

FOSTERING 101

By Patricia Howard

The call went out one sunny summer morning: foster homes urgently needed for three mother cats and their newborn kittens. While I have been a volunteer at Burlington Humane for many years, and have worn several hats during that time, fostering newborns has not been one of them. We did foster a very ill cat during her recuperation from major surgery five years ago, and she is still with us, so my track record for giving them back is 0 -1 so far.



However, this time it was different. BHS had no foster homes available, and thanks to a miscommunication my husband, Richard, was called and asked when we were collecting the little family that was to be in our care. It was all news to him, but he agreed to the challenge once he found out that they had no other place to go. We drove to BHS to collect all the gear we needed and transported an incredibly skinny mother cat and her five tiny babies to our home, where they took up residence in my bathroom.

The safest place, I was advised, was to keep them in the bathtub. So, a large towel was put in the bottom of the tub for warmth, and the carrier placed on it. Mother cat, whom we have named Petunia, immediately came out of the carrier to survey her new surroundings. She was a very friendly and affectionate cat from the outset, a medium-haired brown tabby who looked not much older than a kitten herself.

Her five tiny babies, just five days old, were huddled in the back of the carrier, blind and deaf, and not even able to crawl at that stage. Fortunately for me, Petunia was a very attentive mum to them, and tended to their every need. I checked on them many times during the course of the next several days but I needn't have worried as Petunia did all the work and ensured that her babies were well fed and clean.

It has been a learning process for me, and throughout the experience Shelter Manager, Adrienne Gosse and Adoptions Counsellor, Mary Anne Edwards have always been available at the end of the phone or by Email for all the many (probably silly) questions I've had.

Gradually our five little babies grew. With gray and white fur they certainly looked nothing like their mum. Their pretty blue eyes opened and they tried to focus on their world. They began to crawl, and one by one they pulled themselves out of the carrier and into the bathtub. Their ears began to uncurl, and very slowly and unsteadily, they began to wobble around in the tub, tails straight out behind them for balance!

By four weeks of age their personalities were beginning to be evident. The tiniest kitten was clearly the one with most bravado as he loved to explore alone, while his brothers loved nothing better than to be in the middle of a rough-and-tumble with each other. It was time to lift them out of the relative safety of the bathtub and let them have the run of the bathroom. The plant had been removed, along with anything else that may prove possibly hazardous to a tiny kitten. In the tub they had looked so robust, but once on the floor they suddenly seemed so tiny and frail. Petunia kept a wary eye on all her brood and continued to mother them remorselessly, whether they wanted that wash or not!

Of course, I had to try to find out which kittens were girls and which were boys. Easier said than done! For one thing, they are not very developed at that young age, and secondly, have you ever tried to examine a squirming, tiny kitten who just didn't care about such distinctions and just wanted to go to play with its litter mates? It is a challenge! The other challenge, for me anyway, was telling some of the kittens apart as initially they looked identical. I'm sure I sexed the same kitten three times before I figured it out! Adrienne and Mary Anne were very helpful in this process, and I ended up e-mailing them photographs of 5 little bottoms so that they could help me decide who was male and who was female. Boy, did I ever get it wrong! It was finally decided that our family consisted of 4 boys and a girl.

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11:00 am – 4:00 pm | Sunday

905-637-7325

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740 Griffith Court

10:00 am – 4:30 pm | Monday – Friday

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905-633-8143

The Attic

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OUR MISSION

The Burlington Humane Society is a non-profit organization which operates solely on the generosity of donations from the public. We are dedicated to helping stray and abandoned animals in Burlington. Our mission is to improve the quality of life and welfare for animals in our community, to provide a safe haven while we find “forever homes” for the cats and dogs in our care, and to make Burlington a more humane city for all animals.

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

President's Message

By Jolene Regan

As a new season begins, we look forward with a new and energized board of directors. At our recent AGM, we welcomed Michelle Hand and Aida Finch to the board. Both Michelle and Aida bring a wealth of skills with them and we are lucky to have them join us.

New board members mean we had to say good-bye to others. Melissa Mazza decided not to remain and Sheila Morris resigned in June as she is moving away. We thank both Melissa and Sheila for their past dedication. Sheila has been Pet Therapy director for 4 years and a board member for 9 years, as well as volunteering as a receptionist. We all wish Sheila the best in her new home in Carp.

This summer has been particularly busy at the shelter. Our thanks to Shelter Manager Adrienne Gosse for her professionalism in handling staff shortages during this time. Adrienne always steps up, even on days off, to make sure the animals are cared for and the volunteers receive support when needed. In spite of all the extra work, Adrienne still finds time to put new protocols in place that help adopters find the right animal.

We have also had a few extraordinary cases of illness and injury which, thanks to the Ariel Fund, covered much of the expense. Liam, a very sweet orange & white cat, had fallen from a 3rd floor balcony and had extensive injuries. His eyes were injured and his femur was fractured. Two surgeries were required over 2 months and he will always have a crooked leg, but he will be ready for his forever home in early September.



Two litters of kittens from the same location came down with suspected distemper shortly after arriving. Although all attempts were made to save them, four died over a period of several weeks. The four survivors were finally healthy enough to be put up for adoption and two have found their forever home.

At most shelters all of these animals would have been euthanized due to cost and illness. They are very lucky to have been brought to BHS. Our no-kill policy is one of our biggest strengths of which we are all very proud. I think our volunteers would not be here without it.

Looking forward, be sure to remember our fundraising events – “Ruff” Ride and Open House, and pics with Santa are always popular. A “surprise” event in October is in the planning stages!

Thanks to all for your support

Attic & Loft Report

by Carole McArthur

Finally, the heat of summer is over and fall clothing is now available! Because we have little storage at both stores, thanks everyone who has held onto out-of-season items until the right time.

The Loft has changed drop-off times from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. weekends. This gives the staff time to sort through items before closing. Additional items not accepted are bedding, cushions and hard-cover books.

Sales at both stores are up over last year and staff is working overtime keeping up! This is great news as all funds raised help pay veterinary costs for the animals.

Thanks to all who donate saleable items, and to volunteers for all the time they donate for sorting, pricing and selling.

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The big day came for them to be introduced to wet kitten food, another step in their continuing development. Three kittens took to their new diet immediately, while two could not be tempted until the third day of trying. Then there was no holding them back, and Petunia was content to let them eat this new diet, though she continued to give them a robust wash behind the ears at every occasion, and they continued to seek her out for comfort and to be nursed by her. Using the litter pan seemed like a natural progression for them, and trekking litter all over the floor was a small inconvenience for me compared with this milestone in their development. From the point of view of this inexperienced foster parent, I could not have wished for an easier time or a better mother cat as Petunia seemed to have it all in hand!



I was advised to socialize with these tiny creatures so that by the time they are old enough to return to BHS they will be used to people and ready to be adopted into their forever homes. I took Mary Anne's advice, and decided that I'd sit on the floor to read to them. Two things I have learned from this: they prefer the Arts and Life section rather than the International news, and I need a fatter cushion if I am to sit on the bathroom floor for any length of time! We have had quite a few reading sessions now, and they are becoming quite well versed in world events.

Gradually the time is drawing nigh when I shall have to part with these foster babies of mine. While in my care they have grown and developed, become loving and lovable kittens that will make any family a wonderful pet. I am not looking forward to the day, soon now, that I will have to let Buttercup, Mallow, Foxtail, Bramble and their sister, Daisy, go back to BHS. I will follow their progress on the BHS web site to see when they are adopted, and hope that their new parents write in to the Happy Tails page so that I will know how they are doing in their new home. I know I will be sad and maybe even a little bit tearful when I say goodbye.

It has been a wonderful experience. While I know they won't remember me, I shall always have a little place in my heart for them, and have comfort in the knowledge that I helped these helpless babies to become the adorable kittens that they are. Will I miss them? Yes, without a doubt. Will I hand them all back without adopting one? That remains to be seen. Would I do it all over again with another foster family? In a heart-beat.

Adoptions Report

By Adrienne Gosse

Holy cat! It feels like ages ago when we only had 8 cats in the shelter...Since mid May our cat population has remained steady with well over 100 cats during these last few months. We've even had weeks with a cat population close to 150! With strays and abandoned cats arriving daily, our shelter continues to be a busy place for all! We are all working hard at finding homes for everyone. I cannot say enough about our wonderful volunteers. Some that come in numerous times a week, for hours at a time to help take care of our cats and kittens, and to make sure all of them are socialized daily.

The adoptions team welcomed Sarah Pravato in July as a part-time summer student to help with our increased number of cats. Sarah has quickly learned the animal care worker position and has discovered many areas of personal interest here, such as animal behaviour and shelter medicine. We want to thank her for all her hard work and dedication in helping to make sure each and every animal at BHS receives top quality care. We wish her the best of luck this fall as she enters grade 11. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to one of our animal care workers, Kristen Sivitilli. We wish her all the best with her new full-time position working at a vet clinic. On a brighter note, we would like to welcome Amanda Hendon to the shelter as our new animal care worker! We held our very first "Meow at the Moon" event on July 12th, and it was a huge success! We had 19 cats adopted in only three hours! I want to thank all of the staff and volunteers who gave their time for this event. Without them, we would not have been able to make so many happy endings for so many of our precious felines! This was a great event, and we hope to have another one in the future.

In recent months, we were the recipient of a grant from the Animal Aid Foundation. One hundred percent of the \$1,000 grant will go towards our animal care costs. We would like to

thank the Animal Aid Foundation for recognizing the important work we do for our Burlington cats and dogs.

We are still working towards outfitting each of our dog kennels with a Kuranda bed. A donation can be made to purchase a bed by visiting the website www.kuranda.com or by contacting the shelter manager. These beds are a wonderful addition to our facility because they provide a dry and safe place for our dogs to sleep. It also allows them to rest in a clean place in case they accidentally soil their kennel. These beds are very durable and last for years. Each bed is shipped directly to the shelter, where it is quickly assembled by the staff and put into use. These beds are just another way we are trying to enrich the shelter dogs' environment, and provide them with a more comfortable and happy place to stay while they wait for their forever home. Can you help - we only need 2 more beds!

The shelter is a progressive place that always looks at new and innovative ways to help keep our animals comfortable and happy while at the shelter. Recently, we were introduced to an alternative to the standard "cone" or "e-collar" for recently spayed cats and dogs. They are called "Medical Pet Shirts" and boy do we love them! The animals are much more comfortable in these shirts, because they retain full freedom of movement, have a more restful sleep, and can now eat with ease. The shirts also eliminate the stress and panic that a cone can produce when it is placed on their head. Keep an eye out for our little babies with their new red jumpers! If you would like to help us achieve our goal of 15 cat shirts and 3 dog shirts, please indicate this on your donation.



It has been a great year in adoptions thus far! We are currently up by 77 adoptions from this time last year! We continue to have a strong presence on Facebook and Twitter, and with regular website updates, the public is more aware than ever about the amazing animals that we have for adoption.

Pet Therapy Report

by Aida Finch

A new season for the Pet Therapy program begins in September with many returning and new volunteers! Although I am the new coordinator for the program, I have been part of Pet Therapy with my Schnoodle Charlie for almost 2 years now and I find it extremely rewarding.

Our dedicated volunteers help make life better for seniors with regular pet visits. The medical establishment recognizes the benefits of therapy dog programs and notes that connections with pets help to calm agitated residents and stimulates wonderful conversations.



Heartfelt congratulations to Helga Blamauer for achieving her 400th visit and to Richard Segee for achieving his 100th visit. Both Helga and Richard will be back this year to make regular visits with residents at local nursing, retirement and long term care facilities in our community.

If you have a friendly, outgoing dog that loves to be cuddled, and an hour or two of free time, please consider becoming a Pet Therapy volunteer. After attending a short orientation session, your dog will be screened for suitability and you will be scheduled at a time and location convenient for you. Visits take place weekdays, evenings and Saturday mornings.

You may contact me directly at pettherapy@burlingtonhumane.ca or calling the shelter at 905-637-7325.

Fundraising Report

“Ruff” Ride

Bowser and Meowser are ready for the 4th Annual “Ruff” Ride to be held on Sept. 16.

Shine up those bikes and come out for a casual ride, BBQ, open house, beer garden, silent auction and live music!

Ride starts at 10:45 a.m.

For more information visit the website: burlingtonhumane.ca



2012-2013 Entertainment Book

is now for sale at the shelter or The Loft.

Love the Animals Lottery

You could be a winner! Tickets are now available for the 3rd Love the Animals Lottery!

Ticket prices are \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

Early Bird Draws \$1,000 on Dec. 1 and Dec. 23.

Daily Draw \$250 on Jan. 1 - 30, 2013

Grand Prize Draw \$5,000 on January 31, 2013

Can you help make this fundraiser a success? We need your help selling tickets, please contact the shelter at 905-637-7325 for more information.

Thanks to our sponsors!



Thanks for the Special Donations

John Parker from Budd's BMW Motorrad presents a cheque to Adrienne Gosse for money raised at service seminars held for BMW motorcycle clients.



Charlie asked his friends to donate money to the animals in lieu of birthday presents. This is the second year Charlie has done this and encouraged his friends to do the same!

Tim and Bob pack up empties for another trip to the beer store!



TD Caring Together Volunteer Grant Program recognized Karen Book for her volunteerism at BHS. Karen volunteers weekly at The Loft. Thanks Karen and congratulations!



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Sinclair, Jamie
Smith, Elinor
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Bequest
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Service School donations
Donations from birthday party
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Sold pawprints and held a buffet dinner
with proceeds to BHS
Students raised money for animals
Gift Certificate for Pet Therapy visits
Held silent auction for BHS
Donated handmade toys to the animals
Burlington BBQ fundraiser

We would like to thank Carlo DiCarlo and Millennium Disposal Services for their donation of a metal bin for Burlington Humane Society's bottle return fund raiser. With his generosity and donation of the metal bin 100% of the proceeds collected went directly to the care of our four legged furry guests

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Thanks for the Special Donations



Taylor & Abby raised money selling lemonade for the animals!

The Easter Bunny stopped by to help raise money at the 1st Annual Pics with the Easter Bunny! Thanks to the volunteers who helped make it a success!



Throughout the year many children raise money or make donations through fundraising or asking for donations in lieu of birthday gifts. In thanks for their generosity, they were invited to Meow at the Moon to paint a tile which will be displayed on a shelter wall.

Kitten going to forever home at Meow at the Moon



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LORENE HALL
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Carmel Forrestal
Her neighbours

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Cats Max & Lizzie

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Their wedding

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Cathy Laing's birthday

Happy Mother's Day

to Bev Miller

«Shadow» Prowse

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Happy Endings

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Bart (Bartholomew) has integrated nicely into our family. He loves his long walks and adores our two daughters. Bart is a very gentle little boy and is very affectionate. Bart has also made friends with a couple of other puppies in the area (he loves to wrestle with them). Bart will be attending doggy school at the end of the month with the whole family. He is very loved by us and we are so blessed to have him in our household.

We wanted to thank you for taking such good care of him while he was with you. Yours truly, Lynn, Matt, Lanna, Maya and Bart (Bart sends you lots of licks and tail wags)

Courage Then and Now

Saturday, Aug 14, 2004

"Courage" and her three 3 week old kittens were brought into Animal Aid and we were told a story that was hard to believe. This beautiful, very skinny Russian Blue coloured cat had been found in a seldom used garage addition. The owner had gone into the room a few days earlier and found blood on the floor and splattered on the wall leading up to a hole in the ceiling. Thinking it was a raccoon, he found nothing, so cleaned the walls and patched the ceiling.

The next day, he returned to move an overstuffed chair and found "Courage", guarding her kittens. He could tell she was injured, but was reluctant to touch her. He fed her and propped the door open so she could go in and out. The next day, a friend came with a carrier and brought them to us.



One can only imagine what this cat endured for the sake of her kittens. Blood stains on a window ledge and streaks down the broken glass told the story of how "Courage" had entered and left the room during the 3 – 4 weeks she lived there.

Courage had been jumping through a broken window with a hole no more than 4 inches in diameter, and 18 inches off a ledge on either side. She had had to go through this small gap several times a day when going out to look for food for herself and her newborns, each time sustaining more cuts and injury to her body.

Her injuries were immediately noticeable – cuts to her face and a severely cut right leg that was infected. She was walking with the foot bent at the joint and flat on the ground. This must have been extremely painful when trying to jump through the hole in the glass, her only way into or out of the room.

The veterinarian determined she required surgery and during the 3 1/2 hour operation found 7 severed tendons that required reattachment. Her leg was put in a splint and she needed cage confinement for another 4 – 6 weeks and then physiotherapy. During this time, she cared for her kittens just like any normal mom would.

Many questions are still unanswered. How did she survive? Why did she jump from or into the ceiling? The most heartbreaking question – why would someone let this beautiful very friendly cat stray? She was truly one courageous cat and we are so happy she found such a wonderful and loving forever home. Her kittens were adopted in mid-September, but "Courage" remained in our care for several weeks after that, still recuperating from her injuries.

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I can't believe you are still thinking of me after all these years! I have been living with a lovely lady in my forever home for the past 8 years. I have the run of the house and she is very good to me and loves me soooo much. She and I live alone and we have lots of fun. I love getting at her wool when she knits. One day she was out and I batted yarn all over the floor – I am quite the artist because it looked just like a spider web!

I have my favourite chairs that feel like clouds they are so soft, but my favourite place is on my owner's lap or right beside her on the bed!

I am enjoying good health and get lots of exercise. I chase pretty ribbons that are dangled for me and love playing "Where's Courage" hide and seek! Our home has a west view and I love sitting in the door and soaking up all the rays. Sometimes I jump up in the window among the plants and just dream my life away. I am not very big (only 8 lbs) and I have a nice wicker basket with a soft flannel sheet where I love to curl up and nap. I am a truly contented, happy little girl and life couldn't be better.

Two years ago, I started having seizures. They happen when I am asleep, but after the vet took all kinds of tests, it was determined everything was OK. I now have to take a little pill morning and night and it seems to be working. Every year I go to the vet for my annual checkup and get all checked out.

I am so grateful for Mary Jean all the help and love I got from everyone at the shelter and the vet who fixed me up. I am so grateful for Mary Jean, my lady friend and that she found me and took a chance on me. I only wish other of my cat friends are as lucky as I am.

Please say hello to anyone at the shelter that might remember me and once again thank them for all their love, attention and care that they gave me through my terrible early years.

Life is good! "Courage"

