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Lindsay loves to help out man's best friend

Woman raising money for Humane Society

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ST. CATHARINES -- When Lindsay Iuliano makes her way over the Humane Society once a week to walk the dogs, one thing she notices is where they're kept.

At any one time, there are up to 25 dogs staying in caged pens plus up to 15 in quarantine sleeping on raised plastic beds or right on the concrete.

For Iuliano, that just won't do. The dogs wait anywhere between a few weeks to months to be adopted. And as far as she's concerned, they deserve to be kept in comfort.

"They're in a cage for 24 hours a day unless a volunteer come to take them for a walk," Iuliano said. "It's just not good for the big, older dogs to be lying on the concrete."

Iuliano is now looking to provide a proper sleeping environments for the animals. To raise the necessary funds, she's selling livestrong style silicone wristbands, featuring the words "unconditional love/LCHS."

She's just ordered 1,000 wristbands, each selling for \$5 a piece, with all the profit -- \$4 per band -- going to buy beds.

This is not the first time Iuliano has raised money for the Society.

Having been a volunteer walker for a year now, Iuliano was there in the sweltering heat last summer when there was no air conditioning.

So Iuliano and her mother sold chocolate almonds, raising about one-third of the \$7,000 cost for the unit. Her efforts earned her LCHS' first volunteer of the year award at its Annual General Meeting held in March.

Kevin Strooband, manager of LCHS, said while they appreciate all their volunteers, there are some that stand out.

"Some go above and beyond, which is what she's doing," Strooband said.

He said it's going to be tricky to find good beds at a reasonable cost that are waterproof and durable enough to withstand constant abuse.

"We've had some of them just destroyed by dogs," he said. "It's like a chew toy."

The bracelets are being sold at the Lincoln County Humane Society at 160 Fourth Ave. Staff and volunteers will also bring the bracelets with them to future fundraisers and public awareness events.



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Lindsay Iuliano is selling blue rubber bracelets to raise money for beds for the dogs staying at the Lincoln County Humane Society, such as Hailey, a Husky-Shepherd mix.