

## Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth launches urgent appeal for Injured cat that needs amputation surgery

**KITCHENER & STRATFORD, ONTARIO:** The Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth (HSKWSP) has launched an <u>urgent appeal campaign</u> to raise funds for a one-year-old cat who needs emergency surgery to have one of her limbs amputated.

The cat, named Blossom by staff, arrived at the centre as a stray in poor condition. The physical examination, including bloodwork and x-rays administered by the Humane Society veterinary team, revealed Blossom had an old injury that was left untreated for far too long.

Blossom heads into an emergency surgery today to have her front left leg amputated. The HSKWSP estimates that her medical and care costs could reach up to \$4,000 or more by the time she is ready for adoption. This includes the cost of surgery to have the limb removed, spay surgery (at a later date), antibiotics and cost of care. Following surgery, Blossom will head into foster care to recover until she is ready to find her forever home.

"The money raised from this campaign will help Blossom lead a healthy, happy life," stated Victoria Baby, chief executive officer, the HSKWSP. "We have had several emergency cases like this within the past two weeks and rely on our community's generosity to provide this life-saving medical care. We truly hope you'll donate today."

Last week, 4-month-old Nimbus was brought into our care. He had multiple fractures in his front left limb and was clearly in a lot of pain. Our medical team performed an emergency surgery, which cost \$3,500, to have his limb removed. His surgery went well, and this little tripod is recovering in his loving foster home.

Two weeks ago, three-year-old Kit Kat was brought into our centre after she had ingested leaves of the highly toxic lily plant. Our veterinary team immediately administered medication and she was rushed to emergency to be treated. Kit Kat is doing well and is now up for adoption! Her cost of care was \$3,000.

Consider making a one-time donation for Blossom <u>here</u>. Anything raised above and beyond will go to care for animals like Blossom, Nimbus and Kit Kat, who need it the most. For more information on the initiatives of the Humane Society of Kitchener Waterloo & Stratford Perth, please visit kwsphumane.ca.

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