



New Animal Care Centre Opportunities

The Brant County SPCA new Animal Care Centre will have the space and capacity to expand our programs and enhance quality of care to reduce the length of stay and ultimately help more animals in need.

The new Animal Care Centre spaces including animal care facilities, in-house vet clinic and community room create opportunities to expand our community programs and grow collaborative partnerships with local organizations and businesses.

Accessible Veterinarian Clinic

The veterinarian clinic is to provide medical services to animals in our care, other like-minded animal organizations and to the community, by providing access to affordable vet services.

All animals that come through Brant County SPCA will have access to immediate vet care upon entry to our facility. This will include wellness, spay neuter surgery, dental care and other life-saving procedures. This will allow the animal to begin their journey to better health and to adoption in a timely manner, removing the need to transfer animals to a clinic, reducing their stress and their length of stay.

The Brant County SPCA has recently been collaborating with the University of Guelph, Ontario Veterinary College's Kim and Stu Lang Community Healthcare Partnership Program (CHPP). The ongoing work with Dr. Wesley Cheung will support shelter staff on Shelter Medicine best practices, prevention, outbreak management and developing policies and procedures to ensure quality care.

The in-house Vet Clinic will be a critical piece to help the community cat program by increasing spay/neuter clinic capacity and support TNR – trap neuter release - programs and well as assist other animal rescues and our community programs like Pets for Life.

Improved Animal Care Spaces

The entire new building will have an abundance of natural light and spacious areas for animals, staff, volunteers and visitors. All spaces are designed for functionality and efficiency to increase quality of care and reduce the length of the stay of animals. The new dog kennels and cat condo spaces are specifically designed to reduce the amount of stress on the animals to keep them happy and healthy in a shelter environment.

The larger dog kennels will have the space for the dogs to move, stretch and walk around comfortably. There are only going to be five dog kennels per room, to reduce noise and reduce stress. The new kennels have guillotine doors for staff and volunteers to access each dog from the outside for walks and the doors can be closed to have the dogs outside while the indoor sections are being cleaned. In the warmer seasons the doors can remain open so the dogs can have access to enjoy both indoors and outdoors at their leisure.

The cat condos will be tall and wide with space for cats to stretch and jump, with a portal for access to two sides of the condo, and hideaway boxes to reduce their stress. The cat condos will look out at a beautiful wall of windows for the cat to watch the birds and squirrels.

The new Animal Care Centre will expand the overall capacity allowing us to help more pet owners in crisis through our emergency boarding program and transfer more animals from overpopulated communities. New cat condos and dog kennels are larger to temporarily house multiple animals like litter of puppies or bonded pair. If there is an influx of animals coming into our shelter, we have the flexibility to adjust our intake and adoption spaces as needed. The flexibility of these spaces increases our ability to move more animals through our care more efficiently.

There is an Isolation Centre designed to keep animals healthy and reduce possible infection and outbreak, by isolating infected animals. The isolation spaces include cat and dog rooms for both gastro and respiratory infections. There are multiple air handlers to healthy and sick animal areas on separate HVAC systems. The isolation space will also have its own laundry & food prep room to avoid cross contamination.

Community Hub

The new Animal Care Centre offers opportunities for partnerships, collaborations and relationship building with local businesses, organizations, schools, and individuals through expanding the Brant County SPCA programs and potential to host community events. The new Animal Care Centre will be a place where people want to come, visit, volunteer and spend time with the animals. It will be so much more than a shelter, it will be a community hub.

The Community Room is a bright open room that is perfect for hosting community events like volunteer training and humane education programs. It will open opportunities

for many revenue-generating programming including school field trips, dog training classes, birthday parties, seniors' visits and corporate team building events. There are large overhead doors that open to create an indoor-outdoor space that leads to our Park 4 Paws spaces. These community event spaces have all of the amenities needed to facilitate community events including a kitchen, storage, and public washrooms.

Volunteer Program Growth

At the new Animal Care Centre, we will have the space to expand our volunteer program and have the space to host an on-site volunteer orientation. The new centre will also have the capacity to offer school placements for co-op for students.

Animal enrichment volunteer programs like read and relax and dog walking, enables the human socialization dogs need before being adopted. Volunteering with animals provides many mental and physical health benefits for community members who are not in the position to foster or adopt.

With these programs, people are spending time with the animals and building the human-animal bond.

The new Animal Care Centre will have the capacity to expand our volunteer opportunities that we currently don't have space for; including daily care for animals and as well as admin support.

Ideal Location

The new Animal Care Centre is located in Northwest Brantford, right off the highway and close to both Brantford and Brant County residents.

It is very close to the amazing local trail system, which is perfect for volunteer dog walkers to enjoy trails with the dogs and for people who are looking to adopt, to test walk their potential pet.

The location being close to both City and County businesses creates opportunities to host volunteer days or corporate social responsibility days, or for employees to come on their lunch hour to volunteer with the animals.

The new centre is accessible by bus route for guests and volunteers to easily come to visit. There is ample parking lot space for cars to park and school buses to turn around.

The new Animal Care Centre is easily accessible from the highway and local hotels for people coming from far distances to adopt animals. And for humane societies and like-minded organizations from across the province to come for peer-to-peer learning and experience sharing.