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**Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth
Launches Urgent Appeal To Get 40 Dogs Adopted**

KITCHENER & STRATFORD, ONTARIO: The Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth (HSKWSP) currently has 40 dogs in their care and has launched an appeal encouraging community members to open their hearts and homes to a new family member this holiday season.

“We currently have 40 dogs in care between our Kitchener and Stratford centres, which is higher than previous holiday seasons,” stated Natasha Castellano, animal care supervisor, HSKWSP. “If you, or somebody you know, is looking to adopt please visit our website to see all of our adorable dogs!”

HSKWSP is also running a promotion where they have reduced adoption fees for certain dogs to find them homes for the holidays. Adoption fees are now reduced either 25% or 50% for select dogs.

“Our need for forever homes is particularly urgent this year as we have a much higher number of dogs looking for a family this holiday season. We are urging people to please consider adopting a pet instead of purchasing one,” stated Kathrin Delutis, chief executive officer, HSKWSP.

HSKWSP’s website lists all dogs available for adoption with pictures and a short description. If you’re interested, you can submit an adoption survey online. From there, an animal care team member will reach out if it appears to be a match and arrange for a meet and greet for the adopter and the dog.

The Humane Society is stressing to community members that they have limited staff resources and try to process applications as quickly as possible. They could receive a number of applications for one dog, and encourage people to call in for an update if they are wondering about their application.

For more information on the initiatives of the Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth, please visit kwsphumane.ca or call 519-745-5615 (Kitchener) / 519-273-6600 (Stratford).

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