

## Desperately Seeking Jenna



Jenna came to us on February 2, 2008 as a stray, obviously not a stray for too long as she weighed almost 30 lbs. We were sure someone would be looking for her, but no one

ever came forward. So, Jenna's health care was done and she came to the adoption centre on Fairview.

When Jenna arrived, she was very unhappy being caged, and acted out on those who cared for her – never biting or scratching, just being generally uncooperative.

Since moving to our new shelter and opening The Loft (our second-hand store), Jenna discovered a new place to spend her days. Every chance she gets, she heads to the Loft door and sits until someone lets her in, where the volunteers have made her a nice comfy bed and treat her like royalty! After her daily once over of the store, she settles in for a day of "supervising" and rest!

Several who work in The Loft have thought of adopting Jenna, but she has made it known that she doesn't like other cats or dogs, and most have other animals at home. Recently, Jenna was moved to the "playroom" from her double cage, so she could get more "exercise" when she wasn't in The Loft! We hoped this move would increase her chances of being adopted. But, Jenna continues her peculiar behaviour of swatting at anyone who shows an interest in her. Why? This is not the life we want for Jenna – she can be so sweet and would make someone a wonderful companion, especially someone who would enjoy taking a nap with her every afternoon!

Jenna is a beautiful calico girl, weighing 18 lbs, and needs to lose a few! She is loving, likes to talk, purrs very loudly when petted and loves people-watching.

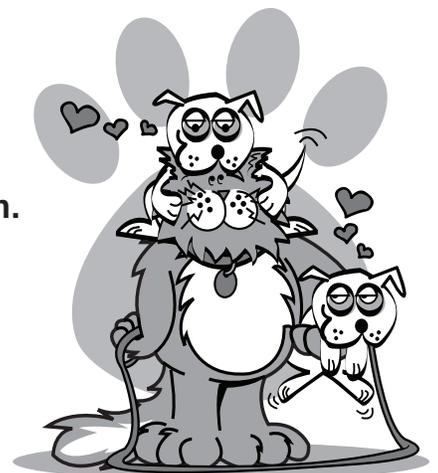
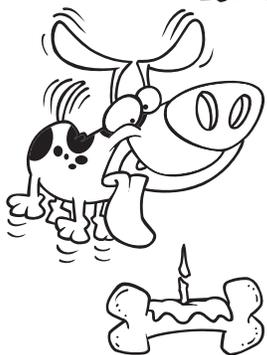
We wonder if Jenna is so happy here that she doesn't want to go to a home. But, this is not the life Jenna deserves. Soon, she will have to go back to her cage, at least at night, as the playroom will be needed for litters of kittens. This is just not fair to her. As with all our animals, Jenna needs a forever home – where her "royal" treatment can continue!

After spending over a year with us, Jenna is now approximately 5 years old and her health care is current. She has watched almost 1,000 other cats go to their forever homes, yet she still waits to "choose" a favourite person of her own.

## First Anniversary Party & Adoptathon

**May 2nd 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. & May 3rd Noon – 4 p.m.**

-  Tours of the Adoption Centre
-  Barbecue
-  Adoptathon
-  Many kittens will be ready for adoption!



## Hours of Operation

### **Adoption Centre**

740 Griffith Court  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Monday – Saturday  
Noon – 3 p.m.  
Sunday  
Tel: 905-637-7325

### **The Loft**

740 Griffith Court  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Monday – Saturday  
905-633-8143

### **The Attic**

479 John Street  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Monday – Saturday  
Tel: 905-333-5885

## 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 its community.

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

## NOTICE!

### **Annual General Meeting of the Burlington Humane Society Monday June 8, 2009 – 7 p.m. Adoption Centre – 740 Griffith Court**

Business to be dealt with 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, 2009 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 p.m. on May 8, 2009. Nomination forms are available at the Adoption Centre.

## President's Message

By Jolene Regan

It hardly seems possible that we will be celebrating our First Anniversary at our new location. Over the past year, we have received so many compliments on the building itself and how great it is for the animals. We have also provided a location for several community groups to hold meetings and learn about the care of animals.

Looking forward, we will need to set up a type of "reserve" fund for future building maintenance. Due to the current economic turmoil, we are also looking at ways to cut expenses. Although the building is paid for, our operating funds are at a minimum comfort level. A greater presence in the community has interpreted into higher adoption numbers, but with additional adoptions comes higher vet costs. We never want to compromise the health care for the animals, but we never recover the vet costs in the price of an adoption. This has always been covered through donations.

Luckily, we have volunteers that are able to provide current maintenance, but are still looking for "a few good men" to help in that area. There are items that require monthly maintenance, and with spring/summer fast approaching, there will be lots more – including gardening (not just for men)!

We still have a lot of work to do – with a priority of acquiring some new and additional cat cages. Several of our cages have seen better days! Thanks to a recent donation for that purpose, we will be ordering some soon, but will still require approximately 30 more.

During the time of Michelle Swain's maternity leave, Judy Coney took on a special position to work on a smooth transition to our new building. Michelle decided not to return as an Adoption Counsellor, so Judy has now decided to stay on as an employee and therefore has resigned from the board. Judy's contribution to the board for over 20 years has been invaluable and her knowledge and expertise will continue to benefit the animals. Thanks, Judy for your dedication and love for the animals.

Many of you will remember Kay Toye who became a volunteer shortly after Burlington Humane organized. She was a board member for several years, a past president and volunteered until she became ill about 10 years ago. Kay passed away in January and our sincere condolences are extended to her family and friends. Kay continued to be a supporter even though she was no longer active.

Thanks to all who generously gave donations during the holiday season, and sent stories and pictures of your animals. It is a known fact that animals provide many health benefits to their owners, and we are so happy to be able to adopt many of those animals to their forever homes.

Please join us at our upcoming events – the First Anniversary Party and Adoptathon, Pooch Promenade and our AGM.

### **EQUIPMENT NEEDED!**

**8 ft. aluminum ladder, small lawn mower,  
lawn rakes and wheelbarrow.**



# Adoptions Report

By Judy Coney

It hardly seems possible we will have been in our new Centre a year on May 1st. It has been everything we hoped for and more.

The beginning of this year we saw record-breaking adoptions during the months of January and February. I think one of the reasons is our new Sunday adoption hours – staffed fully by volunteers. It has been extremely successful with up to 10 adoptions on one Sunday afternoon! Thank you to those volunteers who have learned to process adoptions, and the receptionists who so willingly give up their Sunday afternoons.

Because the cats are being adopted so quickly, we were able to offer our help to Hamilton Animal Control and did several cat rescues during February. We have also taken some dogs from Lab Rescue who are rescuing a large number of mixed breed dogs. We also assisted Oakville Humane by taking 5 puppies from a rescue of 18 dogs/puppies. All have been excellent dogs and were adopted very quickly.

The Dog Playground is now complete and our dogs are enjoying the freedom of a leash-free romp. It is a fabulous space for them to enjoy these spring days. We continue to have some wonderful dogs who usually spend only a short time with us before leaving for their forever homes. We hope we can have another visit with them at Pooch Promenade.

Once again we are joining forces with The North Shore Animal League to participate in their Spring Adoptathon on May 2nd and 3rd. We are combining our Adoptathon with an Open House to celebrate our First Anniversary at Griffith Court. I hope you all come out to say hi, and if you haven't seen the new the Centre it would be a great time to visit.



Another sign of spring, we have 7 mother cats and their litters in foster homes! Could this be an early sign of spring? We hope so. If you have the time and space for a mom and litter, foster homes are always needed.

We are continuously looking at ways to improve Adoptions and make positive changes. New challenges have arisen with our new shelter and we are meeting them as always, with the best interests of the animals and the Society in mind.



On Jan. 28, we received an e-mail from one of our volunteers, Maxine Foxall. Maxine told us

she knew of a company willing to donate 10 pallets of litter to us if we could pick it up within 48 hours. We quickly contacted a transportation company to make arrangements, and Janice Farquhar got on the phone to get volunteers to help us unload.

On a very, very cold Friday night at 7 p.m. a tractor trailer pulled up to Burlington Humane absolutely full. 10 pallets had grown to over 52 pallets of litter, enough we believe to last almost 2 years! A very small but dedicated group of volunteers “hand-bombed” the litter off the truck and into our outside storage. There was so much we ended up storing some on our patio. It was midnight when a very exhausted and dusty group of volunteers finished. Now that is what we call animal lovers!

Thanks to Normerica/Northdown for the donation of litter and to Fluke Transportation for assisting us in transporting the litter to Burlington, as well as for their patience while they waited for the truck to be unloaded!

A sunny day finds Levon enjoying a romp around the new doggie playground!



Mom with kittens, now in foster care – all food/litter is provided. Just a warm, safe place to call her own is required while the kittens are with her, and some TLC!

Mom and kittens will provide hours of entertainment!

# THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

## DONATIONS RECEIVED, NOVEMBER 2008 - FEBRUARY 2009

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Borrer, Carolyn	Forbes, Margaret	Lewis, Susan	Reader, Brenda	Walker, Jo-Anne
Boswell, Victor	Freeman, Lois	Ling, Bev	Reed, Lynda	Weston, Eileen
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## SPECIAL DONATIONS

Interac Club	Nelson High School
Christmas Card Contest	Eclipse Colour & Imaging
Donation in Lieu of Christmas Presents	Jack & Michael LaSalle
Gift Card	Willow, Ron & Lindy Beckett
Employee Bake Sale	Burlington Post
Christmas present for Brian & Joan Kirkpatrick	Alan & Michelle Martin
Gift in Kind	Cam Jackson
Gift in Kind	Mary Ellen Tuck
Gift in Kind	Janice & Jim Farquhar
Gift in Kind	Brian & Christine Delany
Bequest	Judith Marguarite Major
Gift in Lieu of Wedding Favours	Chris & Shelley Anderson & cats
Christmas Party donations to Animals	Cindy & Neil Davidson



Burlington Humane Society wishes to express its 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 HONOUR OF

MICHELLE RICCO FOR  
HER VOLUNTEER WORK  
DOG "JESSIE"  
JILL SIMPSON'S BIRTHDAY  
EMILY ZYCH  
GLENNIA KING  
BETTY HRYHORCHUK  
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BRETT & NATALIE SIMMS  
ISABELLA FRENCH'S BIRTHDAY

CORINNE BULGER'S 11TH BIRTHDAY

CAT "ARBY"  
LUCAS & MATTHEW GERGYEK  
SAMANTHA

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Each year, Eclipse Imaging holds a card design contest for their holiday card amongst the children of their employees. Pictured here is the winner of this year's competition with a cheque for \$500 to BHS as her chosen charity for having the winning card design.



When Isabella turned 7, she chose to have people donate to BHS instead of receive gifts. Isabella visited the Adoption Centre to deliver her donations and to meet the animals and is pictured here with Taffy.



Employees at the Burlington Post baked and sold Valentine cakes and cookies with proceeds to the animals.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar Now!



**April 16 – 20** Used Book Sale at the Adoption Centre – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
April 16 – 19 and Noon – 3 p.m. April 20

**May 2 & 3** – Adoptathon and 1st (moving) Anniversary Party at the Adoption Centre.  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. May 2 and Noon – 4 p.m. May 3.

**May 31** – 16th Annual Pooch Promenade - 10 a.m. – Spencer Smith Park.

Updates in Burlington Post Pet of the Week ad or website:  
[www.burlingtonhumane.ca](http://www.burlingtonhumane.ca)



Kendel and Alexandra asked for food donations for the animals instead of Christmas Gifts.

## ATTIC REPORT

The past year has been particularly difficult for the volunteers at The Attic, as several long-time friends have become ill and are not able to continue their duties. Dorothy Simpson, Gwen Cross and Lois Moko have all had to give up their duties. Lois provided bookkeeping for The Attic since it opened in 1984. Another long-time volunteer, Dolores Johnson, has recently retired also. They are all missed and we want to wish them well and thank them for their dedication and past contribution to The Attic.

The Attic recently received a "face-lift"! New siding was added and a new roof installed. Drive by and have a look, and stop in for some bargains! Spring items are now available at very affordable prices. Thanks to all the volunteers for another great year!

## LOFT REPORT

We are happy to report that sales at The Loft are "taking off"! This is great news, as The Loft was incorporated into the new building to provide additional revenue to cover extra expenses of maintaining the new building.

Gift baskets are still available for that favourite dog or cat – maybe a birthday present, Easter present or "just because"! Science Diet food is also available with a 10% discount to members!

Don't forget items for your home or treat yourself to a new outfit, all at bargain prices!

### NEW FEATURE ON THE WEBSITE

Check out the Featured Item of the Week at The Attic and The Loft!

[www.burlingtonhumane.ca](http://www.burlingtonhumane.ca)

Anyone experienced in the retail industry or wishing to learn more about volunteering at either store, opportunities are available. Please fill out the volunteer form on the website, e-mail us or phone for more info.

## FUNDRAISING REPORT

by Patricia Howard

Spring heralds the start of another new season of events and activities at Burlington Humane, as we grapple with the influx of mother cats and their kittens. Providing a safe haven for them all until they are adopted also means raising the funds necessary to maintain their temporary home at the adoption centre, and provide health care. This is where we need your invaluable support for our fundraising activities!

**16th ANNUAL POOCH PROMENADE** – Our biggest event on the calendar, to be held this year on Sunday 31st May at Spencer Smith Park. Many vendors with pet-related products and services will be of interest to all. Come out to enjoy a stroll by the lake and help our abandoned animals at the same time by raising funds for your efforts. Pledge sheets are available at our adoption centre or download it from our web site: [www.burlingtonhumane.ca](http://www.burlingtonhumane.ca)



Raffles, pet contests, hot dogs, and an entertaining show and 'how to' demonstration courtesy of Scholars in Collars - who could ask for more on a spring day in May!

**SPRING BOOK SALE** – April 16 - 19 at the new adoption centre. Let your thoughts spring ahead to the lazy days of summer and come in to choose some enjoyable reading material to while away those lazy summer days that we are all looking forward to. Great prices and a great selection – something for everyone to enjoy!

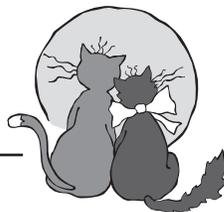
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As always, our sincere thanks must go to all our super volunteers who give their time and effort to help us put on all our fundraising activities. Even Santa made a special stop at our new adoption centre in December, to visit his furry friends again! Every little bit helps, from our donation tin team that tirelessly does the rounds of city businesses to service the donation tins, to those who help at The Loft and The Attic, and of course everyone who helps with our big events such as Pooch Promenade. Your help and time are so very much appreciated by us all – we couldn't do it without you!

Would you like to consider helping at one of our fundraising events? Are you newly retired and have time on your hands to direct your skills to help a worthwhile cause? Do you have a great idea for a fundraising drive to help the animals? If so – please get in touch with us, we'd love to hear from you!

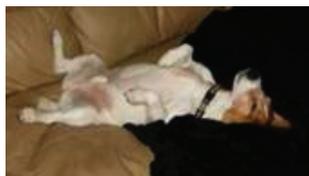
Watch the Pet of the Week ad and check out the website for updates on new events.

# HAPPY ENDINGS



## Momo

Just an update on Momo (formerly known as Stanley). It's been about a month and a half since Momo came home with us, and he's adjusting great. He's gotten used to his new surroundings and he's still as bouncy and joyful as ever. He's every bit the playful pup that he's supposed to be, as evidenced by his frolicking in the snow during the first snowfall (and all of the subsequent snowfalls...so far). Momo now spends his days running and hiding in his bed whenever he finds "treasure" (ie. a stray sock or glove), cuddling in turn with each of us, and bringing sound (or noise) to our household - especially now that he's gotten the hang of how to play with his squeaky toys. We're really happy to have Momo as a part of our family, and would like to say thanks to you all for bringing us together! - Joanne



## Dexter

I just wanted to send you all an update on my new family member! His name is Dexter (now), however, I believe you know him as Pierce! He is a fantastic dog! I can't even express to you how much he has superseded my expectations from an adopted little guy! In 7 days (to date) he has not eaten anything I'd rather he didn't... or, destroyed ANYTHING (even though some potentially "chewable" things may have been left out), or even had an accident whilst left at home! He is unbelievably a perfect companion who is right for my life style, and who complements traits in me! Thank you all for helping him and helping me to find him. Your efforts definitely don't go unnoticed and ABSOLUTELY do not go unappreciated!!! - Mat



## Forest

I adopted Munchkin from the Burlington Humane Society at the beginning of September 2008. My other cat Linus craved the attention of a "new friend", after the loss of his brother Pablo, earlier this year. I brought Munchkin home and let him out of the cat carrier. He ran around the house like a wildebeest on the Serengeti. He ran everywhere...food...run run run...water...run run run...door...run run run. Needless to say, his name was quickly changed from Munchkin to Forrest, after the famous movie line "Run Forrest Run"! Forrest has adjusted extremely well to his forever home. His favourite pastimes include running, chasing shadows, eating, and investigating shoes. "Momma always says there's an awful lot you can tell about a person by their shoes". His future aspirations include owning a fleet of shrimp vessels. - Sharon & Linus



## Gizzy

It's Gizzy's (Gizmo's) second day in her new home and she's all settled in and being spoiled like crazy. She's enjoying all the space to run around and the new places to hide. She loves all the treats, watching the birds in the window, and curling up in our fuzzy blanket, but best of all she has a new friend, our other cat Amber. A few months ago, our cat Cassie had to be put-down and Amber was really lonely and started licking parts of herself bald. When we saw Gizzy it was like it was meant to be. At first, she and Amber were unsure of each other, but now they follow each other around the house. We love our new addition to our family and we love her very much!



## Lawn Signs

Do you have room for a lawn sign to advertise Pooch Promenade? Please phone the office or send an email to [burlingtonhumane@bellnet.ca](mailto:burlingtonhumane@bellnet.ca) We will set up and take down.

*Thanks!*

to all our volunteers!

April is volunteer month and our volunteers deserve the biggest "Paws Up" of all!



The animals are the true beneficiaries of our dedicated volunteers and our success is dependent upon them.

