



The Humane Society  
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### **URGENT APPEAL FOR A SENIOR DOG FOUND IN A PLASTIC BAG**

**KITCHENER WATERLOO STRATFORD PERTH, ONTARIO:** The Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth has launched an urgent appeal campaign to save the life of an elderly dog found in a plastic bag on the side of a road near Listowel.

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, the dog was brought in by a member of the public in a very poor condition. The physical examination, including bloodwork and x-rays, administered by the Humane Society veterinary team, revealed a long list of health concerns. The small geriatric dog, approximately 12 years of age, was diagnosed with chronic vaginal prolapse, multiple mammary tumors, dental disease, arthritis and severely overgrown toenails.

The dog, named Mildred by the Humane Society staff – an Old English name meaning ‘gentle strength’ has now undergone a spay procedure and had the largest of her mammary tumors removed and sent to the lab to rule out cancer.

“Mildred still has a long road to recovery and will continue to need multiple surgeries to improve her condition. She was evaluated by a board-certified veterinary surgeon today and diagnosed with chronic vaginal hyperplasia, which the specialized surgeon is scheduled to remove and repair next week.” stated Veterinary Director, Dr. Laurel Gale, DVM.

Mildred’s case was reported to Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) for further investigation.

In just 12 hours after launching the [“Mildred Needs Your Help!”](#) campaign through Canada Helps, an overwhelming response resulted in \$6,000 raised. Sadly, Mildred’s story is not an isolated animal abuse case. The money raised from this campaign will fund Mildred’s outstanding surgeries and rehabilitation. The remaining funds will go to help other vulnerable animals in need of treatment. We urge the public to show their support by donating to this campaign today!

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*The Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth is a leader in Animal Welfare in our communities, focusing on what is in the best interest of the pets. We do this through community education, advocacy, care, and compliance. We are a registered charity and receive no government funding for our programs. Charitable BIN 11898 3550 RR0001*

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