



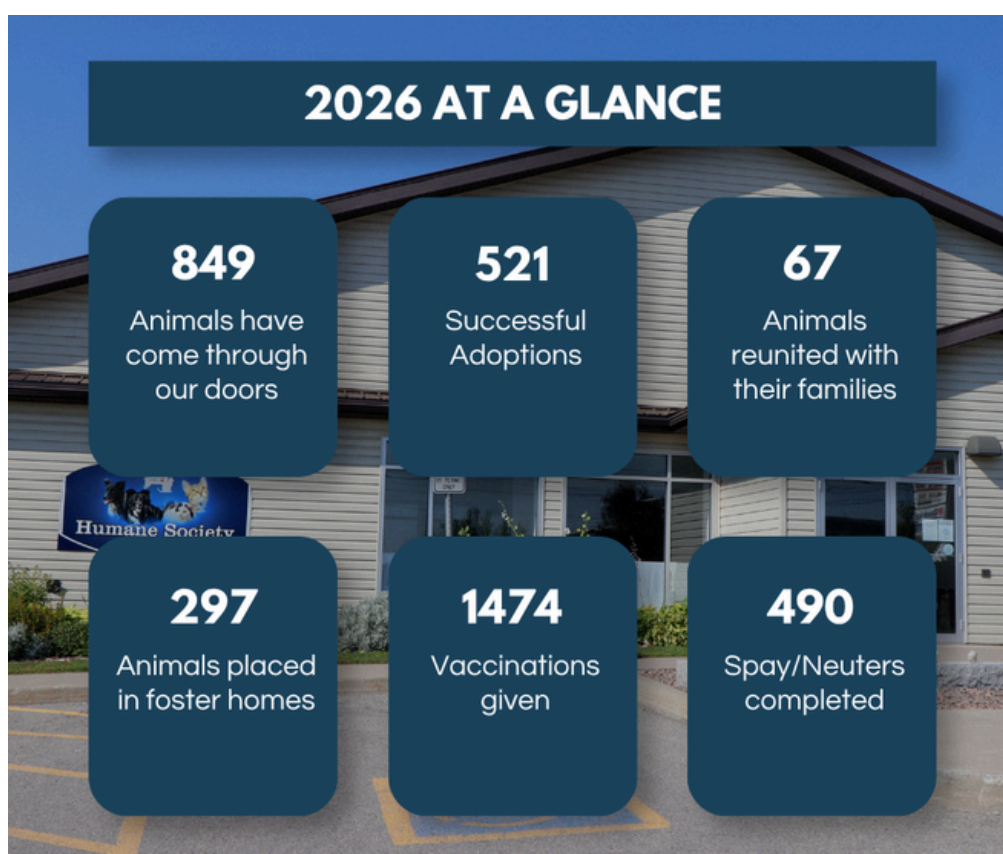
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WHAT A SUMMER!

As our shelter continues to stay incredibly busy, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our donors, volunteers, adopters, sponsors, foster families, and community partners. Your generosity, dedication, and compassion make it possible for the Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes to provide a safe place for animals who have nowhere else to turn. Every animal who comes through our doors benefits from your support, and we are truly grateful for the role you play in helping us care for those in need. Thank you for being part of our community and making a difference in the lives of animals every day.

LOOK WHAT YOU'VE MADE POSSIBLE



Did you know the Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes cares for more than 900 animals each year? Veterinary care is one of our largest expenses, as every animal receives essential medical care, including vaccinations, microchipping, spay/neuter procedures, emergency surgeries, and other treatments when needed. Foster homes provide a safe place for vulnerable animals to heal and grow. Our work also extends beyond adoption through community programs and partnerships, including working with local feral cat organizations to help spay and neuter community cats and reduce overpopulation.

KOI'S SECOND CHANCE

When Koi arrived at the Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes on April 7, 2026, we knew something wasn't right.

She had been found as a stray, and with her enlarged abdomen and heavy appearance, it initially looked as though she might be pregnant. But Koi wasn't expecting kittens. She was suffering from pyometra, a serious and potentially fatal infection of the uterus that can occur in unspayed female animals.

By the time Koi came into our care, she was critically ill. Bloodwork showed signs of infection and dehydration, along with concerning kidney values. Without immediate veterinary intervention, she was at risk of becoming septic.

There was no time to wait.

Koi was immediately transferred to a veterinary clinic, where the team began stabilizing her with IV fluids and supportive care before taking her into emergency surgery. Shortly after, Koi underwent the lifesaving procedure she desperately needed.

The cost of her emergency surgery and care was \$2,260.

Thanks to the generosity of people who support HSKL, we were able to say "yes" when Koi needed us most. Her veterinary team also went above and beyond. After performing her lifesaving surgery, they continued to care for her and even helped foster Koi so she could recover in a safe, quiet environment. Within a few weeks, her kidney values began to stabilize, but Koi still had a long road ahead of her.

Why Koi's Story Matters

Pyometra is preventable through spaying. While many people think of spaying and neutering primarily as a way to prevent unwanted litters, there are also important health benefits.

Pyometra can progress quickly and become life-threatening. Often, by the time an animal shows obvious signs of illness, emergency veterinary treatment is already needed.

Koi was one of the lucky ones.

Her story is an important reminder that spaying and neutering are not only about reducing pet overpopulation. They can also protect animals from serious health complications and unnecessary suffering.

After months of recovery, Koi was finally ready for the next chapter of her life. On June 3, the family she had been waiting for found her and brought her home.

And Koi received something else along with her new beginning: a new name. She is now Kiwi.

We recently received an update from her family:

"Koi is now Kiwi... She is doing AMAZING! She has been diagnosed with stage 3 kidney disease. It's been a very difficult diagnosis to swallow. But she is on a prescription diet, and we will keep monitoring her and take the steps needed if she needs more treatment.

She is the sweetest and most cuddly girl I've ever met. She melts into your arms when you pick her up. She is my daughter's baby, and they are attached at the hip. She is so loved and so spoiled."





From a critically ill stray needing emergency surgery to a cherished family member who is loved beyond measure, Kiwi's journey is exactly what a second chance can look like.

And our donors helped make that second chance possible.

When an animal like Kiwi arrives at HSKL, we cannot predict what medical care they may need. Your donations allow us to respond when an animal needs emergency surgery, veterinary treatment, medication, diagnostics or simply the time and care necessary to heal.

Thank you for helping us be there for animals like Kiwi when they need us most.

Because of you, Kiwi didn't just survive. She got the chance to go home.

FOR THE ANIMALS!



Our 2026 Annual Golf Tournament was a tremendous success, raising an incredible \$27,000 in support of the animals at Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes! With 125 golfers joining us on the course, the day was filled with fun, friendly competition, and community spirit.

We would like to extend special recognition to Kennedy Custom Carpentry Inc., our Presenting Sponsor, whose generous support helped make this event possible.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and golfers for their contributions and enthusiasm. We are also grateful to Lindsay Golf & Country Club for hosting another wonderful tournament.

OUR FIRST EVER 50/50

The Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes' first-ever Online 50/50 Raffle was a tremendous success! Thanks to the incredible support of our community, the jackpot reached an impressive \$17,190. Congratulations to our winner, Randal, who took home \$8,595, while the remaining \$8,595 will help ensure the animals in our care receive nutritious food, comfortable shelter, vaccinations, emergency medical treatment, and ongoing veterinary care.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Randy joined the Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes in July 2023 after what he describes as a happy accident. Already volunteering with The Animal Guardian Society (TAGS), he visited HSKL to meet a long-term shelter dog named Blue and was so impressed by the shelter that he ended up filling out a volunteer application that same day.

Since then, Randy has become a familiar face around the shelter, helping with animal transports, dog walking, and whatever else is needed. He enjoys the variety that comes with volunteering, the chance to work with different animals, and being part of a team of people who share a passion for animal welfare.

One of Randy's favourite memories is of a dog named Bobby, whom he walked every weekend. When a family came to meet Bobby, Randy shared everything he loved about the dog and helped him find his forever home. Later, Bobby's adopters brought him back to visit, giving Randy the chance to see firsthand the impact volunteers can have on an animal's life.

For Randy, volunteering has provided a sense of purpose, helped him stay active, and connected him with an incredible community of staff and volunteers. What keeps him coming back is knowing he's making a difference and helping animals find the happy lives they deserve.

Thank you, Randy, for your dedication and compassion. We are grateful to have you as part of the HSKL family!



SECOND CHANCE THRIFT STORE



Located at 232 Kent St W Unit 4, in Lindsay, The Second Chance Thrift Store is a great place to shop, donate, and support local animals in need. We are always accepting donations of gently used items. Before donating, please visit our website to review the list of items we can and cannot accept. Every purchase and donation helps provide food, shelter, medical care, and a second chance for the animals in HSKL's care.

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