

\$30,000 GRANT FROM PETSMART CHARITIES® OF CANADA WILL HELP PROVIDE VETERINARY OUTREACH SERVICES IN KW.

KITCHENER WATERLOO, ONTARIO: The Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth is the latest recipient of funding from PetSmart Charities of Canada. The \$30,000 grant will fund the Community Veterinary Outreach Program that services KW and the surrounding areas.

The money will be utilized to provide free veterinary services such as spay/neuter, wellness/preventative medicine and basic veterinary care to homeless or vulnerably housed pet owners over the next two years.

“We are very appreciative of this grant,” said Kathrin Delutis, Executive Director of the Humane Society. “The pandemic made it even more challenging for those living in a shelter or experiencing near-homelessness to access veterinary services. The PetSmart grant will help us bring these services to them.”

“We recognize how important these pets are to the mental and physical health of their owners, and by supporting the health of these animals we can contribute to the overall wellness of this group of pet owners,” said Dr. Laurel Gale, Veterinary Director of the Humane Society.

The Humane Society works closely with caseworkers in KW to identify individuals in need of veterinary outreach services for their pets.

“Pets have the remarkable ability to reduce feelings of stress and anxiety, improve our mood and bring us unconditional love, especially during times of uncertainty,” said Dani LaGiglia, regional relationship manager at PetSmart Charities of Canada. “We are proud to support this work that breaks down barriers to affordable veterinary care, so pet guardians in critical situations can focus on their wellbeing while maintaining the benefits of the human-animal bond.”

Since 2008, PetSmart Charities has granted over \$90k to the Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth.

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