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2025 President's Letter

Dear Toronto Humane Society Member,

As I reflect on the past year, I am struck by the resilience and compassion that have defined our work together. In a time when families across Toronto continue to face economic uncertainty, a trade war, rising costs and housing challenges, your unwavering support has allowed us to remain committed to our mission to improve the lives of animals and strengthen the human-animal bond.

In 2024, we provided over 27,800 families with veterinary appointments, training support, and pet supplies, delivering \$3.5 million in below-market-rate services. This work is vital to keeping pets in homes with the people who love them, especially as demand for access to care continues to grow—particularly in underserved communities. Your support empowers us to meet this need as we lay the groundwork to expand our services further in 2025 and 2026, ensuring even more pets and families receive the care they deserve.

Our sheltering efforts also made a significant impact last year. Through our fostering, adoption, and sheltering programs, we helped over 1,465 animals find safety and new beginnings. Additionally, with a focus on reuniting pets with their families, 166 animals who came to us as strays or needing medical treatment were joyfully returned to the people who love them. These milestones remind us of the profound difference we can make when we come together as a compassionate community.

None of this would be possible without you. The cost of veterinary care is rising dramatically. At a time when many charities across all sectors are struggling to raise money to provide essential services, your generosity has ensured that animals receive the care they need—when and where they need it most. Your passion and commitment inspire us every day to continue this important work.

Looking ahead, I want to highlight three opportunities for you to connect with Toronto Humane Society and deepen your involvement:

- **Paws in the Park:** Attend or support our signature event on August 16 at 11 River Street—and make a lifesaving impact by contributing to our Pledge for Paws campaign. Learn more or donate at www.pawsinthepark.com.
- **During Paws in the Park, we will also be hosting our Member Town Hall:** Meet this year's board nominees and ask the current board and senior management questions about our organization. The Town Hall takes place August 16 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **The Humane Open Golf Tournament:** Join us on September 25 at Angus Glen Golf Club for our annual golf tournament. Visit www.humaneopen.ca for details.



In the following report, you will see an overview of the great work you helped us accomplish throughout 2024. Thank you for being the driving force behind everything we do. Your support has been invaluable in helping us improve the lives of animals and the people who love them. Together, we look forward to building an even brighter future for animals over the next year and beyond.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Josh Shanahan
President
Toronto Humane Society

