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Celebrating  
★ 25 Years

### **Brief Look Back:**

Twenty five years ago this year, Gananoque and District Humane Society (GDHS) began its roots in Gananoque and Leeds and 1000 Islands district.

In 1992 a small group of passionate volunteers with a vision and with nothing more than just pure passion for animals, started its operation in a small 800 sq ft space in the basement of the tower building in downtown Gananoque. Now 25 years later, this passion grew with many volunteers past and present devoting their time to the care for helpless animals that are frequently abandoned in our communities. Today, we are proud to share with our local communities our accomplishments and to share our continued passion for animals that grows every day.

Our present group of volunteers is carrying the flame of passion started by our founders with even stronger devotion to help our abandoned and unwanted animals.

### **Our Accomplishments:**

- We are a no kill society
- Run by volunteer board and countless volunteers
- We have been saving animals for 25 years
- During this period we have cared for and placed in forever homes over 7,500 cats and over 150 dogs
- No animal was euthanized to make space
- All animals placed were vaccinated, spayed & neutered

## **Our Finances:**

### Revenue Sources

- All income comes from fund raising & private donations and some sponsors like;
  - McNeil Foundation of Brockville
  - Promotions from
    - MyFM 99.9
    - PetValu of Gananoque
- With the exception of few minor grants, we receive no public funding from townships

### Costs over 25 years

- Animal care \$ 2.8 mil
- Adoption fees income \$ 1.02 mil
- Shortfall fund raising \$ 1.8 mil

## **Our Volunteers and Contributors**

We have accomplished the impossible and continue to carry that flame started by our founders. There were days when our shelter was bursting at the seams with abandoned animals sometimes nearing the 200 mark. There were days where our finances were in desperate state. And there were days when it seemed like no one cared to help us help our local animals.

We are truly fortunate to have very talented, passionate and animal loving volunteers who dedicate their precious time and talent to help our clients, the helpless animals that make it to our shelter.

We are fortunate to have many animal loving families who generously donate and give our animals the opportunity to have their forever homes. We would not have been able to place our animals in permanent homes without their willingness to open their hearts and homes to our animals.

We are grateful to our local veterinarians who help us help bring our animals to good health. In many situations we sought their help to bring back to life animals that were badly injured, sick and abandoned back to normal life. Their passion for animal care worked magic and they turned the nearly impossible to possible giving our animals a second chance.

We are fortunate to have local sponsors mentioned above. They are truly community minded organizations and businesses that care deeply for animal welfare.

On behalf of this year's Board of Directors, we extend our sincere THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the last 25 years a success and who continue to help us carry the flame of passion for our local animals.

*Thank You*