



Brynn & Mia

by Kelsey Arnold

has been as life altering as raising Brynn and Mia from the time they were only 4 days old, but sometimes I feel like I failed as a foster parent. I didn't fail them because I kept them alive, warm and happy, but I feel like I didn't do my job as a foster parent because I didn't complete my job - I never gave them back!

Every time I arrive home I think how different my life would be if I didn't have their happy smiling faces to come home to (and they do smile, a lot!). I feel they are a part of me, as much as the blood in my veins. From bottles to puppy mush to soaking kibble, I did my best to keep them healthy and safe, even though I had to get up at three in the morning to mix their formula and keep it warm.

There are stories as to why I picked each of them from the 10 that needed fosters - Mia, because she was the loudest and if her voice was any indication, she would make it; Brynn, because she drank her bottle down faster and with more verve than I thought possible for a four day old pup; And I picked Jackson because he made me a little sad and I thought I could fix him. I was wrong. Nothing I could have done would have saved him, and I cried for hours knowing that. I just couldn't save him. Many things about them made me cry actually, and some still do. I cried when I thought Mia wasn't eating enough and when Brynn had trouble walking. I cried in frustration when they just would not go back to sleep. I cry now because Brynn is clumsy and hurts herself and because Mia is so stubborn and refuses to walk nicely on her leash. And I still cry because I cannot believe that someone would ever do that to innocent animals – put them in a sack and dump them out of a car.

But no matter how much I cry or scream in frustration, nothing outweighs the joy they bring me. I remember the first time I saw Mia's eyes. They were the brightest blue I had ever seen and it scared me a little bit to know that something really was going on inside of that tiny body, and that it was bigger than anything I had ever seen before. I remember the first time I gave Brynn a bath. I was terrified that she would catch a chill, but I still laugh at the way she squealed and wiggled in the warm water. Mia's tongue never seemed to quite fit in her mouth, giving her a look of utterly cute defiance in everything she did. Their first time outside was as exciting for me as it was for them, and when they came back

looking so proud of themselves for catching their first leaves, you couldn't have found a prouder mom. I've even been known to give a silent, and extremely grudging, thanks to whoever thought they weren't worth keeping, because it means that they were stupid enough to let go of some of the most precious things on earth and give them to me.

People always ask me two things. First they ask if hand-raised pups are different from dogs raised by a real mother. I always have the same answer for them. A resounding YES! My dogs don't think that they're dogs. They don't fetch like normal dogs; they pounce and bat their toys around like a cat. They don't play with each other like normal dogs; they poke and push at each other with their paws like little kids on a playground. After I explain all of this to whoever happens to inquire, their second question is normally about how much easier it must be to raise and train two pups instead of just one because they can learn together. Nope! Not so! No way! No how! They are constantly distracting each other and wanting to play together. I thought that they would never be house broken because whenever we would take them outside they would find a rock or stick or piece of leaf and taunt the other with it. It got so bad that we had to take them outside separately, and sometimes we still do! Having two at the same time is something that just happened; it wasn't planned and it's something that I recommend only to the most highly experienced owners, no newbies allowed.

I'm not sure why I needed to write this down as I've never told anyone even half of it. I guess it's because when I got the e-mail, I could only see my babies. There was limited information in the e-mail, so my brain automatically filled in the missing info with my dogs' story. Even though it's highly unlikely that these new pups are from a large litter of Shepherds who were dropped in a bag on the side of the road too, that's what my head keeps saying, and my heart just keeps breaking at the thought. I know that I couldn't take these babies into my home as well because of my job and the two big, goofy idiot half-pups, and my two already highly-offended cats, but that doesn't mean that they won't be in my heart with every other furry wonder that the Humane Society looks after.



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Hours of Operation

Adoption Centre

740 Griffith Court

10:00 am – 5:00 pm | Monday – Saturday

Noon – 3:00 pm | Sunday

905-637-7325

The Loft

740 Griffith Court

10:00 am – 5:00 pm | Monday – Saturday

905-633-8143

The Attic

479 John Street

10:00 am – 4:00 pm | Monday – Saturday

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

President's Message

By Jolene Regan

The past year brought more changes and challenges to deal with. There have been several changes in staff and many new volunteers each month arrive with new ideas and energy.

In November, Judy Coney resigned as Shelter Manager. Judy was a board member for many years and took the job of Adoption Counsellor in late 2007. Judy will be missed by everyone and we wish her the best in the future.

We will be hiring a new manager and another adoption counsellor – both on a part-time basis.

Tickets are still available for our first "Love the Animals" lottery, with daily draws every day in December and a \$5,000 grand prize draw on December 31! What a great start to the New Year for the lucky winner!

We are presently considering several new fundraising events in the Spring. Watch our website for news and events and you can sign up online for notifications.

As always at this time of year, I know everyone receives requests for donations to some very worthy charities. Remember to make sure you are sending your donation to a charity that is going to use your donations appropriately. You can be sure that your donations to Burlington Humane will go directly to help the animals.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank all our volunteers and supporters for making 2010 another wonderful year for the animals. We wish all of you a very happy and healthy holiday season for yourself and your pets, and the very best for 2011!

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Mark your calendars now!

December 1 – 30 – Daily Love the Animals Lottery Draw for \$250/day – 5pm

December 31 – Grand Prize Love the Animals Lottery Draw - \$5,000 – 5pm

December 11 – Pet Pictures with Santa – 10am – 5pm at the Adoption Centre.

December 12 – Pet Pictures with Santa – Noon – 3pm at the Adoption Centre.

December 18 – Home for the Holiday's Open House – 10am – 5pm at the Shelter.

December 31 – Last day to purchase Entertainment Books.

January 25, 2011 – Puppy Classes begin – 6 week course, maximum of 8 puppies.

May 29, 2011 - Pooch Promenade.

UPDATES - Watch the Pet of the Week ad in the Burlington Post or online at burlingtonhumane.ca

WISH LIST

Dog collars and leashes (especially large sizes)
Dog and cat toys
Small ceramic bowls for cats and kittens
Cat crates
Cat and dog treats
Science Diet Kitten, Cat, Dog and Puppy Food
Unscented only dryer sheets

Computer monitors – LCD 15" or larger
Laminating Machine
Camera with SLR function
Gift certificates from pet food stores or grocery stores

We are a Hill's sponsored shelter and have an agreement to feed Science Diet pet food to our animals in our care.



Adoptions Report

By Sue Tilley

Fall was a busy season in adoptions this year. Kitten and puppy season started early and is still running even though the cold weather has arrived. Lots of litters have kept the adoptions team very busy.

We also celebrated the graduation of our first class of puppies in October. With a second group 'in training', our dog trainer Alice Scott, is looking forward to giving out diplomas in the next few weeks. We would like to thank Alice for offering these classes to our pups that get adopted and also to anyone who wants to bring in their young dogs. A new puppy class will begin in January, running once a week for 10 weeks. Check our website for dates and sign up for the next class.

We have placed new cages on the top of our wish list for 2011. With an increase in animals coming through our doors this year, we have been full most of the summer and are still at capacity and always looking for more space to help out as many animals as we can. Some of the cages we have are old and small and in need of replacement so we are hoping that perhaps one of our recently adopted felines whispers in Santa's ear while they are having their picture taken and lets him know.

Our volunteers have worked very hard through a very busy season. Those who have helped in feeding and cleaning the many cages and kennels have been such a great help to our animal care worker. Litters of puppies and kittens keep us hopping and we no sooner get them cleaned and fed and 5 minutes later they need to be done again. It is great fun to have them with us but it does make for some busy shifts when we are full. Thanks to all those who provide feeding and cleaning for the cats, kittens, dogs and puppies. It is easily the most important job in the shelter as it is imperative for healthy animals. Our dog walkers have been great, coming faithfully to walk the dogs and help with the puppies. The reception volunteers have been a great help, keeping the adoptions desk organized and patiently showing families through, answering questions and helping them to adopt.

A big thank you to Mary Anne Edwards and Leigh Anna Brown for their work as adoption counsellors. These two ladies have worked very hard to keep adoptions moving forward and finding great homes for many of our animals. We welcomed some new animal care workers to our staff with Gilda Theurer, Megan DeGroote and Josh Demedieros sharing the position. They have been a great addition to the adoptions team and their work with the animals is very much appreciated. Patricia Johnston has done a great job with the training and staffing of our volunteer receptionist and her efforts are also much appreciated.

With lots of cats and dogs, kittens and puppies in the shelter, it is a busy and vibrant place. If you have not been in to see us in a while, please stop in on Dec. 18th at the Open House. It is sure to be a busy day with lots of people calling in to see the animals and offer their help and support.



Sally Fund

A year ago, the Sally Fund was set up as a very specific charitable fund within the Burlington Humane Society. Its sole purpose is to cover medical costs of homeless dogs from Southern Ontario that are either suffering from heartworm, fractures, wounds, malnutrition and even cases of abuse. Neglect of animals is not something that is generally found in Burlington, but in other parts of Ontario the animals are not as lucky.

The fund is named for "Sally", one of these dogs, who suffered from heartworm. Treatment for heartworm includes several painful injections at monthly intervals.

With the help of the "Sally Fund", Burlington Humane has saved 23 dogs, providing deworming, antibiotics, pain medication and vaccinations and spay/neuter. There are currently six dogs still in various stages of treatment, and three who have just arrived and two are in need of foster homes. Thanks to all those who have fostered these dogs over the past year – it can take months to complete treatment, depending on the severity of the condition. If you have room in your home for a foster dog for a few months, please contact us.

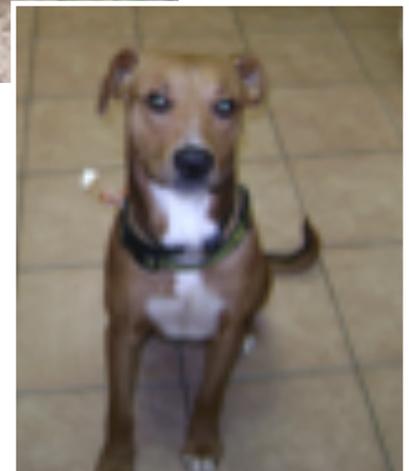
The Sally Fund does not discriminate against medical conditions. As you can imagine, some conditions can be costly to treat. Foster parents donate their time, home, patience, and most importantly, love. Veterinarians donate their professional time.

Luckily for many of these dogs, they are adopted to their forever homes within days of arriving at BHS after completion of their treatment.

Would you please consider donating to this cause and save a life!



Avril was a Sally Fund dog that had surgery for a broken leg and was fostered while recovering. Now adopted.



Red – about 1 year old will begin his heartworm treatment in December. He is friendly and loves other dogs.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

DONATIONS RECEIVED, AUGUST - OCTOBER 2010

Astra Zeneca	Hames, Steve	Pedicone, Mary Ann
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Beckett, Ron & Willow	Hunter, Karen	Prout, Myrtle
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Campbell, Dana	Kraus, Nera	Sams, Donna
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Cowan, Peter & Joy	Marshall, Ruth	Sutton, Hazel
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MONTHLY DONATIONS

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Bush, Margaret	O'Sullivan, Linda In memory of Misha
Chire, Brian	Sakran, Karmel
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SALLY FUND DONATIONS

In memory "Charlie"	from Valerie Westman
Arlene Simpson	
Janice & Jim Farquhar	
Moir Bloom & John McIntosh	



In Memory of People

IN MEMORY OF

FROM

DOROTHY ELLIS

MINA HICKS

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We are very grateful to those who chose Burlington Humane as their designated charity through their company's planned giving.



There are many ways to provide a legacy for the animals. Gifts can be made in your will, a donation of stocks, life insurance, annuities and others. Please discuss this with your estate planner or financial advisor. If you would like further information on how Burlington Humane will use those funds, please do not hesitate to call.



In Memory of Pets

IN MEMORY OF

**CHARLIE McCORMICK
HARRY
MOLLY STAMERS
ALI REGAN**

**WINNIE McARTHUR
BUDDY RICHARDSON
GRACIE CARROLL**

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DARBY DALTON COOPER
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COCAO
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SHADOW**

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IN HONOUR OF

**Johanna Deboer
Jill Simpson's Birthday
Darryll Aver's Birthday
Wendy Brown
Nancy Schwenger
Lily (formerly dog "Coral")
Stan Morrow
Sarah Speir
Marjorie Speir
Denton Hunt's Birthday
Gary Hunt's Birthday
The Keills/Low Wedding Guests
Cats Gringo, Tucker & Wu
Wedding of John & Lynn Pimental
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Raffle Pet Valu and Canada Trust
Lunch & Learn Seminar Bluenotes
Bequest Mary Catherine Reemeyer
In lieu of Wedding Favours Amy Hammel & Chris
Raised Funds for the animals Isabella & Victoria
Bequest Diane Mary Kilpinen
Painted Nails, Washed Cars & sold pop Sarah, Megan & Emma
Bake Sale Victoria & Madeline
Collected Toys, food and \$ at birthday party Gillian McPhee
Gate Help at Cat Show Hamilton Cat Fanciers



Trixie - receiving a blessing at the Blessing of the Animals at St. Christopher's Anglican Church on Oct. 21. Trixie was one of 3 hand-raised kittens.



Sheridan Hill - 8 years old with one of the pups her family fostered for about 6 weeks. Sheridan raised about \$55 from the "street family" for BHS. Thank you Sheridan for thinking of the animals.



Congratulations to Amy and Christopher Reed on their recent wedding! Amy and Chris chose to make a donation to the animals in lieu of wedding favours.



Deloitte's Impact Day brought this group of employees to BHS to volunteer for the day. Many thanks to all for cleaning and gardening - jobs that always require extra work!

FUNDRAISING REPORT



PET PICTURES WITH SANTA

Santa will be in attendance on December 11th from 11am – 3pm and December 12th from Noon – 3pm. Bring your favourite pet to meet Santa and have a picture taken – maybe one for all your family and friends also!

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS OPEN HOUSE

Join us on Saturday December 18th as we open our doors to celebrate the holiday season.

Enjoy some delicious home-made treats and visit the animals for adoption.

Choose an animal on the Tree of Hope to sponsor. Bring a gift for the animals to enjoy throughout the year.

Your donations will make Christmas Day at the shelter a special one for those animals not lucky enough to spend the holidays in their “forever home”.

LOVE THE ANIMALS LOTTERY

Tickets are still available for the Love the Animals Lottery. Lucky winners are drawn every day in December for \$250 with a GRAND PRIZE draw of \$5000 on December 31. All tickets are returned to the draw to be eligible for all draws.

Congratulations! To the two \$1000 Early Bird Winners!



Allyson Slater



Margaret Kwiatkowski

“RUFF” RIDE & OPEN HOUSE

A beautiful September day was enjoyed by all those who attended The Second Annual “Ruff” Ride and Open House. Even Santa came!

Over 90 riders and participants enjoyed a scenic ride through North Burlington, an after-ride barbecue, games, silent auction and live music by local band Prologic. Thanks to all who participated and the sponsors and prize donors for helping to make this event successful.



The ATTIC & LOFT Report

The second annual Super Santa Sale featured bargains galore for the shoppers.



Good News just in time for Christmas!

The Attic is having

a 50% off clothing sale for the month of December! Stop by for some early shopping for yourself and your family!

The Attic and The Loft also have lots of warm clothing for yourself and your pet, and best of all, at bargain prices – stop by for a treat!

Everyone at Burlington Humane wishes Johanna Deboer a speedy recovery from recent surgery. Johanna has been a volunteer at the Attic since it opened its doors in 1984, and continues as one of the sales coordinators.

Thanks to all the volunteers who devote so much time to keeping the stores up and running. Thanks also to all who donate items – your donations contribute directly to the success of both stores. In turn, the animals are the real winners, as all proceeds go to their vet care and keeping them safe while awaiting their new homes.

Gift Baskets for your animals!

Don't forget your four-legged friends this Christmas! Shop early for the best selection of great gift baskets for cats and dogs! Your pet will thank you for a great gift, and you will be helping the shelter animals at the same time! Limited quantities, so stop in at the Adoption Centre or the Loft soon to avoid disappointment.



We are really in need of clean shred to use in our gift baskets. Do you have any that you could donate, or do you know of a company or store that could donate some to us? Many thanks!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The perfect stocking stuffer that keeps giving for months! Stop by today at the Adoption Centre or The Loft and pick up several for only \$20 each.

Enter your Entertainment Book code online and access over 1,400 more coupons!

THROWAWAY ANIMALS



Rocky – 12 wk old

Rocky has already suffered a setback in his short life. Barely old enough to be separated from his mother or his litter mates, Rocky was found as a stray and surrendered to a veterinary clinic. At the time he was surrendered his face was swollen on the left side. The swelling increased severely causing his left eye to swell shut. At first it was thought that he may have been hit

by a car. Upon further examination the veterinarian determined that the cause of the swelling was a puncture wound in the roof of his mouth. The puncture had pierced the pallet and entered his sinuses. Due to this opening, Rocky breathes through his mouth and is unable to move air easily through his nose.

Rocky is currently in foster care and much improved. The swelling has disappeared and his eye has completely opened. The puncture wound is healing but it will take time close completely. Hopefully once the puncture has healed he will be able to breathe normally. Rocky will be looking for his forever home soon.



In late April, a call came in from someone at Miele Disposal – a driver had found five kittens in a box inside a dumpster. The kittens were only about 3 weeks old but otherwise in

good health. A foster home was found and the kittens were raised there until they were ready for adoption. All five, **Luna, Grady, Gypsy, Carbon** and **Pepper**, were adopted.



Dandy and Dusty

On a very hot day in late June, a lady found a closed box on the hydro-field walking trail. Much to her dismay, the box held four young kittens. They were rushed to a vet, but as much as we tried, two of the four were so dehydrated and lethargic that they did not make it. The other two were very sick also with bloody diarrhea and severe upper respiratory virus. The

two, Dandy and Dusty, did recover and were happily adopted.



Rex

Rex was hit by a car and left at the side of the road. Fortunately a kind and caring person picked Rex up, as he could not walk, and took him to a vet. He arrived at a clinic in the arms of the person who took the time to help him. Even with a significant injury to his spine, Rex's sweet nature and wonderful personality shone through

and the vet quickly took Rex in and helped to relieve his pain. After a few days, Rex was able to stand and with rest and treatment he was slowly able to walk. Through it all he was a sweet, affectionate boy who won over the hearts of all who met him. Rex is a great dog who has found that special person who is going to be patient and give him the TLC he needs to recover. He was left to what was sure to be a terrible ending and instead he is now enjoying a great new life and his story is a very Happy Tail.



Gracie

Gracie was carried through the door one day at a vet clinic, helpless and in very bad shape. The vet quickly took her in to see if she could help. Gracie was malnourished, dehydrated and so weak she was not even able to stand or walk. She was also pregnant and it

was determined she had at least 8 puppies due in a very short time. Within a couple of days, Gracie was able to stand and then walk a few steps. Gracie came to BHS very shy and nervous; cautious but sweet and gentle once she learned to trust. A wonderful foster home came forward to take Gracie in and provide a safe, warm place for her - and her 10 puppies! Mom and pups are doing well with their foster family and will be up for adoption in mid-Dec.. This sweet little girl's future was bleak until a few kind people and a determined vet decided that she was not a throw away animal but one worth saving and she will soon find her forever home with someone who will love and care for her the way she deserves.



These are only a few of the hundreds of animals your donations have provided a safe haven and health care for during the past year. We want to thank everyone for thinking of the animals.

Long Term Residents



Scrapper – male, neutered, grey/white, came to BHS as a stray on May 29, 2009. He was limping badly and it was discovered that he had an injured back leg and torn ligaments. He had surgery that included putting pins in his leg, and another surgery

in Oct. to remove the pin. Scrapper lives up to his name – mostly very sweet, but sometimes very feisty. Often times, he still limps. He lives in the community room now because he needs more space than a cage can give him so his leg can be exercised frequently. He still waits patiently- with no other cats!

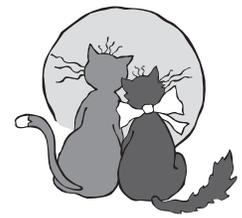


No story would be complete without mentioning D'Jango along with Scrapper.

D'Jango – male, neutered, orange tabby, came to BHS in March. D'Jango very much disliked other cats and when he was let out of his cage for cleaning, he protested loudly and sometimes physically when attempting to put him back. He was always upset seeing the other cats in the room.

Several months ago, D'Jango went to live in the Director's office – which made him happier, but he could still be grumpy at times. He and Scrapper rotated time out in the lobby. D'Jango found Scrapper looking through the window in the community room and they visited each other daily – Scrapper taunting D'Jango and D'Jango doing everything he could to get to Scrapper. They were almost comical! D'Jango has just found his new home, and they will surely miss each other.

HAPPY ENDINGS



Scarlett

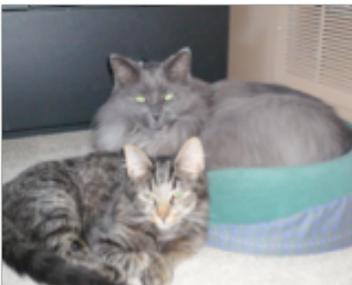
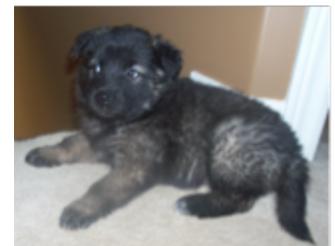
I just wanted to email you all to let you know how my first day at my new home went! My new mommy bought me a lovely bed since you told her how much I liked my old one at the Inn. I don't quite fit in it just yet, but I am sure with the help of my diet food I will slim down in no time - I also have lots of new toys to chase around for exercise! Mommy was a bit concerned that she made a poor choice in selecting a cat nip toy - she thinks it may make me lazy and not as active as I should be for slimming down, what do you think? I also love mommy's plants, she has allowed me to play with them thus far and has assured me she will take better care of me than the plants. In fact, she has already watered me today and bought me a nifty water dish that refills itself - she should also maybe do this for her plants. I get a little scared when there are people in the outside hallway slamming doors or going up and down the stairs but mommy lures me out from behind the couch in no time. It's my new favourite hiding spot - I hid there when my new mommy left me alone to return my cat carrier. Well, I miss you all already, but we will keep in touch! Thank you so much for looking after me until my new mommy came along.

Xo Scarlett (my mom's name is also Scarlett!)

Bailee

Thanks to the BHS for giving us a wonderful new puppy. She is a joy to have around. The kids just love her and she loves all the attention. She is very smart and is already going to the back door. She loves the backyard and plays out there for hours. Another couple of weeks and we will be able to take her for walks.

The Albert Family



Gandalf & Romeo

We adopted a little 3 month old kitten named Kenny almost two weeks ago. We have since changed his name to Romeo, it's a better fit for him. We needed to give our 9 year old cat, Gandalf, a friend to play with since losing his two furry friends this summer. We had to say goodbye to our very old cats Poopy and Thor earlier this year. Romeo looks very much like our kitty Thor, same colouring same furry ears, very similar. Little Romeo won us over and we had to have him. Upon returning home we looked through his vet papers and to our astonishment, Romeo was born the day Thor died. Coincidence? Perhaps, but weird just the same. I have to say he has fit in perfectly. Gandalf and Romeo became fast friends and are always together. Romeo follows his big brother around always, it is very cute. Gandalf is visibly happier. We are very happy to have the newest member of the family. Thanks to the Burlington Humane Society for all that you do.

Paulina & Darren

Cash

Just thought I would give you an update on Cash (formerly Cole). He was one of a litter of three Newfoundland crosses (Cash, Cole and Lucy). I adopted him in May of this year at 8 weeks old. He has brought so much joy into our lives! There is never a dull moment! He loves to go for long walks and hikes on the weekends. He is full of energy and can be the biggest suck. I take him everywhere! He has travelled with me to British Columbia for vacation and has been camping, kayaking and hiking! He loves going to the beach and swimming! He graduated from puppy kindergarten and is now taking intermediate lessons. At seven and a half months old now he weighs 68 pounds and still growing! He loves sleeping with us on our bed which has us considering upgrading to a king size! He loves posing for pictures!

Csilla



Clara

Clara is doing really well. She adjusted amazingly. It took about an hour before she seemed at home. She has investigated every corner in the first floor and the basement where we watch TV. She has claimed the most comfortable chair in the house as hers. She has gone upstairs but for some reason doesn't want to stay up there very much. She spent the night on the back window and back of the sofa. Didn't fuss at all during the night. She really likes watching the birds out the back window and door - we feed the birds, squirrels, etc. there. When she wants attention she will get underfoot and meow a lot. We will sit down (which is what she wants) and then she will curl up at our feet and sleep. She likes to have the company. She is great and we love her already. Thank you all very much. **Theresa**

(Clara had been at BHS since 2009 - It is so great to see her happy in her new forever home.)