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SHELTER UPDATES



After 13 wonderful years, the Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes is excited to announce that our Second Chance Thrift Store has moved to a larger, more accessible location.

As of February 12, 2026, you can find us at our new home Tuesday- Friday from 10am-4pm and Saturdays from 10am-3pm: 232 Kent Street West, Unit 4, Reeds Plaza, Lindsay.

Our new space offers a larger floor plan, additional parking, and increased visibility within Lindsay's vibrant downtown shopping district.

Second Chance is 100% volunteer-operated, and proceeds from sales benefit the shelter and the animals in our care.

Our unique and ever-changing inventory is made possible by generous donors like you. We accept like new, antique, and gently used items during business hours at the thrift store, giving them a second life while helping animals in need.

A huge thank you to LP Movers for generously donating their services to help us move our Thrift Store to its new location. Their team was incredibly professional and a pleasure to work with. If you're planning a move, we highly encourage you to consider reaching out to LP Movers for your moving needs!

ANIMAL UPDATES

On December 11, 2025, Rosie had part one of her hip surgery. Since then, it's been a tougher road than anyone expected but she's showing real grit.

The first few days were rough. Restlessness, discomfort, and a lot of emotions packed into one sweet dog. At her one-week recheck, the animal hospital was happy with how everything looked. They reassured us this stage was normal, even if Rosie strongly disagreed. She quickly perfected the three-legged hop and made it very clear she still had opinions.

Christmas was quiet but full of love. Rosie soaked up one-on-one time and then lit up when the rest of the family came home. At the two-week mark, she started short five-minute walks several times a day. That's when things really turned a corner.

She's now using all four legs consistently on walks and most of the time indoors too. She does still bust out the three-leg hop when speed matters, especially when the kids get home and she absolutely must be first at the door.

Rosie is the sweetest girl going through a hard chapter, and she still has a ways to go. The good news is she has an incredible foster family supporting her every step of the way.

Rosie will have her second hip surgery in the spring, and we are looking forward to her having a full recovery and finding her forever family.



POWERED BY OUR COMMUNITY

From bake sales and fundraisers to adoption events and community gatherings, this past year was filled with incredible moments made possible by you. Every smile, donation, volunteer hour, and shared moment helped support the animals in our care and the work we do every day. We are endlessly grateful to our community for showing up, giving back, and standing alongside us.

Sponsor a Kennel. Change a life. Give a shelter animal a safe, warm space while they wait for their forever home.

Cat Kennel – \$500/year,

Dog Kennel – \$700/year.

Sponsors receive public recognition, a charitable tax receipt, and the joy of making a lasting difference. To learn more, contact Tina MacFarlane at tmacfarlane@hskl.ca or 705-878-4618 ext. 41.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Pet Photos - March 14th

Hop on over to Pet Valu Lindsay for a fun-filled Easter Pet Photo Fundraiser.

Kitten Shower – April 18th

Join us for our Kitten Shower to meet adorable kittens, learn how you can help, and donate much-needed supplies as we prepare for our busiest time of year.

Pet Mayor for the Day – April 30th

Cast your vote in our Pet Mayor for the Day event! Support local animals, enjoy some friendly competition, and help us crown an honorary mayor!

For more details about these events, please contact Shawna Sommerville at ssommerville@hskl.ca or 705-878-4618 ext 27.

2025 NUMBERS



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



Sarah, the heart behind Bobbi & Co., has a deep love for animals and a passion for creativity. By blending the two, she’s able to make a meaningful difference for animals in need while offering pets (and their people) fun, stylish apparel and thoughtful gifts. A generous portion of every purchase is donated to rescue organizations, including ours! As if that weren’t enough, Sarah is also our in-house photographer, capturing the unique personalities and irresistible cuteness of the animals at HSKL.

Follow Sarah on social media: **Bobbi & Co. Pet Boutique**

Find her store on Etsy: **BobbiandCoBoutique**

LEAVING A LEGACY

You may not have pictured your Will as a powerful tool for change but the fact is, leaving even a small portion of your estate (1%) to charity can result in a bigger contribution than you ever thought possible – while still supporting those you love. In short, you can support your loved ones and help animals in your community!

For more information on how to name the Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes in your Will, please contact Tina MacFarlane at tmacfarlane@hskl.ca or 705-878-4618 ext. 41.

GIVE MONTHLY

We are incredibly grateful to all the generous folks who choose to support HSKL on a monthly basis. Spreading out your donation over 12 months allows you to make a significant impact over time, without experiencing the financial strain of a one-time larger donation. Monthly giving is also easy to set up and easy to cancel. To learn more about this convenient way to give, please contact Tina MacFarlane at tmacfarlane@hskl.ca or 705-878-4618 ext. 41.

VOLUNTEERS

Since January 2025, our incredible volunteers have contributed more than 7,100 hours of service at the shelter and our Second Chance Thrift Store — and that number doesn't even capture the fostering, countless community events and fundraisers they attend on our behalf.

Our volunteers do it all. They operate the thrift store, coordinate our weekly charity bingo, and open their homes to foster animals who need extra care or a break from shelter life. They help keep our shelter running smoothly by cleaning kennels, washing dishes and litter boxes, feeding our animals, and taking our dogs out for much-needed walks. Beyond the daily tasks, they represent HSKL in the community and, most importantly, provide endless love and attention to our furry friends.

To every volunteer who gives their time, energy, and compassion — THANK YOU! We truly couldn't do this without you.

Interested in joining our volunteer team? Visit hskl.ca/how-to-help to learn more.



STAFF SHOUTOUT

Every day at Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes begins and ends with hands-on, demanding work by our Animal Care and Reception team. Grace, Quinn, Kyna, Danielle J, Danielle N, Brad, and Linda clean and sanitize kennels, deliver meals, administer medications, monitor health and behaviour, comfort frightened animals, and support people through difficult decisions. They often juggle these responsibilities while responding to emergencies, intakes, and unexpected challenges, even when they are physically and emotionally exhausted.

Their passion for animals drives them to keep learning, strengthen their skills, and adapt to meet the needs of all the animals at HSKL. Much of this work happens quietly and behind the scenes, but it directly shapes the outcomes for every animal in our care. Your support helps carry this team through the hardest days, providing reassurance that they have a community standing behind them and believing in the work they do.

HAPPY TAILS

Snickers came to us through no fault of his own. Surrendered back in July, he handled change the way a lot of cats do... quietly, patiently, and with more resilience than people give them credit for.



It didn't take long for the right match to find him. Snickers is now Binx, and a month into home life, he's doing exactly what he was meant to do. Snuggling. Playing. Settling in like he belongs there. Because he does.

Here's what his adopters shared with us: "He has settled in very well and loves to snuggle and play. We couldn't be happier."

That's the outcome we want for every animal who comes through our doors. Not just a home, but a family that's genuinely happy they took the leap.

Binx, you didn't just land on your feet. You landed exactly where you were meant to be. Thank you to his adopters for opening your home and hearts and for sharing this update. These are the moments that keep us going.



Bobbi came to us last summer as a stray after being left on the side of the road and immediately became that dog. The one everyone adored. The one who did everything right. The one we all kept saying,

"How is this dog still here?!"

Sweet, handsome, goofy, loyal, perfect manners, perfect energy... and somehow he just kept getting passed over. We honestly couldn't believe it. Bobbi waited. And waited. And waited some more.

Then December 7th rolled around, and the universe finally got its act together.

The perfect family walked in, met Bobbi, and that was it. Game over. Couch privileges unlocked. Four-wheeler adventures activated. Living his absolute best life like he was born for it.

From shelter heart-throb to spoiled family dog, Bobbi is exactly where he was always meant to be... ruling the couch and stealing hearts, one snuggle at a time.

BUMPER STICKERS

We're excited to share our brand-new bumper stickers, designed by a couple of amazing young volunteers, Autumn and Hunter! They're available at HSKL for \$5 each, and every dollar raised goes straight to helping animals in need. Grab one (or a few!), show your support, and help spread the word for a great cause.



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