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## **Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth Hosts Walk-in Adoption Event As Centres Hit Capacity**

**KITCHENER AND STRATFORD, ONTARIO:** With around 200 animals in their care and both centres in Kitchener and Stratford at capacity, the Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth (HSKWSP) is hosting a same-day, walk-in adoption event on Wednesday, July 10. The HSKWSP is urging community members to consider adopting or becoming a foster parent as they struggle to make space for another 63 animals on their surrender list waiting for help.

"We are hoping our community will choose adoption this week and help us find homes for the pets in our care," stated Victoria Baby, chief executive officer, HSKWSP. "If you cannot adopt, we are encouraging families to open their hearts and homes and become foster parents. A foster home significantly decreases a pet's stress and anxiety, and having a family to care for them in a home environment ensures their overall happiness."

The Humane Society is urgently looking for foster families, especially in the Stratford Perth area. Volunteer foster caregivers provide temporary homes for animals waiting to find their forever homes, and the HSKWSP provides all the necessities required to foster a pet.

The walk-in adoption event will take place on Wednesday, July 10, from 12:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Kitchener Waterloo Humane Society (250 Riverbend Dr, Kitchener) and the Stratford Perth Humane Society (125 Griffith Road, Stratford). No appointments will be required (regular appointments will be paused for the day), and the centres will be accepting walk-ins for the duration of the event. The goal of the event is to ensure same day adoptions.

If you are coming to adopt a pet. Please be prepared:

- All household members must be present for a meet and greet with the adoptable pet.
- If you are adopting a dog and you have another dog at home, please bring your dog with you for the meet and greet.

Adoption fees will be reduced for some adult dogs and cats in hopes of finding them their forever home sooner. Adult dog and cat adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, parasite treatment, microchip, vaccines and first order of food. Rabbit adoptions include spay/neuter and microchip.

If you're looking to add a kitten to your family, the HSKWSP also has more than 20 kittens currently available for adoption.

The Humane Society cares for animals in both their animal centres, as well as with the help of a large number of foster parents at both sites. Operating as a registered charity, the HSKWSP does not receive any government funding and relies on the generosity of its donors, as well as fundraising events and activities.

For more information on the walk-in adoption event or initiatives of the Humane Society, visit [kwsphumane.ca](http://kwsphumane.ca) or visit them on social media.

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