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Milk Crate Cruelty

By Adrienne Maranduik



When the staff at the local animal control came to work one cool September morning, they found a helpless package waiting for them. "Kiwi", as she is now known, was crammed into a small milk crate for hours, abandoned by her owners and left without food or water. Betrayed by the ones who always promised to love and care for her.

Kiwi was taken in where it was discovered she was suffering from a serious skin condition. Due to the time and expense needed to help this poor dog, Burlington Humane stepped up to take over her care. Under our love and attention, we knew she would get the second chance she desperately deserved.

Petrified from her overnight ordeal, Kiwi was shaking and refused to leave her carrier when she arrived at the shelter. The staff and volunteers immediately began to socialize Kiwi, earning her trust was the first step. Determining the extent of her skin issues, and any other medical care she might need before she could

take the wonderful journey of finding her new forever home, was step two.

This sweetheart was examined by our long-term shelter veterinarian, where it was confirmed that she suffered from a severe yeast infection. The infection had affected Kiwi so badly that she had lost much of her hair and most of her skin was scaly. We knew she was really suffering.

Yeast is found on the skin and in the ears of all dogs. In most healthy dogs the presence of this yeast is not a problem. However, some breeds, including Chihuahuas, are more prone to yeast infections, and certain environmental conditions or allergies can intensify this condition.

Dr. Hall immediately placed Kiwi on a treatment regimen that included antifungal medications and lotions, antibiotics and medications to soothe the itching and pain from the yeast infection, as well as a special prescription diet. To help Kiwi both physically and mentally recover from her troubled past, a foster-to-adopt home was found with one of our amazing dog walkers. In time Kiwi will also be spayed, vaccinated, dewormed and microchipped.

For now Kiwi spends her nights cuddling in the loving arms of her foster family, as they all cozy up in bed together. Far away are the memories of living in pain, and being abandoned like a used carton of milk. Although Kiwi still has many months of treatment left, both her body and her heart are on the mend!

Kiwi's skin care was paid for by the Sally Fund; a fund used specifically for covering the unusual medical costs of dogs in Burlington Humane's care. Please donate to the Sally Fund this holiday season if you would like to help a special dog like Kiwi have a second chance at a happy life.



Kiwi Now

Celebrating over

40yrs

Helping People & Animals Since 1974

Registered charity number
119254498RR0001



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President's Message *By Bianca Chambers*

This is my second newsletter report since taking on the President's job in June. Needless to say, it has been a learning curve. Every day brings something new! It is fun, frustrating and at times very emotional. Thankfully BHS is a no-kill shelter and is able to be there for the animals, even those who are injured or ill.

The Adoption Committee and Megan DeGroot (Animal Care Manager) have been working hard to update and improve our intake procedures. The implementation of a completely new computer program has allowed the Adoptions/Animal Care Teams to go "paperless" and provides better communication among the staff.

Fall is a busy season with several fundraisers and a full shelter of animals. You will see from other reports how important our volunteers are to our organization. We would not be who we are without our volunteers and I want to thank every one of you.

Thanks also to all of our supporters whose financial and other donations allow us to take on many animals who need more than routine care. As with Kiwi, we are able provide each one a second chance at life.

This is the time of year when many of you choose a charity to support, either with a monthly donation, an employer-sponsored contribution, or a one-time donation. Please consider BHS and be assured that every donation goes for animal care and support. Thank you all so much!

The Board of Directors and staff wish a safe and happy holiday season to you and your pets!

Keep the Poinsettia...

Watch out for these holiday favourites around your furry family members:

Mistletoe: Ingestion of small quantities can lead to excessive drooling and digestive upset, while larger quantities can lead to heart rate and rhythm problems (arrhythmias) or neurologic issues. Hang it high and remove the berries to improve safety

Cyclamen: Commonly sold at grocery stores and garden centers, these beautiful plants can cause excessive drooling, digestive upset, and heart problems for pets that decide to take a taste.

And finally, about those "evil" **Poinsettias**... While they can cause some mild digestive upset for the cat or dog that nibbles them, they're not nearly as deadly as you've likely read or been lead to believe.

*Courtesy:
PreventiveVet*

Stocking Stuffers

The Burlington Humane Society has great ideas for stocking stuffers. You can buy great gifts for your family and support your local shelter at the same time.

- *Lottery Tickets*
- *Catnip mice for the cats on your list*
- *Gift Membership or In Honour donation for that hard-to-buy for animal lover*

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Adoption Report

By Megan DeGroot

Another year has come and gone and as usual the shelter was full over the summer and fall. Recently we have had many adoptions but we still have many cats and dogs in need of their forever home. Now through January is a busy season for adoptions so hopefully every one of our cats and dogs will be lucky enough to say goodbye to shelter living.

The number of stray cats has been lower than in past years – hopefully due to our successful spay/neuter program. Microchipping has enabled us to help some strays find their way back

home. Because of our lower numbers, we have been able to assist with more surrendered and special needs animals.

We can never thank our volunteers enough for helping each and every day. While caring for the animals is a lot of work, the rewards are many. Where else can you make an animal happy with a few scratches on the ears or pats down the back? Or what about a big lick from a thankful dog? Every job in the shelter is important for an animal's care and well-being while with us. Transporting, fostering, cat feed and clean,

dog walking and showing animals to prospective adopters are all fulfilling and supportive jobs at BHS.

We are so thankful for our Animal Care Workers - Gilda, Chelsea, Sarah, Cindy and Julia for making sure every animal is properly and lovingly cared for. They often have to work extra time if we are short volunteers or to complete their work and they do so without complaint. We are also thankful for our Adoption Counsellors - Janet, Jess, Jenn and Cindy who do an amazing job matching animals with their forever families.

Each year we work towards making the shelter a comfortable place for the animals until adoption. Often work seems like play, whether it's getting a purr from a shy cat, bathing a dog or cleaning while a litter of kittens run all over the place, your blood pressure will surely be lowered!

We will continue to improve every day because each animal deserves to feel loved.



The Attic and The Loft

By Carole McArther

Our stores continue to change with the times and we welcome all the new volunteers who have come to help us with our fundraising efforts at both stores. Our stores are as needed now as they ever were, especially in today's economy.

While the very hot summer has

affected sales generally, both stores continue to be a valuable source of revenue for Burlington Humane. Countless animals have been helped over the years, with their treatment costs covered in some part from the proceeds of sales from the two stores.

With Christmas around the corner, The Loft and The Attic are great places for finding that extra gift for friends or your pets.

We thank our tireless and dedicated volunteers at both The Loft and The Attic, as well as those people who have generously made their donations of gently used treasures to the stores.



Open House and Bake Sale

December 10th 2016

Open House: 10:00am - 5:00pm
Special pricing for cats

Bake sale & Silent Auction: 11:00am - 3:00pm

Visit our shelter to meet our cats, dogs and staff! Enjoy our delicious goodies and buy some great gifts for your furry friends.

For every \$10 spent - name a 2017 BHS animal.



New BHS Clothes Available for Purchase

Greet the winter holidays in style with a Burlington Humane t-shirt, hoodie, sweater, or hat. Visit the shelter and browse through our clothing assortment.

All proceeds go toward helping the homeless and abandoned animals.



Happy Holidays to our Volunteers

By Alex Zych



'Tis the holiday season and we want to send a Happy Holiday cheer to our incredible group of volunteers!

Dear Volunteers,

You donate your time and energy day after day to care for our animals. You show them compassion, respect and **oh so many cuddles!**

You lend a hand when we are in need and sacrifice your valuable spare time to come to our aid.

You answer calls professionally, greet guests and help families find their new furry best friend.

You promote store sales, collect and display items and help raise valuable funds.

You decorate, maintain and repair our facility – and it sparkles!

You support your community through beneficial pet therapy visits and teach children the responsibility of pet ownership.

You give your time fostering, transporting animals, collecting donations and making catnip mice for sale.

You provide special event help and put in long hours to help us succeed.

You work to establish business policies and procedures for the betterment of the shelter.

You represent Burlington Humane beautifully and we couldn't be more proud to have you as part of our team.

Thank you for your time, dedication and love for the animals.

YOU ARE PAWESOME!

Thank you!

Pet Therapy

Tulie's Tale

By Silvia Patrizio



West Oak Village Team!



Let's go!

Tulie At Work

Hi. My name is Tulie. I'm a Bichon Frise. I'm 1 1/2 years old and I've been volunteering with the BHS Pet Therapy Program since I was just a little puppy. Pretty soon I'll be wearing my toque, identifying me as a therapy dog, just like my more seasoned colleagues. We're all buddies now. In fact, my older sister used to be a therapy dog too. It's become a family tradition.

When mom says "let's go visit the seniors", my eyes light up with excitement. We walk from home to the retirement centres, two of them, and I know the way through the side streets to both of them.

Seniors are really nice people. They are always happy to see us and make us feel like the centre of the universe. I LOVE sitting on their laps being stroked, covering their faces with doggy kisses....I always know what they've had for breakfast...They like to tell us stories about the dogs they used to own.

At the end of our visits, we "sit and give paw" for Helga, our group coordinator, to earn our Milk Bone treat.

Mom says that she enjoys volunteering for BHS, but really she knows that she's just a conduit between me and all my friends. I love my job!

Simone's Happy Tail—Thanks to the Ariel Fund



Simone recovering well after surgery

Simone is a beautiful 1 year old grey/brown tabby that broke her leg after jumping off an apartment balcony. Luckily, Burlington Humane was able to care for Simone using our Ariel fund—a fund specifically dedicated to helping cats in her situation. The sole purpose of the Ariel fund is to cover unusual medical costs of homeless cats with injuries requiring surgery or extraordinary medical care.

After a visit to the emergency hospital and a couple of x-rays, it was confirmed that Simone would need her leg amputated as the break was too severe to save.

Simone had her surgery at MacKay's Animal Hospital. She is now at home with her new loving and caring family.

To help cats like Simone, please donate to the Ariel Fund here:
<http://burlingtonhumane.ca/donate/arielsally-fund/>





Webster

This senior boy enjoys cuddles and spending quality time with his human friends. He will surely bring lots of joy into your home this holiday season.



James Bond

Bring some action into your home for the holidays with the one & only, James Bond.



Mack

This kitty is a gentle boy with a friendly attitude that will warm up your home and make you smile everyday.



There's no
Place like
HOME
For the
Holidays



Wednesday

Make your home complete by making the middle of the week better with Wednesday! She is a sassy and independent black cat. Wednesday wants to be your 'one and only' so she can hog all of the attention to herself.

Snicker & Twix

The two beautiful sisters love each other unconditionally, and they would like to share their love with you. Brighten up your home by sharing your winter holidays with these two gorgeous and playful girls.



December is *Home for the Holidays* month with reduced price adoptions all month.

We will be open on all Mondays in December except Boxing Day.

December 1st - 31st: Home for the Holidays *Special*. Adoption Fees are *reduced*.
(Dec. 1st - free photo with Santa for any adoption 4pm-8pm)

December 10th: Open House and Home for the Holidays *Special*

- Kitten (<6months) ~~\$200~~ \$150
- Cat (>6months) \$175 \$125
- 2 Kittens ~~\$350~~ \$250
- Senior (7+) ~~\$85~~ \$60
- Long-term Resident \$125 \$75
- Special Needs \$55 \$40
- Fancy/Declawed \$225 \$175

All other days in December: Home for the Holidays Adoption Fees:

- Kitten (<6months) ~~\$200~~ \$175
- Cat (>6months) \$175 \$150
- 2 Kittens ~~\$350~~ \$300
- Senior (7+) ~~\$85~~ \$70
- Long-term Resident \$125 \$100
- Special Needs \$55 \$50
- Fancy/Declawed \$225 \$200

Ways to Help

Have you ever wondered how you could support your local shelter without necessarily giving a donation? There are a variety of great ways that you can help the cats and dogs at BHS, without breaking your holiday budget.

- **Gift Baskets for your pet** - Don't forget your four-legged friends this Christmas. Shop early for the best selection of great gift baskets for cats and dogs.
- **BHS Calendars** - Purchase your 2017 Burlington Humane calendar featuring shelter animals from 2016 along with inspirational quotes and sayings.
- **Love the Animals Lottery** - Our annual lottery is back! All funds raised support Burlington's stray and abandoned animals. Call us at 905-637-7325 and place your order, or cut out the order form provided on the back of this newsletter and mail it in.
- **BHS Christmas Cards** - Purchase your Christmas cards at the shelter. All proceeds go toward feeding, housing, and medical care for the animals.
- **Smart Betty** - Every time you shop at smartbetty.com, 10% of their revenue is donated to a charity of your choice.
- **Canadian Tire money** - Help support the animals by donating your Canadian Tire money.
- **Shoppers Drug Mart Optimum Points** - You can help the shelter provide the love and care the animals need by going to shoppersdrugmart.ca and donating your points.



Wish List

Durable Dog and Cat Toys

Cat Crates/Carriers

Cat and Dog Treats

Hand Soap

Unscented Dryer Sheets

Kleenex

8.5 x 11 Printer Paper

Canada & US Stamps

Paper Towel

Liquid dish soap

Royal Canin Kitten/Cat and Puppy/Dog Food

We are a Royal Canin sponsored shelter and ideally like to feed all of our animals Royal Canin food. However, from time to time we get 'picky' cats and therefore like to have other options in case such as: Purina Kitten Chow, PVD Kitten (canned), Hills Science Diet Pate, Friskies, Whiskas & Snappy Tom

We especially need Cat Toys and Cat Treats.

Legacy Gifts

Legacy Gifts allow you to make a future donation to Burlington Humane Society without affecting your current financial circumstances. Regardless of the size of your planned bequest you can be sure that your gift will continue to make a lasting and important impact on the animals we care for. Giving options may even substantially reduce your taxes.



Monthly Giving & Automatic Bank Withdrawals

We have made donating to BHS even more convenient and easy to do. You can now set up pre-authorized bank withdrawals each month.

Monthly donors are very important to BHS as it provides us with a stable source of income for budgeting. Join our **Hearts of Humane** monthly giving program that helps provide a safe place for the stray and abandoned animals of Burlington, while also providing top quality medical attention and shelter care, including rehabilitation and socialization. There are many ways to donate. Visit our website for more info. If you would like to become a monthly donor through Automatic Bank Withdrawal, please contact michelle@burlingtonhumane.ca or by phone at 905-637-7325.



Donations - August 1 to October 31, 2016

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Thank you everyone for all of your wonderful support! With your generosity we can continue to provide aid and care to homeless and abandoned animals. Knowing that our community cares is a true blessing. We hope to continue to make you all proud!

While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, we apologize if omissions or errors have occurred.

In Memory of People

Anthony "Tony" John Marshall
Bob Brown
Carole
Donald & Wilma Sawell
Doreen Blonski
Duncan McCallum
Eileen Weatherhead
Gordon Wallace
Irene Smith
Isabel Patterson
Jasmine
Joan Paolucci
June Bland
Laurie Gillner
Lorraine Popovich
Madeline Joy
Maria Tavares
Muriel Baxendale
Nebojsa "Victor" Ralevic
Norm Proulx
Peter Kinnear
Phil Ashbaugh
Raymond Ouellet
Regina Dahne
Rick Milner
Robert Brown

Ruth Clark
Sandi Shaw

Sealey Tunis
Terry Attridge
Verna Thorpe

In Memory of Pets

Harley
Jake
Kingston
Marlowe
McGuire
Milo & Murphy
Murphy
Nova
Oscar
Pheobe
Remy
Sally Kurtz-Woodford
Simon
Sophie
Sparky
Zoe

In Honour of People

Blake Calder
Brian Krog - *50th Birthday*
Emma and Carter Corfield
Emma, Shalini, Shalika, Rachel, Maddy, & Kaliegh
Emma, Sophie and Bennett - *Lemonade stand*
Isabella and Veronica Jasiewicz - *7th & 5th Birthdays*
Jamie Gibson - *8th Birthday*
Jess Kellman - *Birthday*
Lauren and Charlotte Francis - *Lemonade stand*
Lauren Hart's—*In Honour of her Wedding*
Lily Mlekuz - *6th Birthday*
Marlie & Colbie - *6th Birthday*
Meredith Lynes
Mia Donivovic and Lili Sunjka - *Lemonade Stand*
Norm Sutterlin
Olivia Roberts - *Birthday*
Rick Jackson
Rob Kirby
Sarah Hiller - *Lemonade Stand*
Wilma Friend - *90th Birthday*

In Honour of Pets

Fyndlay
Phil



Junior Philanthropists

By Lena Alexandrova

The Burlington Humane Society would like to send out a special thank-you to the junior philanthropists. Your donations have helped us provide an excellent level of care for the animals at BHS. Your generosity has helped bring comfort into the lives of the animals at our shelter. Thank you for your support!

Here are just some of the Junior Philanthropists who have made a difference:



Emma and Carter made a donation to help out the stray and abandoned kitties in Burlington.

For her 8th birthday Jamie donated cat and dog food, treats and toys to BHS!



Sarah raised money for the animals by selling lemonade and donated the proceeds to BHS. Sarah and her siblings came into the shelter and met some of the kittens.



Burlington Humane Society

ORDER FORM - Love the Animals Raffle

I would like to purchase one ticket for \$5
 I would like to purchase five tickets for \$20
 I would like to purchase ____ tickets for ____

Your tickets will be mailed to you.
 For more information call 905-637-7325
 or visit www.burlingtonhumane.ca

ORDER INFORMATION

PAYMENT METHOD

Visa
 Mastercard
 Cash
 Cheque
 Debit (in shelter only)

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City & Province: _____
 Postal Code: _____
 Contact Number: _____
 Email: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Exp: ____/____/____ Signature: _____

May we contact you regarding other Burlington Humane Society Events? YES / NO




Fun Feline Fact

A cat can travel at a top speed of approximately 31 mph (49 km) over a short distance.

WE ARE PROUDLY INDEPENDENT! Burlington Humane is a member of the Canadian Confederation of Humane Societies.

We are not associated with the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA.




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