

PRANCING WITH THE STARS TO SUPPORT HUMANE SOCIETY

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Get set to help homeless animals and cheer on dancers as they compete for a top prize.

Oakville and Milton Humane Society's (OMHS) Prancing with the Stars will feature community leaders from across the GTA, paired with a professional dance instructor, competing for the title of "Best in Dance Show."

This trophy will be awarded at the event to the highest scoring dance duo based on technical ability, entertainment value and popular vote.

Taking place at the Oakville Conference Centre, 2515 Wyecroft Rd., the inaugural event on Nov. 6 begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$150.

"This is the first event of its type in support of animal welfare in Oakville and Milton and I couldn't be more excited about the reaction we have had from the community and organizations that have been reaching out to learn how they can be part of this one-of-a-kind event," says OMHS executive director Rick Perciante.

Oakville resident Cari MacLean chairs the Prancing with the Stars committee, and participated as a dancer in a similar event in 2018 in support of the Canada Winter Games.

"I'm not a dancer so the whole experience proved to be a life-

changing event for me, explains MacLean.

"Somehow I rose to the occasion and got it done.

"This time around I'm giving the opportunity to someone else and I know the dancers we are putting under the spotlight will put on an amazing show.

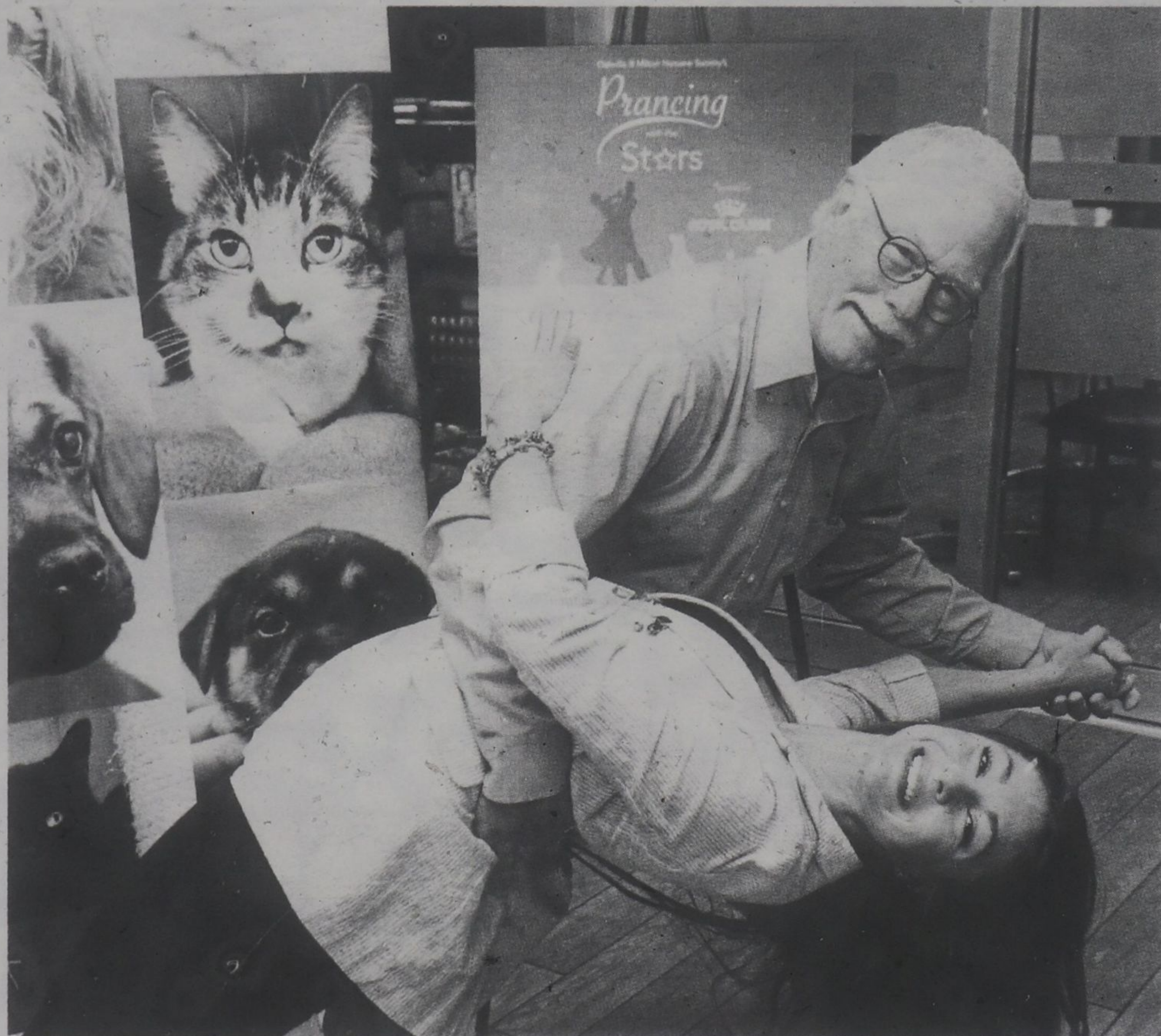
"I'm particularly proud of being part of an event that brings the community together while supporting the amazing work the OMHS does in championing animal welfare."

Dancers are: Oliver Matas, president of the Oakville and Milton Real Estate Board; Elissa Landsdell, Canadian TV personality and writer; Clayton Shold, OMHS board chair; Lana Hockey, community connector, philanthropic activist; and Che Marvill, yoga instructor, community connector.

The judges are Richard Thibault, whose expertise has evolved mainly in DanceSport (aka ballroom dancing), Tanya Turschic-Carbone, a performer, choreographer, teacher and adjudicator, and MacLean.

The OMHS is an independent, non-profit charitable organization and relies entirely on donations from the public and corporate partners to provide animal care and support within the shelter.

Tickets can be purchased at www.omhs.ca/pwts



Nikki Wesley/Torstar

Ilinca Oprescu gives Humane Society Board Chair Clayton Shold his first dance lesson during the launch of the Oakville and Milton Humane Society's fundraiser Prancing with the Stars at Longo's.

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