

Going The Extra Mile



By Tammie Wilson

Part I— A planned mountain biking afternoon on Thanksgiving Day turned into a memorable kitten rescue! As we drove along the highway, Andrew, my boyfriend, suddenly pulled over and stopped the car exclaiming he had seen a kitten!!! While we looked, I noticed a tail dangling behind the guardrail and saw a frightened kitten trying to hide

from me. I grabbed the kitten and luckily held on as it tried to get away and bite me. It scrambled into the back seat and climbed under my backpack – a new hiding place.

Obviously, mountain biking was not going to happen, so we went straight to Andrew's parent's house, making a small detour to pick up litter and kitten food.

Part II— As soon as we reached in to get the kitten, it scurried right out the open rear door and ran insanely around the garage trying to find a new hiding place. Once it realized there was nowhere to go, it darted under the car and into the rear undercarriage. As we tried to reach in, it hissed and snapped wildly and retreated back ever farther. Two hours later, after jacking up the rear end, starting the engine briefly, a lot of poking and prodding, and even a shot of water, the now cold, wet, greasy and terrified kitten was not going to budge.

Since we were there for Thanksgiving dinner, we decided to have dinner, shut off the lights in the garage and hope the kitten would come out while it was quiet.

Part III— When we checked again after dinner, the kitten had moved into the rear suspension so we couldn't move the car, as we were afraid that doing so would squish her. Our next idea was to lower the gas tank a bit and try to create enough space to reach in. We got the gas tank down a couple of inches, but at this point we felt we were in over our heads; the tank was $\frac{3}{4}$ full and heavy and we are not mechanics! As a CAA member, I thought maybe they could help!

After explaining the story to the CAA rep, she said 'well, we only really send out help for battery boosts, tows, locked keys or when you can't start your car'. Then she said, 'However, you are telling me that you cannot start your car, right?' I said yes, we can't start our car (due to there being a kitten in it) and she said she would send someone over!

MOVING ON!

In mid-April, BHS will have a new home and address at 740 Griffith Court!

This long-anticipated move will provide so much additional space from the 1600 sq. ft at our present location! Many things will change, most important being that we have kennels for our dogs and more space for the cats. But, we will still be the same organization of volunteers caring for Burlington's animals as we have done in the past.

Thanks to all those who have donated to the building fund! Many naming opportunities are still available, and any future donations will be appreciated. We still need cat cages – and they are costly! The ones we want are called cat condos and provide the cats with more space to move about, even from cage to cage for those animals that get along together.

I believe you will all be impressed with the new building – it is so cheerful and full of light! Soon after getting settled we will be having an Open House to showcase the new shelter.

Please review our Wish List inside the newsletter for new volunteer positions and items still needed.

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Monday – Saturday

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10:00 a.m. – 5:00 a.m.

Monday – Saturday

Phone: 905-633-8143

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.

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

President's Message By Jolene Regan

I could go on and on with excitement about our upcoming move to our new shelter and I believe everyone will experience a happy feeling just walking in the front door! Working with Branthaven Homes has been a real pleasure, and along with our designer, Waddell Designs, we have a shelter that looks and feels like a home – especially nice for the animals awaiting new homes!

With thanks to CanGro and Paul Edwards, we recently received a large donation of office furnishings, all in very good condition. This will save us a lot of money as now we will be able to furnish all the offices with desks, chairs and file cabinets. We are still in need of furnishings for the store, especially shelving and clothes racks – if anyone knows where we might get these items donated, please let us know.

Our new second hand store – now named The Loft – will be managed by Elizabeth Macdonald (Libby). She has worked at The Attic for many years and will be starting with a new team of volunteers. If you have sales experience, please give us a call or e-mail if you would like to work in the store.

I want to wish Olwen Dews a speedy recovery from surgery, and know everyone at The Attic misses her, as we all do.

Regretfully, Belva Giles has been hospitalized for several months due to an injury. We all miss her and hope she is able to resume her duties soon. In her absence, Sheila Morris and Michelle Hallmark are looking after the Pet Therapy program.

Recently, we welcomed 2 new board members – Sue Tilley and Eithne Whaley. Eithne is serving in the position of interim director until Belva returns to the board. Both Sue and Eithne are working with adoptions and Eithne is also webmaster and newsletter editor!

Thanks to all those who generously gave donations during the holiday season! We receive so many great stories about the adopted animals and it is such fun reading about the joy they provide to so many people.

Hope to see all of you at Pooch Promenade – always fun for everyone, even if you don't have a dog.

NOTICE!

Annual General Meeting of the Burlington Humane Society Tuesday, June 17, 2008 – 7:00 p.m. Adoption Centre – 740 Griffith Court

Business to be dealt with at the AGM includes: reports from the President, Treasurer, Adoptions and other Directors; consideration of the Auditor's Report, retention of the Auditors for next year and election of the President and 7 Directors.

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

Members as of June 1, 2008 who are at least 18 years of age will be eligible to vote and seek office on the Board of Directors. If you wish to run for President or another position on the Board, you must complete a nomination form and deliver it to the Adoption Centre no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2008.

Nomination forms are available at the Adoption Centre

Adoptions Report

By Judy Coney

This is a year of changes and very exciting ones at that!

By the time you are reading this we will be counting the days until we move into our new building. I cannot believe it is almost here.

In December, our Counsellor Michelle Swaine, and her husband Justin welcomed a little girl into the world. Willow Brooke Swaine was born on December 23, 2007. She weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz. I am happy to report both Michelle and Willow



are doing well and dropped into the Adoption Centre for their first visit.

As you can see Willow is already a cat lover, and Mark, Michelle's 12 year old cat, looks like he is enjoying having someone to snuggle with.

In January 2008 we entered into a sponsorship of our shelter with Hill's, the makers of Science Diet. Hill's is now supplying all the food for our cats, kittens, dogs and puppies. They also are supplying 5 lb bags of food with a donation to Burlington Humane with every adoption. We look forward to a long and successful partnership.

More news in Adoptions: Michelle, the daughter of Counsellor Mary Anne Edwards and her husband, Paul, is engaged. As many of you know, Michelle was our summer student a few years ago. Michelle and her fiancé Chad Habermehl, are living in Red Lake, Ontario. Congratulations and our very best wishes!

In my time in Animal Aid/Burlington Humane there have been many, many milestones. But by far the biggest milestone will be the opening of our new building. It will be a very, very proud moment for me to welcome you all.

Going The Extra Mile (continued from front cover)

Despite several attempts by the CAA rep, the kitten was still unreachable and they recommended towing the car somewhere the following morning, hoisting the car up, removing the gas tank and get the kitten out. We left some wet food and water beside the car and the laundry room door open in hopes the kitten would come out during the night.



Part IV – At 6 a.m. the alarm went off and we went directly downstairs to see if the kitten had come out. SUCCESS! The food had been eaten and there was a small kitten-sized poop right on the laundry room mat. We couldn't find her anywhere though, and knowing she couldn't have gotten out, we checked the car again. Sure enough, she was in the front end now, in the engine/steering mechanism – meaning we now could not get towed. We lowered the back end and used the jacks to raise the front end to have a better look.

Andrew accidentally hit the panic button on the remote and the horn started honking loudly. Frantically, he shut it off and we could hear the poor kitten whimpering, but she was now on top of the engine. I grabbed the kitten, just as she was about to duck back down.

I put the kitten in the laundry room and we went to buy a carrier, as we didn't trust her in a cardboard box! Of course, when we returned the kitten was hiding again, this time behind the washer and dryer. After pulling both machines out and disconnecting the dryer venting, we used a broom to shoo the kitten into the carrier.

After calling Burlington Humane, where I volunteer, I was told to take the kitten to the vet. When we dropped her off at the vet's, we told them the whole story and said no matter what this kitten's sex, its name was P.I.T.A. – short for "Pain in the A*S!"

A short time later, while volunteering for feed & clean, P.I.T.A. was brought to the adoption center. She was a completely changed kitten – friendly and purring. I called Andrew to spend some time with her before she went to her forever home – which was only a few hours later. We now felt as though the whole rescue story was complete!



"The Loft", our new second hand store incorporated into the new Adoption Centre, will provide another location for bargain shoppers. We will welcome donations in good condition and working order, with the exception of appliances, heavy sporting equipment and computers and accessories. Watch our website and the newspapers for news on the opening. - Libby Macdonald.

Thanks for your support

Donations received, November 2007 – February 2008

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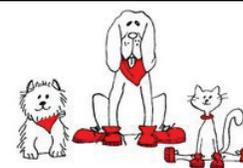
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 sincere sympathies to those who
 have lost special friends,
 relatives and animals and thank
 them for thinking of the animals
 in their time of need*

In Memory of People

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 Ellen Berry



Ya gotta walk the walk!

Lawn Signs

Do you have room for a lawn sign to advertise
Pooch Promenade?
 Please phone the office or send an email to
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We will set up and take down.

Building Fund

- ◆ Elinor Smith
- ◆ In memory of James Robert Brakel from Joan & Bob Brake
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- ◆ Rotary Club Burlington Lakeshore
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- ◆ In memory of Kurtis from Julie Wright
- ◆ M.J. Henderson
- ◆ John Tilley
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- ◆ John Thomas
- ◆ Faith Schneider
- ◆ Kathleen-Mary & Walter Barron Family Foundation
- ◆ In Honour of Johanna DeBoer's birthday from Ken & Elaine DeBoer
- ◆ Elizabeth Jamison
- ◆ Patricia Morgon
- ◆ In Memory of Derek Clay from Margaret Clay
- ◆ In Memory of Dr. Jean Rumney from Geraldine Phenix
- ◆ Paul & Carole Pizzolante

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Susan Klement from Richard Klement
Michelle Kynl from Jennifer Barbieri
Nancy & Larry Norton from Margaret McGrath
Chris Hawley from Lois Dolan
"Hailey" (Miss Bossy - cat) from Jay Smith
Robert Lindo's birthday from Marguerite Birett

Ron & Doris Jaffray's 50th Wedding Anniversary from Jeff & Donna Nelson
Mrs. Gordon Eby from Meryl Yule
Liz & Ian Cole from Sandra Cole
Christine Pajek from Teegan Skinner
Hayley Lamb's 12th Birthday from Stacey & Ashley Chaulk, Daniel Ciechanski, Urszula Zoladecki, Matthew & Michael Nemes & Katelyn Garrow



Hayley Lamb with Snowie

Jason Handel from Erin Ross
Tara Spearin - Anonymous
Auntie Bonnie - Erin Ross
The Stone Family from Julie Lorenz
Mrs. Moore from Todd Garley
Mrs. R. Hall from Elaine Lachappelle
Cheryl Goers from Ada Blythe
Corinne Bulger's 10th Birthday from Jill Venning, Priya Mohan & James Bulger



Corinne Bulger with Cotton

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Estate of Barbara Irvine - Bequest
Headon Forest Animal Hospital - Christmas Bazaar donation
Jenn Odorico - Gift



Dr. Kaye Marsh of Headon Forest Animal Hospital

Memberships for Norma & Joe Odorico and Rauna & Vic Odorico
Michael Griffith - House Sale
Estate of Irene Milada Falconer - Bequest
Davidson Family (Neil, Cindy, Buttons) - Donated multiple items for the animals for Christmas
Simba, Harley & Jinx - Open house
Bette Hough - Gift
 Membership for Ella Griffey
Nadeesha, Ashley, Marshalene and Kaitlynn - Christmas carol singing money



Nadeesha and Ashley with Garfield

Attic Report By Patricia Howard

The Attic store on John Street had another successful year in 2007, with sales totaling \$45,434 after taxes. Our sincere appreciation goes to all the great volunteers who work there six days a week to make all this possible!

Our new store, **The Loft**, will be opening in our new Adoption Centre on Griffith Court this Spring. However, the John Street store will continue to operate in tandem with the new store.

Watch for details about the special sales events that are planned in both stores in the future! We gratefully accept gently used items, including clothing, at both stores. However, for the moment, drop-off is only available at our John Street location. Watch the Burlington Post for updates.

Come down and seek out some treasures or recycle some of your own, and help the animals in need at the same time!

Tiger—Our Special Boy

Tiger is a beautiful 6-year-old neutered brown tabby with white markings. This cute boy is very friendly and curious. He is a real sweetheart who has had a tough few weeks as he came to us with a broken leg and he has had to have surgery to repair his injury. Tiger is recovering very well, moving around and exploring whenever he gets a chance. He has a few weeks of therapy left but he is doing well and ready to become part of a new family as soon as he can. He is a happy guy who loves TLC and attention, rewarding you with a wonderful purr when you spend time with him. Tiger is a real sweetheart who has become a favourite with



our volunteers and staff. This wonderfully gentle and affectionate boy would make a great addition to a family, returning all of the affection he gets.



Fundraising Report By Patricia Howard

With the dawning of the new Spring season comes the excitement of moving into our new Adoption Centre on Griffith Court! There will be a lot going on in the next few months as we get settled into our new surroundings.

Mark Sunday 25th May on your calendars for our 15th annual Pooch Promenade, to be held at Spencer Smith Park. Raise funds for the stray and abandoned animals at our Shelter, and have fun at the same time, whether you are on two feet or four! We look forward to seeing you!

We would like to thank Santa for dropping into PetSmart to meet all his furry friends again in December. We know that is a very busy time of year for the jolly old Elf, and we appreciated that so many of you took the time out of your busy schedules to pay him a visit with your four-legged friends!



Our thanks as always must go to our invaluable team of volunteers who make all our events possible. The Donation Tin Team who tirelessly service the donation boxes located around our city, the people who kindly collect their Sobey's grocery receipts for us, and the people who are so generous of their time to do the counting - we admire your dedication and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Thank you all for your continuing support. We are a volunteer organization that receives no government funding whatsoever, so every dollar raised is important to us. Thanks to our volunteers who help to make it all happen, and to our citizens who support our efforts in such a generous way. We could not do it without you!

Wish List: We are in need of the following items.

- Computers - Must be in working order and at least PIII and running Windows XP
- Computer monitors and printers
- Scanner for photos
- Shelving - wire or other
- Retail store fixtures - shelving & clothes racks
- Bike Rack (cost \$650)
- Shrubs (cost \$50 each)

Volunteer opportunities abound in our new shelter! New protocol and larger premises present new jobs for volunteers and current positions are being expanded. Those include: Feed & clean volunteers for both cats and dogs, dog walking, reception duties, second-hand store staff, maintenance staff - especially for men. Please contact the Adoption Centre at 905-637-7325 or by email at burlingtonhumane@bellnet.ca information on volunteer fairs or training sessions.

Mark Your Calendars

Pooch Promenade Promotions

April 19 & May 17 – Mapleview Mall

April 26 & May 10 – Burlington Mall

Saturday May 3 – **Adopt-a-thon** at the new Adoption Centre.

Sunday May 25 – **Pooch Promenade** – Spencer Smith Park – 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday June 17 – **Annual General Meeting** at the Adoption Centre – 7:00 p.m.

TBA: **Garage Sale** – watch our website and the Burlington Post for details.

TBA: **Giant Book Sale** – watch our website and the Burlington Post for details.

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

Updates and other events on our website at www.burlingtonhumane.ca



I have volunteered at the Humane Society since November 07 always with the thought that I would one day bring home a cat. It was **Gary's** independent spirit which endeared me to him, as he sat in the shelter with a shaved neck as proof of the sacrifice he made giving blood to help save the lives of other cats, and he has proved to be a welcome addition to my home. In January I sensed that Gary was at times bored and, as such, I thought that he may enjoy a friend. Tailless **Teiki** seemed like a good fit. I introduced the pair slowly and have watched them grow slowly together. Gary has become a mentor to the younger 'Tiki' and when they are not wrestling each other from room to room they do enjoy quiet time together on the bed. Now if only Tiki would use his water dish...
- Brian



Happy Endings

We have only had 8 month old **Daisy (formerly Lucky)** for a couple of weeks, but consider ourselves the "lucky" ones to have adopted such a beautiful girl!

Daisy immediately became part of our family. She loves to play with her toys and take long walks to meet the other dogs in the neighbourhood. She is always wanting to play with Amber, our 14 year old calico cat (adopted 7 years ago), but usually gets a clawless smack on the nose and a look that you just know says "I'm 14 and don't play with puppies!"

Border Collies love to learn new things, so she will be going to school starting very soon and continuing through all levels available.

We look forward to showing her off at the Pooch Promenade in May!

For myself I would like to thank the ladies at the Burlington Humane Society for a wonderful (and sometimes very funny) adoption experience.

Jodie



I volunteer at BHS and first met **Jazz (nee Sam)** in January, he needed a lot of TLC and all the volunteers took

turns. On February 16, I sat with him for an hour or so and he started responding and eventually came out of his comfy bed onto my lap and then on my shoulder. That was it for me as he had decided I was "trustworthy" and I adopted him. He came home with his bed as we felt it would ease the transition. I would put his bed beside me on the couch, patting him and talking and after 2 days he eventually came out and found the end of the couch quite comfy. He now started to explore his new place and decided the bedroom closet was the place he preferred to be during the day. He was very cautious and did not venture to come out until around 9:30 at night and would be back in the closet by 5am.



Jazz (nee Sam)

During that week I kept thinking of **Carmen**, a 2 year old cat from BHS. She is sweet and I thought she would be a great friend for Jazz. Carmen, now called Mimi, explored her new home and found Jazz in the closet. He promptly found another hiding place. Over the next couple of weeks it was interesting to see Mimi find all of his hiding places and he slowly started to come out at various times to see what she was up to. He liked treats twice a day and saw Mimi sitting in front of the windows and decided to venture closer and found out he was quite safe "inside". She taught him what to expect living in a loving home. Mimi would sit beside me on the couch and he would look from a distance. Slowly each day he would come closer until he eventually had the courage to jump on the couch and decided he liked the TLC.

At night Mimi slept with me as he looked from a distance until one night he decided to jump on the bed and now he is there every night. Mimi is such a great teacher for him. When there is anything new he looks at her first to see what she will do and then follows suit. Without her it would have taken a long time for him to feel so comfortable and safe in a home.

As Jazz got stronger he felt he had to defend his new territory and started to bully Mimi. He never physically hurt her but would corner her. I decided to separate them during the day and have a lot of talks with Jazz about his lack of manners. This is working very well and Jazz is now totally cuddly and kind to Mimi.

I am so very happy to have these two beautiful cats in my life. Thank you BHS for being there to rescue animals. - Linda G



Mimi (nee Carmen)