

# YEAR END REPORT

## DENCH ANIMAL SHELTER



# ANIMAL SHELTER AT A GLANCE

**111**  
ANIMAL  
AT LARGE  
CALLS

**93**  
LOST AND  
FOUND  
PET CALLS



**43 Injured/Nuisance Wildlife Calls**

**131**

Animal Intake  
to Shelter



**74**

Complaints of  
Dogs Barking



**282**

Adoption  
inquiries

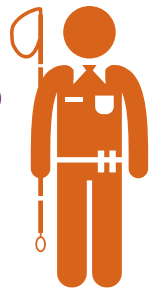


**\$7,195**

DOG TAG  
SALES  
2022



ANIMAL SHELTER  
OPERATED BY THE  
BYLAW/ANIMAL  
SERVICES DEPT AND  
IS PART OF THE  
SHARED DUTIES BY  
STAFF  
Full Time - 3  
Part-Time - 3



The Township of Brock Dench animal shelter promotes a safe and healthy environment for people and all animals, and is committed to providing quality care to animals in distress – whether in our care or in the wild. The Township owns and operates the Dench Animal Shelter, and investigate animal complaints and enforce animal by-laws in the community.



CAT  
ADOPTIONS

**79**

DOG  
ADOPTIONS

**8**



# MESSAGE FROM STAFF

The Township of Brock Dench Animal Shelter year end report for the fiscal year 2022 highlights the best of the shelter's achievements and a few success stories. For all of us working at the animal shelter, we are familiar with a fast-paced environment and the after effect of the Covid-19 virus has created new challenges such as increased costs and wait times for veterinary care and a large increase in the intake of dogs found at large, unclaimed, and all between the age of 6 months to 2 years usually with behavioural issues. The term "Covid Puppies" is now known throughout the animal sheltering community. This report provides us an opportunity to reflect on the past year and the progress we have accomplished as a team, with the support of foster parents, rescue partners and the community.

We are proud to announce that we doubled the projected amount of adoptions for the year and increased the amount of animal adoptions from our facility from 32 in 2021 to 87 in 2022!!! This success and many others was not reached easily and took the hard work of staff and our community and agency partners and we are thankful to each and everyone who has played a role in the success.

The shelter, outfitted the cat room with state of the art stainless steel caging and a new computer tracking system for the shelter was purchased and has been instrumental in allowing the staff to track all activities within the shelter.

We continue to grow our services and programs each year and are focused on providing more educational programs promoting responsible animal ownership and are actively researching the ability to begin a volunteer program at the shelter for dog-walking and/or cat socialization. Included in this is the strengthening of our foster program.



The shelter recognizes the true heroes are the animal rescue groups, partner shelters and agencies and most important are those who open up their homes and adopt. Pet overpopulation continues to be a challenge for this community, primarily for at large dogs and cats not spayed or neutered. More then ever responsible pet ownership, which includes spaying and neutering so that we can make a difference for future generations of animals in the Township of Brock.





# STATISTICS

**979**

Number of activities handled

**\$1,339.45**

Fines and Pound Fees

**87**

Animals Adopted

Number Of Animal Surrenders

**13**

Number of impounded animals claimed by owner

**39**

Animal Transfers In

**4**

Animal Transfers Out

**50**

Vet Visits

**62**

The Township of Brock Dench Animal Shelter includes 1 FT and 1 PT Officer who are primarily dedicated to the shelter and its operations, however all staff in the Animal Control and Bylaw Enforcement Department also contribute to the day to day operation of the facility. Staff assist residents on a priority basis and the facility is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year and provides 24hr emergency response.





# AGENCY PARTNERSHIPS



THE DENCH ANIMAL SHELTER works closely with industry partners in ensuring excellence in both the safety of the public and the animal within the Township of Brock. The shelter works closely with the Durham Regional Police, Ontario Provincial Police, Brock Township Fire, and the Provincial Animal Welfare Service. The Dench Animal Shelter is a proud to be a satellite shelter for PAWS.

**PAWS BOARDING  
REVENUE  
\$6,525**



The shelter also works closely with other Municipal Animal Shelters, (such as Whitby Animal Services, Uxbridge-Scugog, and Toronto Animal Services) in ensuring that animals that come in to our care, that are unclaimed, can be provided the best possible chance at adoption. Our facility has both accepted and sent animal transfers. This co-operation between shelters helps eliminate long shelter stays, thereby improving the health and welfare of the animals. These transfers are instrumental in preventing an overcrowded facility. The Shelter is very thankful for this crucial support and assistance. The shelter also works closely with rescue groups who typically take in pets with medical and/or behavior challenges and rehabilitate them to a point they are adoption ready. Rescue groups are essential as they take in and work with pets that would otherwise not have a chance of thriving in the shelter environment and are unlikely to be adopted.

Staff are also committed to excellence in wildlife care and control and work with the local wildlife rehabilitation centers to provide transport, rescue and release when applicable. These agencies are instrumental in the care and rehabilitation of animals wild by nature and ensure more animals return to the wild and are thereby not euthanized. (Shades of Hope, Kawartha Wildlife Centre, Procyon, Toronto Wildlife)





# NOTABLE EVENTS





## **SICK AND INJURED ANIMAL FUND**

The Sick and Injured Animal Fund is a fund in which 100% of all donations received go directly to provide veterinary care and treatment for animals, including enrichment and rehabilitation that find their way in to our care. Octavia is a success story and is one of the many recipients of the fund:

Octavia came to the shelter at the end of 2021 as a stray. Octavia was a nervous dog and was uncomfortable on her back-hip area, showing signs of discomfort and pain. Octavia, not claimed her owner, was vaccinated, spayed for eventual adoption. The veterinarian, in order to address the pain in the hip area provided radiographs to complete an accurate diagnosis where it was determined that “Octavia appears to have suffered a pretty severe trauma in her past which left her with a fractured left acetabulum/hip. There are now degenerative changes in the left hip joint that will progress and worsen over time.” The news was hard to take, as Octavia had obviously suffered a trauma that was not properly treated by the former owner and has a result poor Octavia had been in discomfort. Consultations were completed at various animal hospitals and specialists, with a surgery of \$6,000-\$9,000 provided as an option as was, rehabilitation and pain management control. Over the next few months, with therapy, pain control and management and exceptional care by vets, and shelter staff, Octavia’s injuries recovered, as did her disposition and overall general enjoyment of life. Though with us a long time, shelter staff were able to find her a loving, and supportive new family who understood not only the breed but where committed to her ongoing medical support.

Without the donations to the sick and injured animal fund, we would not have been able to afford the expenses required to help and assist this wonderful and deserving soul. The shelter is nothing without the support of the community and Octavia, her new family and the staff are very grateful for the support.





THE COMMUNITY OF BROCK IS FULL OF GENEROSITY FOR ANIMALS IN NEED. WE THANK LOCAL BUSINESSES, RESIDENTS, FRIENDS AND ANIMAL LOVERS FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE MAKING 2022 A GREAT YEAR FOR OUR SHELTER AND THE ANIMALS IN OUR CARE. FROM INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS, TO THOSE FROM BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS, OUR SHELTER HAS BEEN OVERWHELMED BY THE GENEROSITY AND LOVE FROM THE COMMUNITY.



3,751  FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

