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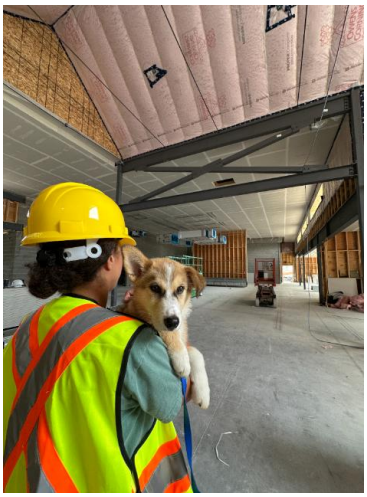
Georgian Triangle Humane Society reaches $13.6 million fundraising milestone for new Regional Centre for Pets and People

Construction advances as community works toward raising final $4 million

COLLINGWOOD, ON, [October 22, 2026] - The Georgian Triangle Humane Society (GTHS) has raised $13.6 million toward its $17.6 million fundraising goal for the David & Helen Capin Regional Centre for Pets & People (RCPP). With construction progressing inside and outside the building, the organization is celebrating the community support behind this progress and inviting others to help raise the final $4 million.

Located at 135 Sandford Fleming Drive in Collingwood, the RCPP will bring expanded shelter and adoption services, accessible veterinary care, humane education and community support programs together under one roof, helping more pets and people across the region.

“Every gift to this campaign is helping build something our South Georgian Bay community needs,” says Karen Marsh, executive director of the GTHS. “We see the need for our services every day, from dogs and cats requiring care to families looking for support to keep their pets at home. The RCPP will allow us to do more, and the progress we’re celebrating belongs to everyone who has helped us get here.”



Expanding our impact across the region

Community support is helping build a centre that will reach more pets and people in South Georgian Bay than ever before. Once operational, the RCPP is expected to:

- Shelter over 5,500 animals annually, ensuring they receive safety, nutrition, and rehabilitation.
- Provide more than 6,700 spay/neuter surgeries each year, expanding our already successful programs to improve animal health and reduce overpopulation.
- Foster hope for 2,200+ people in crisis, offering resources and stability when it’s needed most.
- Engage more than 6,000 youth annually through compassionate, hands-on learning.

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- Welcome 30,000 visitors, connecting pets with loving homes more quickly.
- Support 600 volunteers and 50 staff, ensuring every animal receives dedicated care.

Construction reaches new milestones

Since breaking ground in September 2025, construction has advanced through several important stages. Recent progress and upcoming work include:

- **Interior drywall is 95 per cent complete**, bringing the RCPP's rooms and shared spaces closer to their finished form.
- **Mechanical and electrical rough-in work is 75 per cent complete**, putting essential building systems in place.
- **Landscaping has begun**, with topsoil and fencing work underway.
- **Asphalt paving is expected to begin the week of October 26th**, marking another step forward on the building's exterior.

"With interior drywall nearing completion and work progressing outside, the RCPP is taking shape both inside and out," says Lisa Bertram, president, Bertram Construction. "It's rewarding for our team to see these spaces come together and to know the role this building will play in supporting the South Georgian Bay community."

Help raise the final $4 million

With 77 per cent of the fundraising goal reached, the GTHS is calling on the community to help raise the remaining $4 million needed to complete the campaign.

"We're grateful to everyone who has brought us this far, and there is still important work ahead," says Marsh. "If you've been considering a gift, we hope this progress inspires you to be part of what comes next. Your support will help us meet the needs of pets and people for years to come."

To learn more about the Regional Centre for Pets and People or to make a donation, visit supportgths.ca

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About The Georgian Triangle Humane Society
The Georgian Triangle Humane Society (GTHS) is a non-profit charity serving South Georgian Bay through animal sheltering, adoption, community veterinary care, humane education, and access-to-care programs that support pets and the people who love them. Through compassionate, community-based services, the GTHS helps animals in need while working to keep pets and families together whenever possible.

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