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Greenstone-area vet clinic hailed as a success

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Puppies at the Matawa's Animal Wellness Vet Clinic treated hundreds of pets in need of basic veterinary care on May 27, 2026. | Alicia Anderson

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GREENSTONE — May's animal wellness clinic contributed to pet population control and "demonstrated the benefits of partnerships between Indigenous organizations" and neighbouring municipalities, according to a report to Greenstone municipal council.

The May 26-31 clinic delivered by Matawa Animal Wellness Services saw 379 pets receive 152 spay/neuter procedures, 679 vaccinations, 372 deworming treatments and microchipping services for the Long Lake #58 and Ginoogaming First Nations along with Greenstone.

Greenstone council was told on Monday that 120 of the pets brought to the clinic were Greenstone animals, with 54 of those pets getting spayed or neutered.

“In conservative calculation,” a report from Matawa said, the 54 spaying and neutering procedures in Greenstone “prevented 81 puppies and 51 kittens from being born in the first year after the clinic.”

“The vet clinic was a testimony of what can happen when multiple organizations come together and collaborate on One Health and creating healthier communities for pets and people,” Matawa’s report stated.

“I think this was a great initiative, and I hope we do it again,” Rural West Coun. Fran Koning said at Monday’s Greenstone council meeting.

Matawa Animal Wellness Services presented the clinic for the First Nations and Greenstone with support from The Global Alliance for Pets and People, PetSmart Charities of Canada and the Northern Reach Network.

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