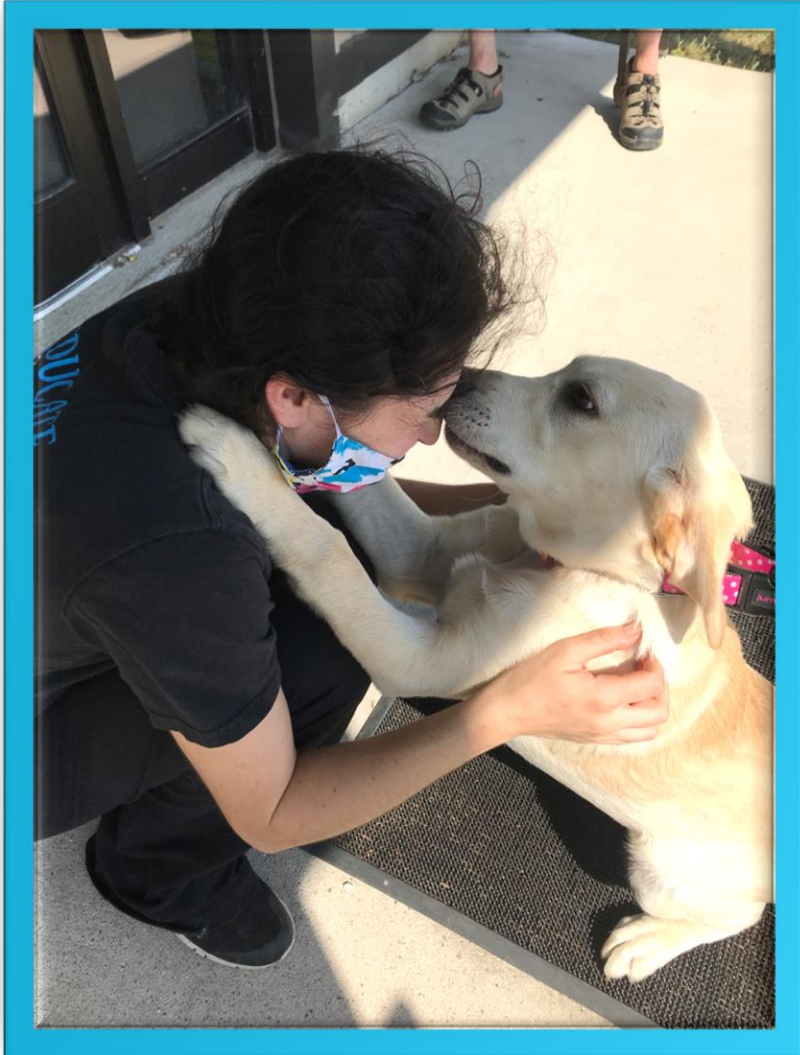


PRESENTATION TO



January 23rd, 2023

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TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS



The Blue Mountains has a host of recreational activities for all the seasons. Most notably is the winter skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. In the summer there is hiking and downhill/cross-country biking

We thank The Town of the Blue Mountains for its continued engagement with GTHS.

FACTS AND MILESTONES



The GTHS adopts an average of **1300 pets to loving homes** on an annual basis.

The GTHS runs a hospital for the public providing **1600 surgeries annually**.

Our team is comprised of **27 staff** and **250 volunteers**.

Through the GTHS Animal Transfer Program, from nearly **155 to 265 dogs have been transferred annually** from Northern Communities to the GTHS.

The GTHS pet food bank distributes **18,000 free meals** annually.

Annually, through our Pet Support Services programs, we help more than 100 pets stay in their beloved families or owners through situations of emergency, homelessness and other crisis.

REGIONAL GROWTH DEMANDS BETTER SUPPORT

We believe in compassion for pets and people.
Our variety of programs and services:

- Spay/Neuter Programs
- Dog Training and Socialization
- Treasure Tails Thrift Store
- Youth Programs
- Lost and Found Support
- Adoption
- Surrender Services
- Emergency Boarding
- Emergency Medical Assistance
- Pet Food Bank



SUPPORTING YOUTH AND MENTAL HEALTH



The GTHS Humane Education program provides services to 2000 local youth annually. According to the Canadian Mental Health Association, **20% of Canadian youth** are affected by mental health challenges.

Our Humane Education programs have measured **an average 18% increase** in the social and emotional skill development of youth in their programs. GTHS courses explore relationships with animals using hands-on, activity-based lessons that foster empathy and kindness.

PERCENTAGE OF USAGE



GTHS provides the following Municipal related services:

- **Pound providers for dogs at large, housing stray dogs found and reuniting them with their owners**
- **Providing free spay/neuter surgeries to feral cats**
- **Pet Support Services**
- **Providing accessible spay/neuter surgery (82 this last year in Blue Mountains)**

THE NEW REGIONAL CENTRE FOR PETS AND PEOPLE



- **20,000 sq foot facility at a cost of \$15 million to build**
- **The new building will attract a minimum of 30,000 visitors per year**
- **It will engage 600 volunteers and employee over 50 full-time staff**

REGIONAL MUNICIPAL COLLABORATION

GTHS is working to involve the following Southern Georgian Bay municipalities within Simcoe and Grey counties.

- **Grey Highlands**
- **Meaford**
- **Town of the Blue Mountains**
- **Collingwood**
- **Wasaga Beach**
- **Clearview Township**



DEPUTATION TO THE TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Building Grant – GTHS is working with all six Municipalities in the Region, seeking Total Collective Municipal Support of \$1.5 million (10% of the overall project cost) and wishes to provide The Town of the Blue Mountains with the opportunity to participate up to the \$250,000 range over four years

32% of Canadians own pets (stat rises to 56% for millennials)



**GEORGIAN TRIANGLE
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