

ALMOST HEALTHY. ALMOST HEALED. **ALMOST HAPPY.**

# ALMOST HOME



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REGINA HUMANE SOCIETY  
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



You're part of a special group of people. You care about the animals in our community, and you know the comfort and joy they can bring to us and to our loved ones.



**OSCAR**  
Adopted 2019



**TWITCH**  
Adopted 2020



**BUBBLES**  
Adopted 2020

Perhaps you know the joy of arriving home to a wagging tail and sloppy kisses, to purrs and cuddles from an animal who loves you unconditionally. Even if you don't own an animal, you know the comfort and joy they can bring to people's lives.

But you've also seen that not all animals are as lucky in finding their forever homes. Cats, dogs and other small animals in Regina find themselves homeless, abused, hungry and abandoned.

That's where the Regina Humane Society comes into the story. For more than 55 years, we've provided a caring and loving place for animals.

**But our ability to continue caring for animals is in serious jeopardy, and we desperately need your help.**

Despite doing our best, animals are losing their lives every day because our current Shelter is unable to meet the needs of the community. It's literally falling down around us, spreading disease, and creating immense stress for both our animals and our people.

**Our animals need and deserve a new home, and they need your compassionate support to make it happen.**



**ORACLE**  
Adopted 2017





# A letter from the heart



FROM THE  
♥

## Dear Donor,

You've never met me, but I'm full of gratitude for what you've made happen for my students.

I'm the teacher at Quiet High, a classroom that was set up to accommodate the needs of students with severe anxiety and/or depression in the Regina Public School system. My students and I have been volunteering at the Regina Humane Society every Tuesday afternoon for the past four years, and our time there is often the highlight of the week for my kids.

Jameson rarely talks and spends most of his free time sleeping, but on Tuesdays he comes alive when he's in the community cat room at RHS. Cats are drawn to him, and while he's cuddling a cat or kitten and laughing and talking with his classmates, his authentic and confident self emerges.

Another student, Florence, was so timid when I first met her, and she rarely attended school. But spending time at RHS has really improved her confidence. The change in her attitude, and even in her appearance, is remarkable, and I credit RHS for much of this.

The students and I are really looking forward to having the new Shelter in a location where the students can volunteer or do a work placement without someone having to drive them outside the city limits.

One of the parents said it best when she shared that "the humane society is in the business of saving animals and people."

Sincerely,

*Anna-Marie Donovan*

Quiet High Classroom Teacher



# YOUR IMPACT

The students at Quiet High are just a few of the many people in Regina whose lives have been changed by animals.

Over the years, donors like you have had a tremendous impact on our community. **Here are just some of the ways you've made a difference:**



Thousands of children and adults participate in **education programs promoting humane values, responsible pet care and animal safety.**



The first to respond when animals are at risk, Regina Humane Society Officers are in the field seven days a week and on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, **rescuing animals in need.**



We ensure the words *Lost and Found* stay together by **reuniting** over 600 pets with their worried families each year.



Vulnerable families receive help through our Safe Places program, which provides **interim foster care for the pets of those escaping domestic violence** and transitioning into a non-abusive environment.



Through our Pet Assisted Therapy Program, volunteers and adoptable pets provide opportunities to **share joy and social interaction** while reducing anxiety and depression in over 300 therapeutic visits made to program participants in schools, hospitals and nursing homes each year.

Ten years ago your support led to the opening of **Saskatchewan's first and only Animal Shelter Hospital.**



This was soon followed by the launch of **Canada's first Mobile Spay and Neuter Clinic** providing sterilization and microchip services to homeless shelter pets as well as those in at-risk communities to reduce unwanted litters and prevent more animals from entering the Shelter.



Our Working Cats Program, Adoption Army and Pet Store Adoption Partners **enlist the community** as enthusiastic ambassadors to help connect over 2,000 people and pets through adoption each year.

Literacy programs like Kitty Readers **help children practice reading** in a fun and engaging way, while also socializing homeless cats.





# A letter from the heart



FROM THE  
HEART

## Dear Supporter,

Have you ever received a love letter from a dog before? Well, there's a first time for everything!

But first things first, I know what you're thinking, and yes, that was me in the "before" photo.

I don't think I'll ever forget that day. All I wanted to do was run and find help, but the chain around my neck wouldn't budge. I was so hungry and cold and wanted food and a blanket, but my owners provided nothing but a cardboard box.

I don't know what I did to deserve being chained outside in the cold on a harsh -35 degree January day. Did I deserve icicles on my chin? I know I was a good boy!

The look of pure sadness on the Animal Protection Officer's face when he first saw me answered the question. Nothing. No animal deserves this. But that's where my sad tale ends.

Now, I have toys to play with, a cozy bed to keep me warm, and a family who adores me, including two young humans who snuggle and play with me all day long. I hope they know how much I love them! Truly, what more could any dog ask for?

This is my new life, and I have you to thank for that. Now, who wants to see me catch a ball?!

With love,

*Sampson*





# AN URGENT NEED



With your support we've reunited lost pets with their families, housed the homeless, fed the starving, healed the ill and injured, and created happily-ever-after stories for hundreds of thousands of pets and their new families.

**But we've reached the limit of what we can do in our current Shelter.**

The Regina Humane Society is struggling to maintain urgent and increasing needs. If you've been to our building, you'll know that we operate out of a time-expired facility that was built well over a generation ago with volunteer labour and donated materials.

**Our building is, quite literally, falling down around us.**

Ceilings leak, offices are cramped and noisy, our veterinarians perform surgery out of a small truck, and cracks in the walls and floor make it impossible to sanitize spaces.

It is costly to meet current occupational and public health, safety, accessibility and fire standards in a building that is beyond repair.



**What does that mean? It means that animals are dying because the building itself is causing disease.**

It means that our day-to-day operations are expensive and inefficient and are consuming funds and human resources that could be better used elsewhere. It means that there's limited space for programs and services.



**When you walk through the front doors, you feel despair. Don't our animals deserve better?**





# A letter from the heart



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**Dear Melissa,**

Do you have any idea how much I love you? In fact, it was love at first sight for me.

That day when you came to the Shelter to be interviewed to be my mom, I knew you were my human the moment you sat down on the floor and started talking to me instead of the people who were interviewing you.

You looked me in the eyes and saw my big heart instead of my terrible wounds. I looked back and saw that you needed my love just as much as I needed yours.

We've been inseparable ever since. It makes me so happy when you laugh at the silly little things I do, like when I sit like a meerkat when I'm looking out the window. Yes, I do it to relieve the pressure on my damaged paws, but I also do it to make you smile.

I barely remember the pain and suffering when I was left for dead with my legs wrapped tightly in electrical tape. But I do remember how hard the veterinarians at the Shelter worked to save my life. And I'm so glad they did.

These days, I'm warm and cozy in our home. There's food to eat (oh, how I love my food), shadows to chase, and a door to sit by patiently until you get home from work every day.

Love,

*Bruce Almighty*





# MORE THAN A SHELTER

It will be a community hub – a Centre that engages youth and families, provides support and services, teaches new skills, inspires positive action and responsibility, instills humane values, and builds community.

The Centre will be a place for everyone, providing a stress-free environment for people and animals alike. It will be an efficient and cost-effective model of humane care and community involvement with the health standards of a hospital, the educational aspects of a school and the appeal of a community destination.

**Regina will become a model city with the first fully integrated Animal Community Centre of its kind in Canada.**

**The new  
Regina Animal  
Community Centre  
will be so much more  
than four walls and a roof.**





# A CENTRE FOR YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES

When you walk through the doors of the new Animal Community Centre, you will feel joy rather than despair.

You'll see families enjoying the off-leash dog park with their beloved pets. You'll see big windows and lots of light.

**You'll notice cats playing in a space custom-built for their needs.**



**Traditional cages will be replaced with healthier, friendlier habitats.**

**Comfortable, home-like enclosures for dogs, condos and climbing trees for cats and a room for small animals, all designed to be quiet and odour-free.**







**The new Centre will be a much friendlier space for humans too.**

School groups and the public will be drawn in through camps, courses and events taking place in the large education spaces. Families will learn from and enjoy interactive exhibits, and our volunteers will have greater opportunities to contribute in meaningful ways. Seniors and those with special needs will have accessible spaces to enjoy social and recreational activities, with and for our shelter pets.

A fully equipped veterinary clinic will support animal intake, rescue, outreach and adoption services. Other best practices include a healthy and humane pet shop as well as indoor and outdoor recreation spaces.

**It will be a place where people can find, bring, care for, learn about and celebrate the animals that enrich our lives.**



# A letter from the heart



FROM THE  
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## Dear Donor,

Our names are Jack and Lucas and we are two young brothers who live in Regina.

Has something ever changed your life for the better? That's how we felt when our dog, Sada, joined our family a few months ago. Every day, she puts a smile on our faces even when we've had a bad day.

When Sada was little, her mom died in a tragic accident. She needed her mom to feed her and play with her and teach her the important things she needs to know about being a dog.

The Regina Humane Society came to Sada's rescue, took her in and saved her life. They became the mom she never had. They bottle fed her and watched her around the clock until she was big enough for us to find her and take her home.

The first time we saw Sada, we knew she was the right dog for our family. She's playful, loving, kind, happy, sneaky and very cuddly. Our lives have gone from good to even better because of Sada.

We've been raising money for the new Shelter, and we hope you will make a donation too. The new Shelter will give animals the space they need to enjoy themselves until they find their forever home, like Sada found with us.

With thanks,

*Jack & Lucas Sivertson*





# CAN REGINA'S ANIMALS COUNT ON YOU?

Let's not mince words: Animals are struggling every day because the current Shelter is falling down around them.

Dogs and cats are getting needlessly sick because it's impossible to sanitize their spaces.

Tiny dogs quake in fear because they're sharing close quarters with big dogs with big barks.

Kittens are being fed by hand while sitting on someone's desk because there's no nursery space for them.

Surgeries are performed in small, crowded spaces with animals recovering in noisy, high-traffic areas.

**The conditions are unacceptable, wouldn't you agree?**

Our beloved animals deserve so much more than four walls and a roof. They deserve a home where they can survive and thrive, and we are almost there.

**Almost is a big word for us. We feel it everywhere.**

**Almost healthy. Almost healed. Almost happy. ALMOST HOME.**

**But we can't make  
it home without you...  
Please make your gift today.**

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