

**THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF KITCHENER WATERLOO & STRATFORD
PERTH RECOGNIZED FOR ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE.**

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KITCHENER WATERLOO STRATFORD PERTH, ONTARIO: On August 3rd, 2021, after a yearlong peer-reviewed process, the Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth (HSKWSP) achieved the prestigious accreditation from [Imagine Canada's Standards Program](#), awarded to charitable organizations for excellence in non-profit accountability, transparency and governance.

“Accreditation with Imagine Canada pushed us to review our own policies and procedures, as well as shared standards for Canadian charities that we can utilize and adapt to strengthen our organization’s capacity.” said Kathrin Delutis, Chief Executive Officer at HSKWSP. “It will help us to demonstrate excellence and leadership in Board governance, financial accountability & transparency, fundraising, staff management and volunteer involvement - all of which are vitally important to our success.”

HSKWSP joins a growing list of charitable and non-profit organizations across Canada accredited by Imagine Canada, but is only the second humane society to receive the coveted Imagine Canada Trustmark. Notable charities in Waterloo Region that have already been accredited by Imagine Canada include Cambridge Shelter, Capacity Canada, Extend-A-Family Waterloo Region, The Food Bank of Waterloo Region, John Howard Society of Waterloo-Wellington and KidsAbility.

“With this certification through Imagine Canada, our donors can feel comfortable that the Humane Society is engaged in ethical fundraising and takes the privacy and wishes of our donors very seriously.” said Nick Burke, Director of Development at HSKWSP. “It adds an additional layer of trust so our donors know that we respect their contribution and will work with them to serve the animals and our communities the best that we can.”



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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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