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A stray dog picked up by the Oakville and District Humane Society gave birth to these puppies in the shelter's lobby.

! Shelter overrun with pets

The Oakville and District cats and dogs. Adoptions have also sion of service, staff said. Humane Society is coping with one of its most difficult summers ever as the facility bursts at its seams with dogs and cats looking for homes.

"We currently have more than 200 cats and 50 dogs in the building," said Johanne Golder, general manager. "There has been an unusually low claim rate for lost

been slow. Pair that with a busy season of orphaned kittens. We have cats in offices, bathrooms and hallways just to cope with the volume."

At a place where volunteer and staff assistance is available to needy animals 24 hours a day, seven days a week, it's not often the society is concerned about provi-

But this is no ordinary summer.

More than half of the 15 full-time staff members are taking home orphaned kittens each night to bottle feed them around the clock, Ms Golder said.

"It's never been quite like this in my time at the society. We need the community's support to get

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