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To join us in the celebration of
the Grand Opening
of Burlington Humane's
New Adoption Centre

Sunday, September 14, 2008
12:30pm - 4:00pm



Ribbon cutting 1:00 p.m.

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OUR MISSION:

Burlington Humane is an organization of volunteers dedicated to the care and protection of the stray and abandoned animals in the Burlington area, operating solely on the generosity of the community.

President's Message by Jolene Regan

This Fall is full of events that I hope you all will be attending. The Grand Opening for the new shelter at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 14 will be a time to show off the new shelter and see how donations to the building fund have been put to good use.

Thanks to all who have made this new shelter a reality – we have had so many positive comments from those who have already been for a tour, and from those coming in to adopt an animal. It is truly a welcome place for the public and a safe and comfortable haven for the animals as they await their forever homes.

The annual fundraising event at Flamboro Downs will be held on Sunday, September 28. This is always a fun evening and your support is critical to our ongoing operations. And, the Howl-o-Ween Pawty will be held on October 18 at our new shelter. Join us for some FUN!

I have heard several comments that we have this new building – we must be really “rich”! Yes, we are “rich” in being able to build such a wonderful place for the animals! We have saved for over 10 years for this “dream” to come true, and been able to care for the animals also. The cost of running the building is very similar to the cost of renting our former premises, and with The Loft as an added contributor, we will be able to pay the building expenses. Your donations and support of fundraising events will continue to pay for the care of the animals, as always.

Urgent news:

Some of you may have heard of the proposed Bill 50: Provincial Animal Welfare Act, 2008. There are several sections of the Act that are contentious and on July 21, I made a presentation to the Justice Committee on Section 6 of the proposed Bill. That Section would give the right to the Ontario SPCA to designate use of the name “humane society” to those organizations of THEIR choosing. Many humane societies in Ontario, some affiliated with the OSPCA, and some independent, as we are, spoke out against this section. We were assured at that time that we would be “safe” from losing our name – the majority Liberal committee spokesperson Dave Levac stating “You can rest assured that the name will stay the same”.

Comments from Garfield Dunlop (PC) were: “... it looks like the government is going to cave on this one particular area”.

Comments from Cheri DiNovo (NDP) were: “Don’t be snowed by spin”. Unfortunately she was correct.

Amendments were made to Section 6, however, those amendments only appear to protect those humane societies who were affiliates as of April 3, 2008. Mr. Levac’s (Lib) comments regarding those independent organizations that use the “humane society” name: “It’s the courts that are now going to be carrying the load on decisions in terms of whether or not somebody can or cannot maintain their name”.

Cheri DiNovo (NDP) comments: “Why do we have this section in? It does affect existing organizations. Why force those existing organizations to have to go to court? What is the point in that? They’re going to take valuable money away from the good work that they do with animals to spend on lawyers. Is that in the interest of animals?”. Garfield Dunlop (PC) comments: “...our party won’t be supporting this either (the amendment to section 6)”.

Due to our history over the past 6 years with the OSPCA and the Hamilton SPCA, we are sure this Bill, when passed, will impact us negatively.

What can you do? Write or phone your MPP and protest Bill 50. The bill will now go to the legislature for Third reading when it convenes on Sept. 23. We will continue to fight this bill also. The NDP and PC’s will be voting against it. After hearing from other people and groups that have also borne the brunt of the OSPCA, this bill will only give the inspectors more power with no accountability. Should this be given legislative approval? Check out our website for more information.

Burlington Humane is not affiliated with the Ontario SPCA or associated with the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA

Adoptions Report by Judy Coney

We have been in the new Adoption Centre for 3 months now and it is everything I hoped it would be.

We are still fine tuning some of our procedures and I thank all the volunteers for hanging in there as we explore new ideas. Having our dogs with us has been great. I cannot believe what wonderful dogs we have had in our care while waiting for their forever homes. I can honestly say there has not been one I wouldn't have gladly welcomed into my home if I didn't already have a full house. Getting our dog volunteers organized is a bit of a challenge since we do not always have dogs, but we are working on it. I think our cats and kittens are happy and healthier with lots of space and our cat display has turned out to be a wonderful source of laughter as we watch the kittens and cats play.

Another idea we have had is to extend our hours. On a temporary trial basis we are going to be opening Sunday afternoons from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. We feel this better serves our community with more flexible hours. Watch the Pet Of The Week ad in The Post to see when we are starting to open Sundays.



On the day we moved we had just gotten the animals over to the new Adoption Centre, when I got a call a volunteer had found a kitten in a box with 2 littermates. Unfortunately, the two littermates had died. They guessed the kitten to be just days old. We

quickly searched boxes for our supplies for hand feeding a kitten and luckily we found them right away. Everyone stopped what they were doing and we all watched this little kitten be fed. How cruel to leave kittens in a box to die in a parking lot. However, I am happy to tell you that little kitten, we named Lori is now thriving and very happy and a bit of a scamp to boot, thanks to her foster Sue Tilley. That night I thought how little Lori was a metaphor for all the animals that will be saved with our new building.

Hope to see you all on the 14th.



Special Appeal for our Special Animals

Nugget is a 9-year-old spayed female. Although older, Nugget still likes to play and particularly enjoys chasing her catnip ball around. She is a curious girl who likes to explore her surroundings. Nugget really enjoys perching on a chair or higher spot to receive one on one attention, which is great if it includes being scratched around the ears and under the chin. She is a sweet girl who has had a tough few months but is now feeling better and is slowly learning to trust. She is really looking forward to finding a home where she can sit somewhere warm and cozy in the sun, look out the window and receive all the TLC she needs to settle in with her new family. Nugget has a medical condition that will require regular vet visits and medication for the rest of her life.



These cute little kittens are still a little shy but coming out of their shells to play with other kittens. They have had a tough few weeks and are finding that life in the shelter is a lot busier than they are used to. They are slowly learning to trust and play, love each other's company and like to meet people slowly and quietly so that they can trust first before they share their affection and purrs. With some patience and lots of TLC, these kittens are sure to shine and become wonderful additions to a family.

Eeyore is a 15-week-old grey and white medium-haired neutered male .

Tigger is a 15-week-old grey and white medium-haired male kitten. Tigger has cardiomyopathy. If you are interested in Tigger please call us for more information on this little guy's condition and treatment.



Elvis is a sweet 1 to 2-year-old grey and white medium-haired neutered male. Elvis was found with a broken pelvis but has never let his injury get him down. This sweet boy loves attention and is a real lap cat. He will follow you anywhere looking for some tickles, pets,

ear scratches or any other attention he can talk you into (and he does talk). Elvis is looking for a quiet home where he can build up his strength again, but is happy to snuggle with you until fully healed and ready to play again.

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In Memory of Pets

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Burlington Humane were happy recipients of some help from **Union Gas - Helping Hands in Action** in July 2008. Union Gas donated money to BHS that was used to buy trees to line the back of the property by the train

tracks. Union Gas reps then came and did all the planting for us, for which we are very grateful.

Thanks also to **Terra Greenhouses and Denbok** for their assistance in this project.

Pictured here are the volunteers in front of the trees they had just planted in the pouring rain and one of the kittens saying thank you to a Union Gas - Helping Hands in Action volunteer.



Special Thanks:

BMO Employee Charitable Foundation
L. Finlay—*13th birthday donation*
Goodlife Fitness Clubs
Michael Griffith—*House Sale*
Suzanne Hopkins—*Caricatures by Taylor Hopkins*
Justin Moses—*In lieu of wedding favours*

Lori Parcels—*For care of Lori the kitten*
Joshua Pratt—*Mother's Day Fundraiser*
Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School—*Cage Comforter Program by Stephanie Trania*
United Way of Burlington
United Way of Greater Toronto
United Way of Oakville
United Way of Peel

Stephanie came up with the idea to make '**cage comforters**' for the cats to sleep on at the Adoption Centre.

Her school, **Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School**, held a pyjama party day for a donation of at least \$1.00 per child to raise funds for BHS.

Using donated materials, Stephanie and her family made 25 cute and comfy beds for the cats to sleep on. As you can see, Stephanie and her beds were a huge hit with our kittens, Peach, Mango and Whoopee.





When **Britt** celebrated her 13th birthday with lots of friends, she decided that all those gifts would be used better by a charity.

Britt's friends and family donated over \$300 towards the Burlington Humane Society for her birthday. Britt is pictured here with Floppy who was adopted the very same day.

This year we celebrated 'Cinco de Spayo' in style with snacks from Mexicali Rosa's.

Our annual adoptathon adopters were grateful for the snacks while they filled in their paperwork and some lucky adopters took home 'Munchie Cards' for free snacks at **Mexicali Rosa's on Fairview St.**



Aaron Howe, Anissa Fluit, Teri Haslam, Ryley Taggart, and Hillary Lawson from Mrs. Henderson's Civics class in Grimsby Secondary School were given an assignment of

choosing a cause, researching and reporting on the cause and volunteering. They ran out of time to volunteer and chose to hold a bake sale to raise funds for BHS. They raised \$127, which was matched by Teri Haslam's father to donate a total of \$254.19.

Allison and Ethan donated the proceeds of their lemon aid stand to Burlington Humane to help care for all the animals



The **Booksale** was this year held at the Adoption Centre from August 14-16. It was a tremendous success raising over \$2500.

A second Booksale is planned for October 23-25 and will also be held at the Adoption Centre. It is a great chance to stock up on some winter reading at a great price while helping BHS.



Taylor Moving were generous enough to donate boxes to help us move to our new Adoption Centre. The donation of boxes by Taylor Moving saved us a lot of time and made the move easier and our sincere thanks go to them.



Tandet were kind enough to let us have the use of one of their trucks for the weekends of our move. We realise this is a busy time for truck rentals and we are very thankful for their generosity.

Kathleen asked for donations to BHS instead of presents when she recently celebrated her **5th birthday**. Kathleen brought in boxes of presents for the animals and is pictured here with one our newest kittens at the Adoption Centre



The Attic & The Loft



Exciting News! The Loft, located at the new adoption centre at 740 Griffith Court is now open. A complementary store to The Attic, at 479 John St., The Loft will sell similar items - gently used household items, books, clothing, jewellery and crafts.

Two great stores to shop for bargain items! And, remember donations for resale - seasonal items are appreciated, as storage space is limited.



Thanks to all those who volunteer at both stores, and those who donate items. If you would like to volunteer at either store, please call the adoption centre or send an e-mail.



The annual Pet Therapy pot luck was held at Helga Blaumaur's to kick off the new season. Volunteers are always welcome to join the program. Call or email the Adoption Centre for more details.



Fundraising Report

by Patricia Howard

As the seasons change, so do the challenges facing us at Burlington Humane! Kitten season started early and has every expectation of finishing late, thanks to the weather prolonging outdoor activities of all kinds.



Ya gotta walk the walk!

Our 15th annual POOCH PROMENADE in May was a successful and entertaining day as many of our friends and supporters, along with their four-legged companions, came out to walk the walk along the shores of beautiful Lake Ontario. Our thanks

as always to all those who took part again this year, as well as to the many vendors of pet-related products and services who also came to add some interesting booths for our guests to enjoy.

Our GARAGE SALE this year, held on 23rd August, was a tremendous success in the new location at the Adoption Centre. We thank all those who donated their treasures as well as all those who came to find new ones! Your interest and continuing support of our activities is sincerely appreciated!



Looking forward, we have the FLAMBORO DOWNS

Night at the Races on Sunday 28th September: this popular annual event gives everyone a chance to try their luck at the Casino as well as enjoy a roast beef dinner at The Top o' the Turn restaurant! Why not consider joining us this year? It is an enjoyable evening in support of the animals! Tickets are available at the Adoption Centre.

Don't forget to mark our 3rd annual HOWL-O-WEEN PAWTY on your calendar as well! This is a fun morning of activities, canine fashion shows and games that this year will be held at our new Adoption Centre, in collaboration



with the City's animal shelter! Why not come along and enjoy a hot dog and drink and have some fun while supporting a good cause! There will be vendors, contest prizes for the best costumes, a raffle table and seasonal photos, and you can check out what the well-dressed pooch is wearing this Fall season!

Catch them while you can! We have a few TILES left for purchase! These plain white tiles can be decorated as you wish, in memory of a loved one (two legged or four legged), to commemorate a special event or occasion, a birthday or anniversary perhaps, or just because you want to support a good cause and help give a needy animal a second chance to find its forever home. Decorate the tile yourself with the special paints provided or have one of our artists do it for you! These tiles will go on the walls of our new Adoption Centre as a permanent reminder of all the great people who have supported us over the years. However, once these tiles are gone, they're gone forever. Last chance to make your mark with a decorative tile at our new Adoption Centre! \$25 each, or five for \$100. Don't delay and be disappointed!



We are continuing to collect HBC REWARDS points as well as CANADIAN TIRE money to help to buy prizes for our fundraising activities or to purchase supplies. Please consider donating these two invaluable resources to a worthy cause - thank you!

Finally, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to all our wonderful volunteers who always come out to support our various fundraising events and activities. Volunteering is an integral part of Burlington Humane, and we are so grateful for all the many hours of support given to us by so many people. We are committed to our goal of finding new forever homes for the animals in need in our community, and without the unstinting loyalty and efforts of our volunteers we would find our job so much harder. THANK YOU to all involved in helping us fulfill our goals!



We love our volunteers... just as much as we love our animal friends! Twice a day volunteers clean, feed and provide interaction with the cats at the Adoption Centre. Other volunteers work in reception at the Adoption Centre and aid our staff in other jobs. Many other volunteers spend time providing services and raising money for the Burlington Humane Society at our fundraising events. If you are interested in volunteering, please call us at 905-637-7325 or download the form on our website.

Mark your Calendars

Sunday September 28 - **Fundraising Night at Flamboro Downs** - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday October 18 - **Howl-o-ween Pawty** at the Adoption Centre in collaboration with Burlington Animal Services.

Thursday October 23 - Saturday October 25 - **Booksale** at the Adoption Centre.

Sunday December 7 - Santa Parade.

December - **Pet Pictures with Santa** — watch the pet of the week advert in the Burlington Post for more information.

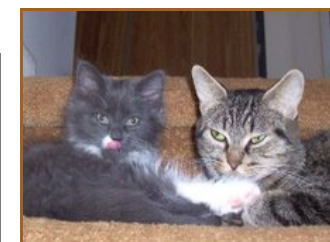


It's been a while now since we adopted **Salem**. But it feels like she's been part of our family forever! What an absolute sweetie she is. I met Salem while volunteering at BHS. As soon as I let her out of the cage she rolled on her back so I could rub her belly. From that moment she

never left my heart. Already having a cat at home that is like a child to me I was a little concerned about how they would get along. But I really wanted to give Salem a good home so decided to try it out. I am happy to say that everything is fine! Salem has fit right in to our home. Salem has the sweetest soul. Never once has she hissed or scratched or shown any other emotion other than love love love! She loves to play with the feather toy, but her favourite thing to play with is a hanging string from a sweater or shirt! Salem loves to sit and chatter at the birds she can see through the back window...and she has certainly gotten the hang of how to ask for some treats! It has made us so happy to give this beautiful cat a loving home. She is such a wonderful cat that deserves every bit of love we can give her. She says hi and thank-you to all the wonderful people that took such good care of her while she was at BHS! - Christa

Burlington Humane is a Fundscrip member. Each month you can buy giftcards for anything from grocery stores to spa days with a portion of your shopping going to Burlington Humane at no additional cost to you.

Check our our website or call for more details or order forms. You can pay on the fundscrip website or directly at the Adoption Centre. Orders are placed on the first Monday of the month and arrive the same week for you to pick up in time for the weekend.



I adopted Slushy, and recently I also adopted Slushy's mother, Emily. I am happy to report that they still remember each other and couldn't be happier. They both love each other so much and are so excited to be reunited again. They will spend the rest of their lives together.



2009 Entertainment Books are on sale at the Adoption Centre. Call or pop in for more details.

Happy Tails



I just wanted to write to you a little update about my recent adoption of **Ms. Fergie Fabulously Flossy McFadden (nee Flossy)**.

When I first took her home and let her out of the travel cage, she emerged slowly and then darted quickly around the condo sizing up the joint. Then, after about ten minutes of ripping through the place, she discovered "under the bed". What a cozy, warm, secure place that was... and all of a sudden her new favourite place to be. She would periodically come out during the next couple of days. Probably once every hour to scope out the place more. Then quickly dash under the bed. She acknowledged me on occasion, and if she felt up to it, would come close and show affection, then as quickly as it started, it ended and "under the bed" she went.

By Monday night, her "under the bed" days were pretty much over. She was out exploring and experiencing all that she could. Trying to conquer the highest points in the condo. Of course, to my utter surprise one day, somehow she had managed to climb up on TOP of the kitchen upper wall cabinets. I'm still in awe of this as she's 12 years old. Looks like age has nothing to do with anything and Ms. Fergie definitely has proved this. Another little tidbit about my new girl, she's a talker.

I also have to note that I was so very pleased with the staff and volunteers at BHS who helped me during the adoption process. It was a remarkable experience and one in which I will definitely do again. You ALL were so friendly, helpful and sincere. I feel like we all got what we wished for in the end. At days end, when I crawl into bed and Ms. Fergie quickly follows, purring like a mad cat I have a huge smile on my face and I think she does too and that's what it's all about I think.

Again, thank you SO much for Ms. Fergie (nee Flossy) I know we will have many years together smiling away.—Dave



REUNITED AND IT FEELS SO GOOD!