



The Guelph Humane Society Incorporated

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Cooperation saves treed cat from freezing temperatures.

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On Tuesday, January 13th the Guelph Humane Society (GHS), partnering with Humane Wildlife Control (HWC), rescued 'Wrong-Way Jay' a large grey and white tabby who had spent three days in a tree at 17 Eliot Place in Guelph. This friendly, stray cat, while having a very red nose, was otherwise no worse-for-wear when checked by the staff veterinarian at GHS on Tuesday.

'Wrong Way Jay', so named because he could not figure out how to get down from the 40 foot tree, was first reported to the Guelph Humane Society on Monday evening. An Animal Control Officer went out the Eliot Place location and seeing he was, indeed, in the tree but not in any peril, left food at the base of the tree to coax him down on his own. "On Tuesday, the temperature dropped significantly and something had to be done," explained Tammy Wright, GHS Animal Control Officer. Humane Wildlife Control (HWC) was called in for back-up.

Jason Boles, Wildlife Technician, from HWC used a 32 foot ladder to reach Jay. "The cat started to meow when he saw the technician and then he went right into Jason's arms. The cat was ready to come down," Wright stated.

"Guelph Humane Society is most grateful to Humane Wildlife Control for their assistance in retrieving the cat," said Elizabeth Bonkink, Executive Director, GHS. The two organizations have often worked cooperatively for wildlife cases. Bill Dowd, President Humane Wildlife control said, "Participation in the rescue of Jay was part of Humane Wildlife Control's partnership initiative in recognizing the valuable contribution that Guelph Humane Society makes to the lives of animals every day."

GHS will hold Jay in hopes his owner will come forward. However, should no one claim him he will go up for adoption. Interested parties are encouraged to wait until Wednesday of next week before stopping by and meet Jay in order to give his owner plenty of time to claim him.

In these extremely cold temperatures, the Guelph Humane Society would like to remind pet owners that having a fur coat does not preclude pets from developing frostbite and hypothermia. GHS urges pet owners to keep pets indoors and to keep outdoor exercise time to a minimum.

Pictured below: Wildlife Technician Jason Boles, GHS Animal Control Officer Stefanie Kotschwar and cat, 'Wrong Way Jay'.



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About Guelph Humane Society

The Guelph Humane Society is a registered charitable organization that receives no government funding, but is funded solely through private donations, special events and fundraising efforts. Those who wish to help can make donations to:

Guelph Humane Society Inc.,
500 Wellington Street West, P.O. Box 684,
Guelph ON, N1H 6L3,
or made by phone at 519-824-3091
or through our website at www.guelph-humane.on.ca

Other ways you can assist the Humane Society:

- Report animal cruelty and neglect.
- Spread the word about the importance of responsible pet ownership, including spaying and neutering.
- Volunteer your time to assist at the shelter or at one of the shelter's special events.
- Choose your next pet from among the many homeless animals being cared for at the shelter.

There are many wonderful animals available for adoption who are waiting for a second chance.

Protecting animals since 1893, the Guelph Humane Society is dedicated to ensuring the welfare of all animals through cruelty investigations, animal care and rehabilitation, and public education.

About Humane Wildlife Control

Humane Wildlife Control has been an industry leader since 1989, and has pioneered several humane removal and exclusion techniques for a wide variety of urban animals. Humane Wildlife Control Inc. has developed partnerships with SPCA's/Humane Societies, Wildlife Rehabilitators, and Animal Control departments in communities across Canada. We believe that our humane approach combined with the education/awareness efforts of local SPCA's will help minimize urban wildlife conflicts and result in a better relationship between humans and the animals that live in our backyard.

For more information, go to: www.humanewildlifecontrol.com.