



## **A Message from the President**

2021 was another challenging year for everyone. Our volunteers and staff, who worked tirelessly despite changing COVID restrictions, found loving homes for 50 dogs and 103 cats to date this year. We had a record number of animals fostered this year, including a number of animals transferred from other shelters, some senior pets, and several litters of kittens. We were fortunate to be able to work with vets at Georgian Triangle Humane Society, Grey Bruce Pet Hospital and Thornbury Veterinary Hospital once again to honour our commitment to have animals fixed and vaccinated before being adopted out, and for that we are very grateful.

As we worked through our second year with COVID restrictions, we have continued to make changes to the shelter and the Cat's Meow to ensure the safety of our visitors, staff, and volunteers. These include adhering to all Ontario government health requirements, limiting numbers of people coming into each establishment at any given time, requiring masks to be worn at all times, regular use of hand sanitizer and a sign in at the door for contact tracing purposes.

As we say every year - we couldn't have done it without our amazing volunteers. They work tirelessly to ensure the animals in our care receive the best opportunity for a happy life. Whether it's coming into the shelter to walk dogs and socialize cats, serving on the Board of Directors, doing renos & repairs, fostering our animals, running the Cat's Meow, or maintaining our Facebook page and website, we are truly grateful for all their help! We are also grateful to our fantastic office managers who oversee daily operations at the shelter and keep things running smoothly.

This year we again couldn't do our major fundraising events, but we were fortunate to receive many generous donations from individuals, bequests and corporate partners, as well as revenue from our Cat's Meow store in Meaford. We are particularly grateful for a generous donation from '100 People Who Care'.

On behalf of our animals, thank you for your continued support of the Grey Bruce Animal Shelter!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Banks', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Banks, Board President



**GREY BRUCE**  
**ANIMAL SHELTER**

# VOLUNTEERS

are the lifeblood of the shelter.

## WE NEED PEOPLE

to socialize & play with the animals, walk dogs, feed, clean and do vet drop-offs/pick-ups

Day Shifts 8/9am - noon  
Evening Shifts 5pm - 7pm.



We prefer candidates who can make a commitment of more than a couple of weeks.  
Note: We are not currently taking volunteers under 16 years of age unless accompanied by an adult on each shift.

Please call  
**519-372-1911**  
if you can help.

We are also looking for people who would like to join our organization as members and / or serve on our Board of Directors. Memberships cost only \$20 and you get the benefit of receiving our updates and newsletters as well as supporting our work!

Note: our evening shifts (5-7 pm) involve some cleaning, feeding and medicating the dogs and cats, plus walking the dogs.

## The Cat's Meow



The Cat's Meow is our volunteer-run charity shop in Meaford that sells donated small household goods such as lamps, tables, chairs, books, decor items, kitchen ware, and more. The store has once again temporarily closed to the public due to COVID, but when it is open, a combination of fantastic donations of goods and steady sales has provided a welcome

source of income for the shelter when we could not hold our usual big fundraisers. Thanks to all who have donated items to sell! Item drop-offs are by appointment only. Please call (519) 538-0599 or email [greybruce\\_animalshelter@outlook.com](mailto:greybruce_animalshelter@outlook.com) to arrange a drop-off of goods. If you have a larger piece of furniture to donate, please see our website: [grey-bruceanimalshelter.com](http://grey-bruceanimalshelter.com).

## Fundraisers

- Online Auctions - We continue to auction items weekly!
- Our summer garage sale raised over \$3000
- Beer and wine bottle empties are still being collected at the front gate
- Small pie fundraiser raised \$525
- Hoodie sales raised \$1143
- Bognor Craft & Bake Sale raised \$1850
- Private fundraisers - More than \$3000

All funds raised go directly towards supporting the shelter. Thanks everyone for your purchases!



## Happy Faces – Some Adoptees This Year!



## Code of Conduct

Recently, we finalized a Code of Conduct, to help ensure a safe and comfortable environment for all people who visit, volunteer or work at the shelter. This Code of Conduct provides a benchmark for respectful behaviour both on the premises and on our social media pages. We encourage everyone to take a look at this document, which can be found at the front entrance to the shelter and in the Cat's Meow Store in Meaford.

## Donations

We thank everyone who has supported us in the last year. We are very grateful to have received donations from:

- 100 People Who Care
- Bequests from two estates
- Habitat for Humanity
- RE/MAX
- Fidelity Investments

We also received support through many donations in memory of loved ones.

## Annual General Meeting 2022

Please note that we are planning to hold our next AGM in June 2022. Further details will be published in our first 2022 Newsletter.

### GBAS Board of Directors

- Richard Banks (President)
- Elaine Burrow (Treasurer)
- Deborah Takeda (Secretary)
- Anna Aagaard
- Sally Ballard
- Tony Kuliha
- Kim Moffit
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