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Shelter Dogs Lose Outdoor Space After Winter Damage – Community Support Needed to Rebuild

STRATFORD, ONTARIO (June 17, 2025): The Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth (HSKWSP) is calling on the community for urgent support after severe winter damage forced the organization to take swift action to rebuild the outdoor dog runs and infrastructure at its Stratford Centre.

Over the winter, heavy snow caused extensive damage to the facility's roof, heating exhaust system, and exterior ductwork. Most notably, the outdoor dog runs, a critical space where dogs can enjoy time outdoors, was left unsafe and unusable. While insurance will cover part of the repair costs, the organization is facing a \$10,000 shortfall. Covering these urgent costs means other programs and services in 2025 may be impacted.

"For the safety and well-being of the dogs in our care, we had to act quickly to begin repairs," said Victoria Baby, CEO at the HSKWSP. "This space is vital for their physical and mental health while they wait to find loving homes".

"Every donation will go directly toward recovering the cost of this essential space so we can continue providing the highest standard of care to the animals who need us most," said Jordan Baker, Director of Development at the HSKWSP.

The Humane Society is asking the community to help them raise funds for these unexpected costs to avoid a ripple effect on the important work they do for animals in their care.

To help rebuild the outdoor dog run, donations can be made online at [CanadaHelps](https://CanadaHelps.org) or kwsphumane.ca.

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