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2013 in numbers



2689 ... surgeries

25 foster families

651 surrenders

300+ volunteers

379 campers

44 volunteer pets

83 leaders-in-training

197 street cat surgeries

954 low-cost spay/neuters

91 people trained in dog obedience

141 animals micro-chipped at HBSPCA clinics

1024 animals transferred from other organizations

198 rescues

1758 adoptions

2nd CHANCE CLUB



A selection of good news stories
with happy endings of animals

helped by HBSPCA



Lucky enough to get a 2nd CHANCE



15 dogs live to tell their "tail"

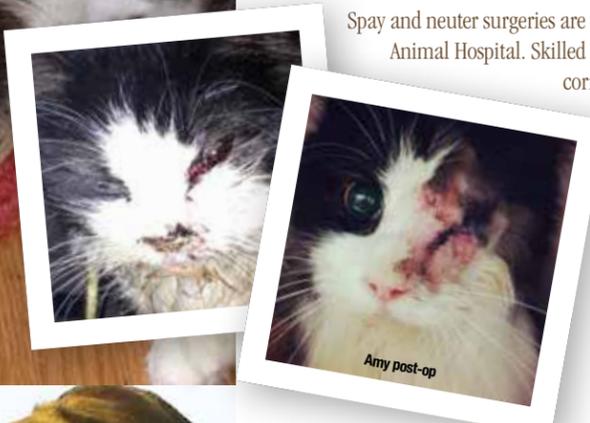
In August 2013, 15 Shih-tzus were removed from a Hamilton residence. The dogs were frail, heavily matted, infested with fleas, at risk for parasites, poorly socialized and several had eye infections. The Shih-tzus were triaged to identify the most urgent conditions. The dogs were shorn, bathed, given flea treatment and medication for parasites and their level of frailty was assessed. All the dogs required significant dental work including extractions.

The Shih-tzues recovered with the help of our Companion Animal Hospital, kennel staff, and volunteer foster families and groomers. Some will require ongoing care for chronic conditions common to the breed such as 'dry eye'.

It is not uncommon for a large number of animals to arrive for immediate attention at the HBSPCA from hoarding situation. Examples include rescues of 18 cats, 30 finches, 13 (pregnant) guinea pigs, and a mixed group - 1 dog, 5 cats, and several gerbils and rats.



MISSION STATEMENT:
The Hamilton/Burlington SPCA is a private not-for-profit animal welfare organization dedicated to the prevention of cruelty to animals, the rescue and adoption of homeless pets, providing support to keep pets in loving homes, and the development of respect, compassion and empathy for every living creature.



Amy lives to see another day

HBSPCA Protection Officers found Amy, a 4 year old injured cat. Bitten by a dog, her eye was badly injured. The HBSPCA veterinarian determined that removing the eye would give Amy the best quality of life. Amy's eye was removed and she was spayed. Amy recovered with her foster family and three weeks later found her forever home.

Spay and neuter surgeries are the most common surgeries at the HBSPCA Companion Animal Hospital. Skilled staff also perform amputations, dental extractions and corrective eye surgery.

Hudson: bad leg, big heart

A male Boxer mix named Harvey came to the HBSPCA through Hamilton Animal Services. His leg had previously been broken and had healed badly. The day following his intake, the Companion Animal Hospital removed the injured leg and provided Harvey with all necessary vaccinations. Harvey went into a loving foster home to recover from his surgery and was adopted by his foster family. Unfortunately, Harvey was not a good fit in this home and his family reluctantly brought him back to the shelter. However, Harvey was such a sweet boy that he was re-adopted four days later! Now Hudson, this playful boy settled right in to his new home the day he arrived. Hudson had some trust issues and was especially reluctant to let anyone touch him around his neck. After a few months with his forever family, Hudson is now relaxed and fully trusting of his friends and family. Hudson now spends his time doing his favourite things, cuddling, swimming and playing tug-o-war with anything he can find!



Cricket gets out of a sticky situation

A young, scared and dirty kitten was brought to the HBSPCA from a construction site. "Cricket" was not covered in heavy dirt, rather in sticky tar. It took a week of cleaning with a veterinary approved solvent to clean all the tar off Cricket. Cricket needed time to heal from her ordeal and she was placed in a foster home. A month later, she was spayed, vaccinated and micro-chipped and in August 2012, was adopted. Cricket's transition was not easy. She hid in a closet and did not allow her new family to touch her or even look at her. Through patience and understanding and a tremendous amount of

love, Cricket has come to be a loving, playful, mischievous cat who has become a large part of her family. A once very fearful cat who survived some terrible circumstances now has a big personality and her own set of quirks. Cricket sits on top of the family's automatic water dispenser and hangs upside down to have a drink, she sits on a cactus to see out her favourite window and sucks on her blanket every night before she goes to sleep.

