



The Humane Society  
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**URGENT APPEAL UPDATE FOR A SENIOR DOG NAMED BETTY**

**KITCHENER WATERLOO STRATFORD PERTH, ONTARIO:** On January 21<sup>st</sup> the Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth launched a social media urgent appeal campaign to save the life of Betty, an elderly stray dog, that was diagnosed with a large tumor in her uterus.

The goal of the campaign was to raise \$7,500 to cover Betty's medical care and surgery. Thanks to the overwhelming response from the community the fundraising goal was reached within 24 hours. Over \$8,600 has been donated on the [campaign page](#) so far.

Betty is an older large breed dog that came to the Humane Society as a stray. After examination from our veterinary staff, it was apparent that Betty was straining to urinate and had a large mass in her abdomen. The large mass turned out to be a very large tumor.

“Approximately 85% of these tumors are benign, but the size and location of it is rather worrisome.” said Dr. Laurel Gale, Veterinary Director at the humane society. “Due to the tumor size and location, Betty is awaiting a surgery from a specialist surgeon at the Ontario Veterinary College hospital. She will also require a CT scan to evaluate the mass and any other involved areas prior to surgery.”

“On behalf of our staff and the animals in our care, we would like to thank the public for their continued support.” said Nick Burke, Director of Development. “Any remaining funds from Betty's Urgent Appeal will go to help other vulnerable animals in need of treatment.”

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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 RR001*

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