



Brant County  
**SPCA**  
*Saving Lives*

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Small but mighty, the Brant County SPCA has been caring for animals for over 50 years at our shelter at, 539 Mohawk Street. We are dedicated to all animals through prevention, promotion and protection.

The Brant County SPCA ensures that all animals have a kind, compassionate and safe environment. The way we view and treat animals as a society has evolved since the 1960s. Our pets are now integral parts of the family and animal shelters like ours have animals for longer periods of time as we administer care, treatment and sometimes even surgery to help an animal recover and regain their health before being matched with their new forever family.

# Foster Programs



**Vinny**



The Brant County SPCA represents a community that understands the importance of animals in enriching the lives of humans and that both deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. Our foster programs are built to reduce each animal's length of stay at the shelter and give animals the opportunity to get healthy in a quiet, home environment.

## **FOSTERS ON DECK**

Our fantastic network of volunteers provide temporary homes for pets, so they have a home-away-from-home before they're ready to be adopted. The foster program equips our fosters with the food, supplies and veterinary care required for the animals they care for in their homes. Some of these animals include orphaned puppies, kitties and pregnant animals.

## **FOSPICE**

From time to time, an animal comes into our care that, due to serious health issues, cannot be placed up for adoption. Provided the Veterinarian feels the animal has a good quality of life, we place them into a fospice home, where cats and dogs are surrounded by a loving foster family for the remainder of their days. The cost of medical care is completely covered by the Brant County SPCA.

**“Honestly, I love senior dogs and I have always been interested in fostering/adopting seniors. Vinny gave me the perfect opportunity to give a loving old man a home!” -Fospice mom, Carissa,**

# Adoption Programs



There are hundreds of animals that go through our adoption program every year. Their adoption fees help to cover the cost of spay/neuter surgery, a microchip, and vaccinations before being matched with their forever homes.

## SENIORS FOR SENIORS

Older cats are usually more relaxed, calm and make great companions. The Seniors for Seniors program matches older cats (7+) with seniors in our community (65+), who are looking for companions.

These cats give so much love to seniors in addition to many mental and physical health benefits. Waiving the adoption fee makes these connections as easy as possible.

## PETS FOR VETS

Our Veterans' contributions to freedom is something to be celebrated. Pets have the ability to help with stress, anxiety, loneliness and provide love and companionship. Because of our generous donors, the Pets for Vets program covers the adoptions fees for Veterans and active members of our military.

The Brant County SPCA exists to enlighten and enrich the quality of life for our community members and is dedicated to ensuring all animals will have a kind, compassionate and safe environment.



# Community Cats



The goal of this program is to help our local community with stray, community and feral cats. Through our programs such as Barn Buddies, Friendly Finders and Return to Home, we're dedicated to keeping these animals healthy, safe and re-homed whether it's in a barn, a field or a warm couch.

## FRIENDLY FINDERS

This program provides resources to people who find stray cats in our community and want to help these animals in need. When a person finds a cat, they are invited to be a temporary foster home for the animal. Through this program, the Brant County SPCA provides supplies such as litter, food, veterinary care and other helpful information, so that the foster home will be successful in helping to prepare the cat for adoption.



## BARN BUDDIES

This program supports adopters who have a safe barn, shed, greenhouse or warehouse that can provide community cats a chance for a great life. These street smart felines are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, micro-chipped and are available for no adoption fee.

Barn Buddies are independent and self-sufficient. All they ask for is a safe enclosure from the elements, and some food and water for when the hunt does not go so well. These special felines are not suitable as indoor companions, but are skilled rodent technicians that will stop pests in their tracks.



## RETURN TO HOME

The Return to Home (RTH) program was put into place so that no healthy cat that entered our shelter would be euthanized. Our cat intake is by appointment so we can ensure we have proper resources available. If a cat comes into our care that is thriving in their environment, we would spay/neuter, microchip, vaccinate and ear-tip before returning to their previous location. Should the cat be a good candidate, they would be placed for adoption.

# Project PATCHWORK

Pets bring so much joy to our lives. They provide us with unconditional love, companionship and improve both our physical and mental health.

Project Patchwork is focused on getting animals in need of specialized veterinary care healthy and ready to join our adoption program. Everyday, the number of animals that require urgent and more extensive medical care rises.

The surgeries come with a high price tag. Our goal is that no animal goes without the care they need to be happy and healthy to find their new families.



**Project Patchwork Recipient, Petunia, when she entered our doors (left) and when she left (above)**

# Pets

## FOR LIFE

The Brant County SPCA understands the power of the human-animal bond and that our animals are not just pets, but important members of the family.

The Pets for Life program recognizes the love people have for their pets, regardless of income level. This program seeks to break down barriers to veterinary services and works towards preventing families from having to rehome their pet.

The Brant County SPCA's Community Outreach team of staff and volunteers go door-to-door, building positive relationships and trust. Because of our generous donors, we are able to provide our Pets for Life clients with pet wellness care and spay/neuter services, free of charge.



Pets for Life  
Participants

We're proud to be the first SPCA in Canada to be an accredited member of Pets for Life, founded by the Humane Society of the United States.

We're truly grateful for our partnerships, including our collaboration with the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), the City of Brantford and Social Housing Program.



# Moving HEARTS

Moving Hearts is our transfer program that is dedicated to assisting overcrowded and overpopulated animal shelters and communities. The Brant County SPCA transfers these animals first to our shelter, then into our foster or adoption programs, where they can touch the hearts of their adopters.



Howie, Moving  
Hearts participant

By moving hearts together, we are saving the lives of more animals, close to home, in our neighbouring communities and beyond.



## H.O.P.E.

**(Helping Owned Pets in Emergencies)**

The Brant County SPCA offers a short-term solution when a pet owner is faced with a life altering emergency. Individuals who are fleeing domestic violence; experiencing homelessness because of a disaster, such as flooding, fire, or eviction; those who have suffered a medical emergency or are entering a recovery program, would all qualify for this service.

Whenever possible (within the limits of our resources), we provide free emergency boarding services. The H.O.P.E. program gives these individuals the time they need to address the crisis in their life and peace of mind knowing that their beloved pets will be cared for.

**"I was so grateful to know my dogs were in a safe place while I had to stay in the hospital. The SPCA animal care staff and I cried tears of joy to see them so happy when I came home"**

**- H.O.P.E. program participant**