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**Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth
Hosts Pop-Up Adoption Event as Centres Nearing Capacity**

KITCHENER AND STRATFORD, ONTARIO: Spring not only brings an abundance of flowers and warm weather, it also brings a shower of animals to local shelters. The Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth (HSKWSP) is experiencing a high number of pets coming into their Kitchener and Stratford centres. They are hosting a pop-up adoption event this Wednesday and Thursday and reducing adoption fees on a number of animals.

“We have 200 animals in care between our two centres, and almost 80 pets currently available for adoption,” stated Kathrin Delutis, chief executive officer, HSKWSP. “We are hoping our community will choose to adopt this week and give a pet a loving home.”

The pop-up adoption event will take place on Wednesday, June 21st and Thursday, June 22nd, from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Kitchener Waterloo Humane Society (250 Riverbend Dr, Kitchener) and Stratford Perth Humane Society (125 Griffith Road, Stratford). No appointments will be required (regular appointments will be paused for the two days), and the centres will be accepting walk-ins for the duration of the event. Adoption fees will be lowered for:

- Adult dogs – Reg \$400 adoption fee, now \$250
- Adult cats – Reg \$325 adoption fee, now \$200
- Rabbits – Reg \$50 adoption fee, now \$15
- Guinea Pigs – Reg \$25 adoption fee, now \$15

Puppies, kittens and other small animals will remain at their regular adoption fee. All dog, puppy, cat and kitten adoption fees include their spay/neuter surgery, parasite treatment, microchip, age-appropriate vaccines and the first order of food. Rabbits include their spay/neuter surgery and microchip.

“Our goal is to find forever homes for the animals currently in our care,” stated Amanda Hawkins, senior manager of animal care, HSKWSP. “For each home we find, it opens up a space for another pet in need.”

The Humane Society cares for animals in both their animal centres, as well as with the help of a large number of foster parents at both sites. They have recently found themselves near capacity, with lost and stray pets continuing to come in from their 13 service areas across Waterloo Region and Perth County, as well as community members calling for rehoming support. Operating as a registered charity, the Humane Society does not receive any government funding for its charitable programs and services and relies on the generosity of its donors, as well as fundraising events and activities.

For more information on the pop-up adoption event or initiatives of the Humane Society, visit kwsphumane.ca or visit them on social media.

We are leaders in animal welfare in our communities and committed to promoting the human-animal bond, while focusing on the responsible treatment of animals through education, collaboration, compliance, advocacy and care. Charitable BIN 11898 3550 RR0001

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