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**Humane Society partners with Wilfrid Laurier University:  
Students and staff to foster animals**

**KITCHENER, ONTARIO:** The Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth (HSKWSP) has partnered with Wilfrid Laurier University to connect animals in need of foster homes with Laurier students, faculty and staff members.

“The Humane Society is very excited about the partnership with the university. Our animals are in urgent need of foster caregivers, and this partnership will help provide a temporary, loving home for them. Fostering an animal is a win-win situation for both the animal and the foster parent, and it’s an enriching and rewarding experience,” stated Denise Rowse, manager of volunteers at the HSKWSP.

“Laurier’s partnership with the Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth provides an opportunity for our students, faculty and staff to make meaningful contributions to the community by helping animals in need,” says Carleen Carroll, assistant vice-president, external relations at Laurier. “It’s a special way to support our community partners.”

Fostering an animal is a short-term commitment that enriches the lives of both the animal and its caretaker. With over 200 animals in their care between both centres in Kitchener and Stratford, the need for foster parents is more than ever. A student can foster dogs, cats, rabbits, reptiles and other small animals, such as guinea pigs, depending on their comfort level. The Humane Society covers all costs associated with fostering an animal.

“Our Humane Society provides everything, including food, litter, toys, training, and vet care. As a foster parent, all you do is provide love and care,” Rowse added. The shelter environment can be stressful for animals. By providing a temporary home, a foster caregiver ensures every animal receives the love and care they deserve while they wait to find their forever home.

To become a foster parent with the Humane Society:

- You must be 18 years of age or older.
- Students should complete an [application](#) online at [kwsphumane.ca](#).
- Have access to transportation to bring the animal to vet appointments.
- And have lots of love to give!

If you want to make a difference in an animal’s life, consider [fostering](#). For more information on the initiatives of the Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth, please visit [kwsphumane.ca](#).

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