

President's Letter

Dear Toronto Humane Society Member,

As I reflect on the last year, I want to take this opportunity to recognize some of the progress we have made on behalf of our mission to improve the lives of animals, recognize the challenging times that we're all experiencing and share a few opportunities for you to get involved with Toronto Humane Society.

As Torontonians continue to struggle with the cost of living, many families are being forced to make difficult decisions, leaving beloved pets without homes. Each day, Toronto Humane Society witnesses families who are forced to surrender pets because they are unable to access the veterinary care they need to ensure their pet can live a happy and healthy life. We see evidence of this through the growing demand for our Pet Food Bank programs and Community Day events. Our goal continues to be keeping pets in homes with the families that love them because the human animal bond provides tremendous comfort to humans and animals.

To accomplish this goal, over the last year we shifted our focus to increase our Public Veterinary Service offerings, resulting in over \$2.1 Million of below market rate services provided through more than 12,000 appointments for things like spay and neuter surgeries, wellness appointments and dental services. This work has had a direct result of keeping animals with the families that love them and out of shelters.

We couldn't provide this support without your help. It is your passion and commitment that fuels our efforts and inspires us to continue making a difference. As charities from every sector are struggling to raise funds to support their essential services, we know that because of you, we will be able to ensure that every pet receives the care they deserve.

Part of what makes Toronto Humane Society unique, is the unwavering commitment of our members creating a compassionate community. To build on this sense of community, I want to highlight two opportunities for you to get involved with our organization.

On August 21, we invite you to attend our member town hall, where you will have the opportunity to ask any questions you have from our current Board of Directors and meet the candidates who are up for election at the AGM in September. This is a great opportunity to find out more details about what's happening in the organization so I would encourage everyone to attend.



On September 17, Toronto Humane Society is hosting its second annual golf tournament, The Humane Open, at the prestigious Angus Glen Golf Course in Markham, which has hosted the Canadian Open multiple times. For all you golf fans and animal lovers, we are still looking for golfers and sponsors for the event so we would love to see you there.

In the following report, you will see an overview of some of the great work you helped us accomplish throughout 2023. Thank you for being the driving force enabling our organization to improve the lives of animals. Your support is invaluable, without you none of this would be possible. We look forward to continuing our journey together in 2024/2025.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Josh Shanahan
President
Toronto Humane Society

Impact Report

