

News Crawl

WINTER 2024



Supporting Empathy

The WHS' Therapy Dog Program is just one of the ways your donations help our Education Team to support the community. From the See Spot Read program - where kids have a judgment-free space to work on literacy skills with a furry friend - to Empathy for Living Things presentations, together we're building connections and compassion.

To learn more about WHS education for children, youth, and adults, visit

winnipeghumanesociety.ca



Four Paws, Countless Smiles

"I realized the positive impact animals have on people and bring joy to their days."

Eileen Santos says ever since Nacho was a pup, he always loved people and brought smiles to everyone's face.

"We went on a walk one day and passed a retirement home while some of the tenants were sitting outside enjoying the fresh air. Some of them approached us in their wheelchairs and walkers and asked if they could say 'hi' to the puppy. I said 'yes,' and Nacho immediately went to greet them. From that moment, I realized the positive impact animals have on people and bring joy to their days," she says.

Wanting to brighten even more lives, Eileen looked into joining in the Winnipeg Humane Society Therapy Dog Program, knowing that Nacho would also

absolutely love it. Since they started volunteering in June, Eileen says she's seen Nacho bring countless smiles, laughs, and kisses to children and adults.

"I've watched him interact and play with a child who was previously afraid of dogs, and I've seen him bring light to elderly citizens who cannot move as readily as they used to. The Therapy Dog Program is an amazing way to bring people and animals together."

To learn more about bringing a therapy dog to your school or business, or if you and your pup are interested in joining the team, contact the Education Department at education@winnipeghumanesociety.ca or call [204-982-2046](tel:204-982-2046).

DEPARTMENT KUDOS Behaviour

Did you know our Outreach Facilitators have responded to over 400 helpline calls in 2023? Meanwhile, our Behaviour Counsellors have been providing behaviour modification and enrichment for the over 6,000 animals who have come through our shelter this year.

We are so grateful for this hardworking team; the compassion and kindness they show our animals, fosters, volunteers, and pet owners is immeasurable. We also appreciate their passionate advocacy towards promoting Fear Free and Force Free training methods and tools, as well as supporting humane training practices.

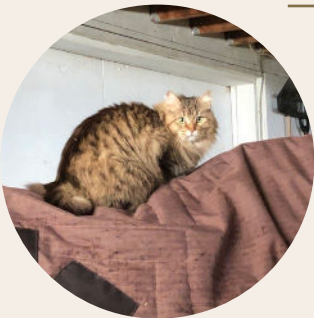


Special Second Chances: The Barn Buddy Program

The Winnipeg Humane Society sometimes receives cats that for a variety of reasons are not suitable as housecats. Some of these cats become part of the Barn Buddy Program, where they can thrive in a rural setting or as a shop or warehouse cat.

The Barn Buddy Program allows cats a second chance and the opportunity to be a “working cat.” They get the best of both worlds – a safe and comfortable environment where they are provided food and shelter, and the opportunity to hunt and fulfill their natural instincts, while earning their keep by doing rodent control.

Barn Buddy cats are spayed or neutered, up to date on vaccinations including rabies, dewormed and tattooed. There is no adoption fee; we request a donation (\$40) to help sustain the program.



PITTER PATTER OF LITTLE PAWS BABY SHOWER

The Winnipeg Humane Society invites you to attend its first annual **Pitter Patter of Little Paws Baby Shower** on **March 10, 2024, between 3:00– 5:00 p.m.** at 45 Hurst Way in the Joyce Gauthier Training Centre. Each spring, the WHS gears up for an influx of newborn kittens and puppies, some with mothers and others arriving as orphans requiring extra care. In 2023, foster parents provided care to 1,205 kittens and 309 puppies so extra supplies are greatly needed each year to help young animals with their care.

The Pitter Patter Shower will include fun activities, animal interactions, and an opportunity to drop off supplies.

[Check out the WHS Foster wish list by scanning the QR code.](#)



Consider donating to support the care of puppies and kittens during the busy season.

- \$15** Provides kitten toys to play with.
- \$35** Helps to provide scales that allow us to monitor litter weights.
- \$55** Helps to ensure safe transportation: a carrier or seat belt.
- \$75** Provides one bag of puppy/kitten meal replacement and miracle nipples for bottle babies.
- \$105** Provides a playpen for a litter of kittens.

Donate today:
winnipeghumanesociety.akaraisin.com/ui/foster

“Winston is a very important part of our barn family. We adopted him through the Barn Buddy Program four years ago and are very happy with the program’s ability to pair the right cat for our set up. We have since adopted another two cats! Thank you, Barn Buddy, for the great little personalities you helped us find!”

– Emma

WHO PAYS THE PRICE OF BACKYARD BREEDING?



From the puppies that are bred and bought to the shelter dogs that get overlooked, the cost of backyard breeding in Manitoba is high.

In November the WHS’ animal advocacy team launched a new campaign, *Who Pays the Price?*, highlighting the reality that backyard breeders continue to pump out puppies at alarming rates, all the while the province battles a dog overpopulation crisis. Shelters and rescue groups continue to operate at maximum capacity and do not currently have the resources to address the waves of animals needing shelter post-pandemic.

Manitoba’s *Animal Care Act* sets out clear licensing requirements for kennel operations and companion animal breeding operations. However, these licensing requirements have not been enforced by the province since 2013, with the Chief Veterinary Office (CVO) citing a lack of resources hindering their ability to implement this portion of the *Act*. As such, the breeding of companion dogs and cats continues to go unregulated in Manitoba.

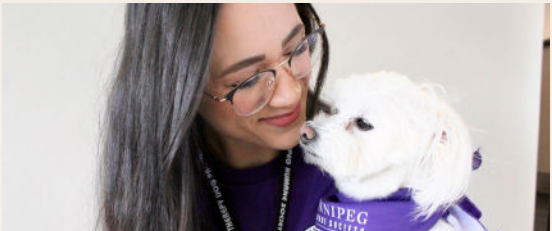
The campaign asked Manitobans to contact their MLA and urge Manitoba’s government to address the epidemic of backyard breeders in our province. The WHS animal advocacy team, along with our animal welfare lawyer, continue to also work towards legislative change, asking the Manitoba government to strengthen and re-implement the companion animal breeding licensing program as outlined within the *Animal Care Act*.

BRING EMPATHY TO THE OFFICE

Are you trying to plan your next workplace retreat or PD day? Have you thought of coming down to the Winnipeg Humane Society?

Our two-hour session includes a tour of our shelter, animal interaction, your choice of one of our Empathy for All Living Things presentations, and a team building activity.

For more information contact the Education Department at education@winnipeghumanesociety.ca or 204-982-2046.



5 WAYS YOUR ORGANIZATION CAN ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

- 1 TALK ABOUT EMPATHY**
- 2 LEARN HOW TO BE EMPATHETIC TOWARDS ALL LIVING THINGS**
- 3 SHIFT YOUR PERSPECTIVE**
- 4 CULTIVATE COMPASSION**
- 5 BOOK OUR EMPATHY FOR ALL LIVING THINGS SERIES NOW!**

WINNIPEG HUMANE SOCIETY

Thank You!

We are deeply grateful to our incredible community for their unwavering support, generous donations, and abundance of love. Your kindness makes a paw-sitive impact on the lives of these animals!



Full bowls, full hearts

Huge shout out to Dan Foidart and Wade Murphy from Voltage Power Ltd., An Aecon Company, for their incredibly generous donation of food to our furry friends! We can't thank you enough for your kindness and support.



Cart Load of Care

Thank you to Orange Room Services for organizing a donation drive and delivering a massive amount of pet food and supplies. Our animals can't thank you enough!



Hearts Soaring

Thank you so much to Canadian Wings of Rescue and our pilot Jeremy! Jeremy flew over 900 lbs of dog food to God's Lake First Nation for us. We appreciate your help immensely!



Local Love

Thank you to Smack Pet Food, a local, family run business who donated over 6,000 meals to dogs in the WHS' care. With two rescue dogs at home, for CEO, Jonathon Giller, this is a cause that's close to his heart!



Commanding Change

WHS had a visit from the Winnipeg Police Service communications department. Their six shifts were challenged to donate items and they ALL rose to the occasion! They came on their day off to deliver bags and boxes full of products. Even had one of our four-legged residents, Ted, choose the shift for the next drive. HUGE thanks to you all!



Gift of Compassion

WHS is very thankful and humbled to have had Sharon Posner visit us to donate many bags of various types of medical supplies. She knows her late husband would be very happy that these supplies will be well used. Thank you so much, Sharon – this gift will help so many of our four-legged friends here.



Cooking up Good

WHS gratefully acknowledges the awesome team at Marmon/Keystone Canada Inc. for hosting a very successful fundraising BBQ in fall 2023. Kevin, Darcine, and Diane paid a visit with the proceeds and their sincere interest gave our animals many second chances!



Well Sent

WHS wishes to acknowledge, recognize, and show HUGE appreciation to the entire team at AMJ Campbell! They scheduled and delivered all 300+ WHS Treasure Boxes to those donors who purchased the fun mystery boxes. This team gives from the heart and it was a moving experience in many ways! THANK YOU AMJ!



TWO GREAT CAUSES, ONE GREAT LOTTERY

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the fall 2023 One Great Lottery! Odilia may have won the big jackpot prize – which in total almost topped \$200,000 - but we are all winners as your support contributes to ongoing compassionate care at both Misericordia Health Centre and the Winnipeg Humane Society. From the bottom of our paws and hearts, thank you!



Volunteering at the WHS

The Winnipeg Humane Society depends on the contribution of more than 1,000 volunteers who fulfill many roles and tasks. It is our goal to provide a fulfilling experience for each volunteer. But together, we can maximize our impact, and make a difference to the animals and people we serve within the community every day. **There is so much more work to be done and we need your help today.**

Here's how:

- Check out the volunteer vacancies on the website by scanning the QR code.
- Complete an online Volunteer Application.
- Book a time to chat with our Volunteer Coordinator.
- Complete orientation & training from the comfort of your home and schedule job training.
- Start your incredible volunteer journey!



Humane Winter Wear

Historically, animal products like fur, wool, leather, and down were winter clothing staples. The good news is that times have changed, and with so many cruelty-free brands, it has never been easier to find humane outerwear.

Some of our favourite kind-to-animals brands include:

- Freed & Freed – Locally made in Winnipeg, found online
- Noize – Canadian made, found at The Bay, Winners, and online
- Ten Tree – Canadian designed, found at Sport Chek and online
- Save the Duck – Found at The Bay, Winners, and online
- Wuxly – Canadian made, found at The Bay, online

Happy Shopping!



Patrick's WHS PET SHOP Picks

You can shop all Patrick's picks in-store, online, or get them delivered through SkipTheDishes. Just visit whspetshop.com to learn more.

100% of the proceeds from the pet shop go towards the animals in our care.



WOBBLE BOWL
It's fun. It feeds. It's a challenge your dog needs! Use the **Wobble Bowl** as a puzzle game to provide fun physical and mental stimulation, or as a slow feeder to prevent bloat and indigestion. The Wobble Bowl is a level 1 puzzle; perfect for dogs that have never used a treat puzzle before. The non-slip base is quiet on hard floors and won't scratch or scuff floors while your dog plays.

whspetshop.com/outward-hound-wobble-bowl-slow-feeder-dog-puzzle.html



UNICORN CUDDLE PAL
The **Cuddle Pal** plush toys are your pet's next best friend. Whether you have an anxious dog or cat these soft plush toys will be able to soothe their stress away with a removable buckwheat filled pouch that can be microwaved to warm.

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KONG SCUTTLE POD
KONG Scuttle Pod offers eight different ways to satisfy natural foraging instincts through physically and mentally enriching fun. Parts easily screw together to create entertaining varieties of wobbling, spinning, tumbling, and rolling toys that captivate dogs by randomly dispensing treats as they play. Spread KONG Stuff'N Easy Treat or Peanut Butter on grooved section for licking fun.

whspetshop.com/kong-scuttle-pod-large.html

Licensing your Pet Has a Huge Impact

Not only does it provide you with an additional form of pet identification, but it also helps to fund low income spay/neuter programs at the Winnipeg Humane Society.

With a pet license, you can rest assured that if you and your furry friend end up being separated, you'll both be quickly reunited.
[To license your pet: https://winnipeg.ca/cms/animal/](https://winnipeg.ca/cms/animal/)



3 TIPS TO KEEP YOUR CAT ENTERTAINED THIS WINTER

Winter is coming and while we know that cats sleep an average of 15 hours a day, it's important to make the time that they are awake as active and fulfilling as possible.

1. Using active toys to engage with your pets will keep them happy and active in winter. Wand toys or laser points will help get them moving and engage not only their minds, but their bodies.
2. When it's breakfast or dinner time, make them work for their food! You can purchase puzzle feeders or slow feeders at our WHS Pet Shop, or you can check out YouTube to create your own!
3. New pieces of cat furniture can help provide them with new spaces and viewpoints to keep them happy and interested. Bonus points if these items come in a new box for your kitty to play with while you set them up! Using a kitty windowsill will let them watch the great outdoors and help keep their minds active while they watch all of the movement and bask in the sunlight.



Wish List

You can also shop our **WHS Pet Shop Shelter Wish List**. Along with providing much needed items, the funds from each purchase goes back into the shelter, helping the animals in our care.

Visit: whspetshop.com/shelter-wish-list

FOR THE ANIMALS

- Canned cat and dog food
- Cat Litter

ADOPTIONS

- Six-foot leashes
- Medium and large dog collars

BEHAVIOUR

- Soft dog treats
- Moist Rollover dog food

CLINIC

- Used medical equipment
- Puppy pee pads

FOSTER

- Various sizes pet carriers
- KMR Kitten Formula (for bottle babies)
- Dog and Cat treats

ANIMAL PROTECTION

- USB sticks
- Looseleaf paper
- Exotic Animal Equipment (Lamp Fixtures for reptile housing, filter systems for fish aquariums (various sizes) & heaters for fish aquariums)

Free Behaviour Help Line



BEHAVIOUR HELP LINE:

Need help solving a problem with your pet's behaviour? Our WHS Behaviour experts can help!








Call us at 204-988-8808

2023 AT A GLANCE



*The WHS helps more than 10,000 animals each year in the shelter and the community.
We can't do it without the support of people just like YOU!*

Here are some of the amazing things we were able to accomplish in 2023 together:

 4,214 ADOPTIONS	 2,208 ANIMALS FOSTERED	 39 ONE HEALTH CLINICS	 2,554 INVESTIGATIONS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE CALLS FOR SERVICE
 275 REUNITED PETS	 7,146 SURGERIES (6,136 SPAY/NEUTERS)	 23,086 VOLUNTEER HOURS WORKED	

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Animal Intake, Lost & Found

204 982 2021 (option #5)

Behaviour Help Line:

204 988 8808

Animal Welfare Complaints

204 982 2028

Emergency (Animals in Distress)

204 982 2020

Donations & Tax Receipts

204 982 2041

Pet Loss and Grief Support

204 988 8804