Impact Report



Feline Rescue: The Tale of Symone and Her Companions

A group of nine cats, initially identified as six "healthy" kittens, was brought to Toronto Humane Society. Upon inspection, it became apparent that these cats had been cohabiting in a barn and exhibited a range of ages and sociability levels.

One cat named Cammy displayed a small area of scaliness on her ear. Recognizing the potential severity, one of our perceptive Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVTs) took a sample from the affected area and submitted it for a ringworm Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test, promptly isolating the entire group. The test results confirmed the presence of *Microsporum canis*, a common dermatophyte among pets, with the potential to spread rapidly throughout the shelter if left untreated. Managing this group proved to be an intensive effort for both our veterinary medical and shelter care teams.

Despite the challenges, their dedication paid off, and all cats have since found loving new homes – such as Symone who is pictured here.



Disco's Remarkable Journey: From Medical Challenge to Loving Home

Disco's journey with us began on September 27th, followed by a sedated intake exam on October 4th. Originating from 6N, Disco swiftly became a significant medical focus for our team. On October 20th, Disco underwent the removal of nine masses, revealing a mix of benign growths and low-grade mast cell tumors.

Subsequently, a splenectomy was recommended due to abnormalities detected during physical examination and confirmed by radiographs with a radiologist. Following this, Disco underwent both splenectomy and dental surgery. We're delighted to share that Disco has found a loving forever home through adoption.



71

Animals, on average, are onsite everyday



342

Animals were adopted in July, August and September.



Finding a Loving Home for Two Longstay Bunnies

Sterling and Opally came under our care from the Lincoln Humane Society in October 2020. They were fortunate to find a loving home just before Christmas of the same year. However, circumstances led them back to us in July 2023. Despite our diligent efforts, it took several months of persistent advertising, global features, adoption drives, and dedicated staff capturing their essence through pictures and videos before they finally found their new human family in October 2023.

