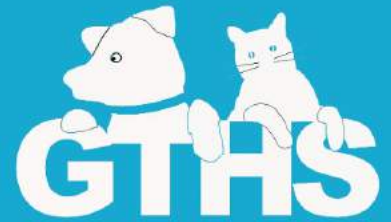


# GEORGIAN TRIANGLE HUMANE SOCIETY DONOR NEWSLETTER



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Sonya Reichel with a dog at the GTHS.

Welcome to your first edition of the GTHS Donor Newsletter! With all of the wonderful work that you have put into motion through our charity, we wanted to bring you a new opportunity to share the impact of your dollars at work. This publication will come to you twice a year, to keep you updated between our annual donor impact report. We sincerely hope that you enjoy sharing in the success stories that we plan to share.

Read on to discover the highlights of 2021 to date. Thank you for being part of change and progression for pets and people living in the South Georgian Bay region.

Sincerely,  
Sonya

## Dr. Anick Amaro is Published in the Journal of Parasitology

We are thrilled to congratulate Dr. Anick Amaro for her recent achievement of publishing an article in the Journal of Parasitology on April 28th, 2021.

Dr. Amaro is the Director of Medicine at the GTHS. She provides veterinary care through the GTHS Animal Hospital.

Giant Kidney Worms have been identified and treated by Dr. Amaro coming from dogs arriving to the GTHS from northern transfers. Always curious and committed to the well being of animals, Dr. Amaro worked together with our partners at the Ontario SPCA to research and produce this comprehensive and impressive article.

Enjoy the article [here](#). Congratulations Dr. Amaro!



Dr. Anick Amaro, the Director of Medicine at the GTHS.



A local family with their beloved dog.

## You are Keeping Families Together

The goal of Pet Support Services is simple, keeping families together. This video shares the importance of GTHS Pet Support Services and the impact that our donors have through the work that extends into the community.

Because in times like these, people need their pets more than ever. There has never been a more important time for people to benefit from the emotional connection that we have with our pets. Thank you for your support during the month of September! You can view the video [here](#).

## Community Cats Bring Friends Together!

Since August 2019, with the help of some instrumental donors, the GTHS has extended Hospital services to Community (Feral) Cats.

In addition to spay and neuter surgeries, these cats receive Rabies vaccinations to control the spread of disease, as well as a simple ear tipping procedure for identification. When community cats are fixed and treated, they are they set back into their natural habitat, where in most cases they are adaptable and thrive without being able to reproduce. This service is offered free to the public thanks to our donors.

We recently received a touching gift from a local property owner in recognition of the exceptional work of a volunteer who helped to control the spread of a community cat colony.

Deborah Masters was walking last October 31st when she heard the cry of a small kitten who was in distress under a car. With help from Patti, Diane's neighbour, they rescued the kitten - Noble. The next summer Leslie Lewis alerted Deborah to the fact there were more kittens seen on this abandoned property and could Deborah bring a cage to help. Diane and Patti two of the many concerned neighbours would let Deborah know when they saw kittens out playing. Deborah and her team, Kailey Williams, Lauren Williams, Kailey Williams worked for hours on end to feed and develop a bond with the mother and kittens, in the hopes of coaxing kittens into the cage to bring to the GTHS to be spayed. Diane, Leslie and Mathew another friend helped with food donations to continue the rescue mission.

This summer we heard from Diane, who made a lovely gift in recognition of the countless hours that Deborah put into rescuing kittens and eventually two mother cats who were trapped and spayed and are in homes. Along the way, friendships were made, and 5 kittens 2 mothers were socialized and adopted.

We loved hearing about the connection that was made between friends who were on a kitten saving mission together. Learn more about the [GTHS Community Cats Program](#).



## Why You Should Leave a Legacy Gift in Your Will

Like most Canadians, you've probably spent a lifetime contributing to a cause that's close to your heart. Now imagine making a bigger contribution than you ever thought possible, without using any of the money you need during your lifetime or significantly taking away from your loved ones. You can have the best of both worlds with a charitable gift in your Will.



The following article was published by [Will Power](#). It discusses the benefits of tax sheltering a gift in your will without taking away from the assets that you plan to share with loved ones and dependents.

Will Power is a national public education campaign, designed to inspire Canadians to think differently about charitable giving, and empower them to create positive change through their wills. Read on for insightful advice about planning a charitable gift in your will. To learn more about naming the GTHS in your will, please contact our Donor Relations Specialist, Kelly O'Neil at [kelly@gths.ca](mailto:kelly@gths.ca)

## September Donor Highlight: Teri Band

September was a month of awareness for Pet Support Services. An important program that came to be out of necessity in our community, particularly over the past year. Pet Support Services are designed to keep families together so that no one must face surrendering their pet in a situation of crisis or financial need. These are the times when we truly see the big hearts of our donors.

We were fortunate to hear from long time donor, volunteer and board member, Teri Band, early in September when she learned of the need to help in our community. Teri made a significant investment in Pet Support Services in addition to the support that she extends on a regular basis to GTHS programs.

"Comfort comes to mind, when there's a crisis in a family situation, and the family has the option to bring their animal to a GTHS Foster Care family knowing the animal will be well taken care of, until that family is able to get their loving pet home", Teri shared with us.

Keeping families together is the healthiest and best option to help parents and children alike cope through a challenge. We are thankful to have donors like Teri who recognize the value of the human animal bond through unprecedented times.



Teri Band with a cat friend.



In memory of Tim Thorney, Georgian Edge Landscaping helped with landscaping the GTHS dog yard.

## Remembering Tim Thorney - A Special Gift for the Dogs

The GTHS team was saddened this past June by the loss of Tim Thorney, partner of our incredible team member, Rachel Oldfield.

In collaboration with family members, a fundraiser in Tim’s memory contributed to much needed landscaping improvements to the GTHS dog yard. A lover of dogs, in particular his “Buttercup”, Tim’s legacy will be remembered in the GTHS dog yard, providing an improved experience for our GTHS dogs to run and play!



Koda with his loving foster parent Judy.

## Koda, the Special Dog You Helped

As we head into the season of giving, we want to introduce one of our feature pets, who you will see more of over the holidays. This is Koda. Koda came to us in need of emergency eye enucleation surgery. As an added complication, Koda’s right eye had been previously removed due to glaucoma. Sadly, this meant he would have no vision and require extensive of veterinary care and rehabilitation. Koda recovered in a compassionate GTHS foster home taking the time he needed to get back on his feet and prepare for his next steps.

Koda is just one of many pets who come to the GTHS with hurdles to overcome. The day that they go home with new adopters is often emotional and joyful for everyone involved. Stay tuned for Koda’s story this holiday season. We have plenty of magical moments to share!



# Thank You!

Thank you for participating in our summer and fall events. A few snapshots to share!



Deb Boyd & JoAnn Kelly enjoying Duntroon Golf.



The DeGroot foursome.



The Lowe foursome.



The Miller foursome.



Accepting donations at the Lake.



Don, Dan & Erin at the Lake.



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