

A Light at the End of the Tunnel

By Adrienne Gosse



Despite our fears, after many months of constant care, all four babies were finally ready for adoption! Three of the four kittens did suffer eye damage, but only one of them needed to have an eye removed. Two of these visually impaired babies were adopted by the clinic staff and are doing wonderfully in their new home!

Now, in November, the remaining kittens, one visually impaired male named Bubba Gump, and his fully sighted sister, Mademoiselle Gump, are looking for their forever homes together. Bubba Gump relies on his sister to help him throughout his day. We believe that he does have some rather limited vision. However, while his sight is impaired, his spirit is undaunted and he is often seen playing with toys in his cage.

These four kittens represent what the Burlington Humane Society is all about. We never give up on the animals in our care, even when the outlook seems very poor. The Burlington Humane Society staff, our dedicated fosters, and all of our participating veterinary clinics work tirelessly each day to help the Burlington strays who so need us.

We must also extend a huge vote of thanks to all of you who make a donation to our Society. Without you, we would not be here or be able to help animals such as those four tiny kittens. Although our roles within the auspices of the humane society may differ, from donor, veterinary technician, veterinarian, Board of Directors, shelter staff and volunteer – collectively, as a team, we are there for the animals. We are the voice for animals such as Bubba Gump and his siblings throughout their greatest time of need.

The "Gump" family's special treatment was paid for with Ariel Fund donations. The Ariel Fund is for designated donations to be used for unusual medical expenses such as these or injuries that require special surgeries and care for cats/kittens. The Sally Fund is for the same type of expenses for dogs. If you would like your donation to go to either of these funds, please specify when making the donation.

The call came in to the shelter in July - a pregnant stray cat needed help. Burlington Humane took the cat in without hesitation and placed it in a wonderful foster home. Unfortunately, shortly after the mother cat gave birth, both she and her four kittens came down with a severe upper respiratory infection. Since nursing kittens are too young for vaccines, all four fell seriously ill, and their eyes became horribly infected. The foster parent took the mother cat and her kittens to the vet many times, but the kittens' eye infections became progressively worse. In fact the situation continued to deteriorate despite everyone's best efforts and the intense veterinary care each was receiving. We then received a call from the veterinarian that expressed her grave concern that all four of the kittens may lose their sight.

The staff at Burlington Humane acted quickly and found a Burlington clinic that specializes in eye problems in cats and which could house these kittens for an extended period of time for ongoing medical care to save their sight. The four kittens were treated every two hours with various eye medications, ointments, eye washes, and antibiotics. Throughout this period of intense treatment, neither we nor the clinic ever gave up, and continued to hope that these four tiny kittens would not lose their vision. Everyone continued to work tirelessly to this end, while at the same time trying to minimise as much as possible the obvious pain and discomfort the four kittens were suffering.

Thank you all.

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Hours of Operation

Adoption Centre

740 Griffith Court
10:00 am – 5:00 pm | Monday – Saturday
11:00 am – 4:00 pm | Sunday
905-637-7325

The Loft

740 Griffith Court
10:00 am – 4:30 pm | Monday – Saturday
905-633-8143

The Attic

479 John Street
10:00 am – 4:00 pm | Monday – Saturday
905-333-5885

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

I am sure by now that everyone has heard about our shock when we received a \$44,000 property tax bill in early October covering 2012 and back taxes for 2011 & 2010. The support we received from the community was so much appreciated and I am sure the Mayor and Councillors heard from many of you. We have met with city staff again and are hopeful that with their support, Council will pass a bylaw exempting BHS of the back taxes. We still have the issue of future taxes to deal with after the New Year.

Because of this issue, Karen Hunter, Michelle Hand and I spent many hours reviewing the past few year's finances and now have a very clear picture of the necessity of having sufficient reserve funds for our ongoing operations. In 2011, a building reserve fund study was prepared and we set up a designated reserve fund account and make yearly contributions to it. We are actually a couple of years short in that fund as we should have started setting money aside in 2009, but did not have the funds at the time.

Although we have never actually set up an operating contingency fund, we do have savings that would be used if necessary. We learned that we should have a year's operating expenses in that fund which we do not have, and a goal we will work toward. Several other funds need to be set up also and money put into them on a regular basis.

The past two years have seen a decrease in fundraising and because of the economy, a decrease in bequest investment income. These investments, which are managed by trustees, were set up by individuals as trusts or grants when estate planning and are invested in funds tied to the stock market.

We have been successful in decreasing boarding and veterinary expenses by providing more in-house care and are very lucky to have experienced staff to give that care. This does not mean we are "skimping" on health care, in fact, much the opposite. Staff monitors and checks each animal regularly and are more aware of each animal's needs.

There is still much work to do in 2013 and now our budgeting is on hold due to the possibility of having to pay \$1500/month in property taxes. We are not sure what is involved in becoming a Municipal Capital Facility, which is an option. It appears we fit the description, as we provide some of the same service as Burlington Animal Services, but we can't give up our autonomy either. It will be an interesting year!

We extend our warm thanks to Patricia Connell who has resigned from the board following other commitments. We wish Patricia well in her future endeavours.

Thanks to everyone for your dedication to BHS throughout the year. It is a big job keeping our organization in operation and we rely on so many wonderful volunteers to fulfill much of that work. We couldn't continue without our many donors also and have always been very frugal when spending money.



At this time of year when you receive so many requests for donations, be assured your donation to the animals will be used for that purpose.

Wishing you and your animals a safe and happy holiday season and best wishes in 2013!

Adoptions Report

By Adrienne Gosse

Another year has come and gone, and the shelter is still filled to capacity with cats and kittens of every age and colour. With such a busy shelter we are constantly reminded how wonderful and special our volunteers are. Each and every day you come in to the shelter and give up your free time to help them. Whether it's providing feed and clean for the cats, transporting an animal to a clinic, helping out in The Loft or The Attic or walking one of our dogs, you are here for the animals.

Our adoption counsellors, Mary Anne and Kelly have done an amazing job finding the right home for our cats and dogs. Without their utmost expertise we would not be able to be so successful in helping our animals find new homes. We recently have changed our dog adoption procedures to help us better match up families with our dogs. We wanted to help reduce the incidence of impulse adoptions, and through multiple visits from the family, we can now better assess the types of homes our dogs are going to. So far this new adoption procedure has been very successful in rehoming our shelter dogs, and making sure they fit the lifestyle of the new family.

Thank you so much to everyone who responded to our plea for more Kuranda beds for the dog kennels. Because of your big heart and love for our sweet little canines, we now have enough beds for every kennel!

Now that our dogs have been looked after, we want to help the cats! The Kuranda bed company also makes 2-tiered cat beds that are very comfortable and will last for years. This is just one more step in keeping our cats happy and healthy during their stay here. Please help us outfit each one of our 6 cat rooms! A donation can be made to purchase a bed by visiting the website www.kuranda.com or by contacting the shelter manager.



The adoptions team welcomed Melissa Shupak in October as our new weekend animal care worker. Her knowledge and compassion for animals has made her a wonderful addition to the BHS team, and we look forward to her staying with us for a long time!

Each year we try to educate the public about the responsibilities of pet ownership, and the importance of adopting from a shelter. Websites like Kijiji often offer "free" animals, but the reality is they are never free for long. Food, basic medical expenses such as annual vaccines, spays/neuters, nail trimming, grooming, and training courses all cost money. No one has a crystal ball, but you can pretty much guarantee your pet will need to see a veterinarian at some point in its lifetime. We hope that one day people will understand there are always costs for pet ownership, and the value of planning for their pet's future needs. It is our wish that there are no longer animals dumped at the side of a road, thrown away like meaningless rubbish.

The Throwaway Animals



Penny – Was found outside of a pet store with his 3 littermates when they were only a few days old. They were unfed and covered in severe urine burns all over their small bodies. Unfortunately, only Penny survived, and is now 6 months old and waiting for his forever home.



Rupert – Was found wandering the streets of Burlington at the age of 12. He was completely matted, and has a grade 4/5 heart murmur and he also has hyperthyroidism (medication is inexpensive). He is a sweet and shy boy that needs a quiet home to spend the rest of his days in peace.



Scruffy – Was found as a stray at the age of 12. She was covered in fleas and was very emaciated. Her teeth were also in bad shape and needed to be cleaned. She is now at the shelter and crossing her paws that someone takes her home soon.



Salem – This little one was found dumped at BHS one morning. She was very thin and covered in fleas. **Adopted.**



Misty – Was given up to BHS because she chewed furniture. She was kept locked in a crate with a muzzle on. **Adopted.**



James Bond - found wondering the streets of Burlington after being hit by a car. He had a broken jaw and a broken tooth. He is now at the shelter and he is healing well, and he will be ready for adoption in the New Year.



Sam - This special guy was found living in someone's recycle bin. He was emaciated, completely matted, had an eye infection and also had an injured paw. After many months of rehabilitating in a foster home Sam is now healthy and ready for his second chance at a happy life!

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

DONATIONS RECEIVED, AUGUST 2012 - OCTOBER 2012

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GIK for spay shirts	Megan DeGroot
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Gift in kind for litter	Mary Ann Pedicone
Gift in kind for litter	Lynn Armstrong
Children collected donations for BHS	Aiden & Malika
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Show Us Your Heart Campaign	Global Pet Foods
Canada Day Fundraiser	Pet Valu Canada Ltd.
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Donated 12th Birthday Money to animals	Rebecca Vandyk
Birthday money and presents	Aaron Woehl
Purchases made by supporters	Smart Betty
Two Karunda dog beds	Gerry & SharLyn Roden
Pumpkins for "Howl-o-ween" Event	Joe Tomaro (Washington Produce)

ARIEL FUND

In Memory of "Eclipse" from Senka Brkic	Mynah Entertainment
Ellaline Davies	Rebecca Vandyk
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Corinne Bryce	June Hooye

BUILDING FUND

In Memory of Toots	Gay Powell
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Legacy Gifts

Legacy gifts allow you to make a future donation to **Burlington Humane Society** without affecting your current financial circumstances. Regardless of the size of your planned gift you can be sure that your gift will continue to make a lasting and important impact on the animals we care for. Giving options may even substantially reduce your taxes.

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Natalie Lebrecht	Melanie Goulet
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Wilma Friend	Anne Sklarchuk
Cat "Ross"	April Goodis
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We are deeply honoured to be remembered by our friends in such a personal and significant way. These special gifts help ensure continued care for the animals who count on us for a second chance at life.



In Memory of Pets

IN MEMORY OF

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	His pals Jeeves & Bunny
	Dianne Heard
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ANNIE	Douglas Smith
MAGGIE	Maria Pelligrino

SALLY FUND DONATIONS

In Memory of "Bianca" & "Sara"	Honey Orrbach
In Honour of Cathy	Stephanie Molloy
Kelly Jamael-Zach	
In Memory of Taz	Karen Book & Emerson & Palmer
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While every effort is made to ensure accuracy we apologize if omissions or errors have occurred.

In Memory of People

IN MEMORY OF	FROM
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FUNDRAISING REPORT

Home for the Holidays Open House

Saturday, December 15 we invite everyone to stop by for a delicious homemade treat and cup of hot chocolate. Enjoy a visit with the animals for adoption.

Sponsor an animal on the **Tree of Hope** or bring a gift for the animals to enjoy throughout the year.

Your donation will help make the holidays a little more enjoyable for the animals not lucky enough to be in their "forever" homes.

LOVE THE ANIMALS LOTTERY

Treat yourself to a lottery ticket and buy one for a loved one for a perfect stocking-stuffer.

Daily draws for \$250 January 1 – 30.

Grand Prize \$5000 draw on January 31!

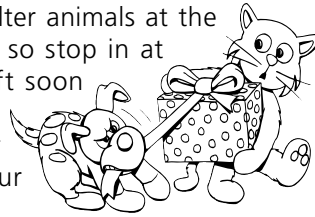
Get yours early for the Early Bird Draw December 22th.

Order tickets by phone, in person or mail. All tickets are eligible for all draws.

Details at burlingtonhumane.ca

GIFT BASKETS FOR YOUR PETS!

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. Custom orders also accepted – please order early to avoid disappointing your furry friend.



SMART BETTY



Smart Daily Deals that Give! Every time you shop at smartbetty.com with 50 – 90% off, 10% of Smart Betty's revenue share is donated to the charity of your choice. Sign up for valuable deals today at smartbetty.com and choose BHS as the recipient of your choice.

THINK RECYCLE

THINK RECYCLE – environmental fundraising – bring in your unwanted electronics – cell phones, inkjet cartridges, toner cartridges, digital cameras, iPods, Mp3 players for recycling at Burlington Humane.



THE LITTLE GRAPE THAT COULD!

Love that glass of wine with dinner, before dinner or need a hostess gift? Founded by Brett Preston and his father as a way to generate funds for local Ontario charities, they worked with Canadian wine experts and Argentinean vineyards to develop a white and a red wine that the purchaser of each bottle could decide which charity they would like the proceeds of their bottle to go to.

Go to www.thelittlegrapethatcould.com and click on "choose a charity". Simply enter the code on the back of the bottle and choose Burlington Humane Society from the list of approved charities. Or, scan your receipt from the LCBO (or take photo) and e-mail the photo to "contact us" on the website. Please specify your proceeds go to BHS.



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

Gift certificates from pet food or grocery stores

Liquid dish soap

Hand soap in pump bottles

Kuranda Beds

(go to kuranda.com to order)
(specifically for cats this year)

Canadian Tire money

Shopper's Drug Mart Rewards Points

(go to shoppersdrugmart.ca/donate)

HBC Rewards Points

Online at hbc.com or call the helpline at 1-800-844-8131.
Enter or quote BHS Community ID #6005568

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

Many thanks to all who have donated to our wish list throughout the year!

Thank you to all our volunteers who help out at events and also to everyone who donates items for our events. The success of events depends on your generosity.

The ATTIC & LOFT Report

By Carole McArthur



Another successful Santa Sale was held by the Attic in Nov. with sales within a dollar of last year's total of \$1400! Many happy customers went home with some bargain gifts and decorations!

Thanks to all who donate their gently used items throughout the year, we are looking at increased sales in both stores.

Thanks also to all the dedicated sales staff who are all volunteers and give so generously of their time to keep the stores well stocked with bargains.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

December 8 – Pet Pictures with Santa
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the shelter.

December 9 – Pet Pictures with Santa
Noon – 3 p.m. at the shelter.

December 15 - Home for the Holiday's Open House
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the shelter.

December 22 – 2nd Early Bird Draw for \$1,000

January 1 – 30 – Daily Love the Animals Lottery
Draw for \$250/day

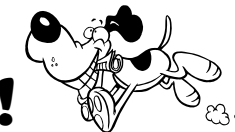
January 31 – Grand Prize Love the Animals Lottery
Draw for \$5,000

May 26 – Arf-Mazing Race, Spencer Smith Park

Updates at the following:

Website: burlingtonhumane.ca
Burlington Humane on facebook
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Thanks to our sponsors!



PET THERAPY

By Aida Finch



The 2012 / 2013 Pet Therapy season is well underway and in its third month. We currently have 12 facilities and 45 very special volunteers who have been having

wonderful and rewarding experiences during their visits. We have recently added a new organization to the program, which we're very excited about! It is a group home called StarLane and located in Burlington. Jim is the Pet Therapy Team Leader for Star Lane and is pictured here with his beloved companion Murphy – "The most rewarding thing I find about Pet Therapy is the look on an individual's face when they see the dogs. The look could only be compared to a child's face on Christmas morning."

We have visit times to fit every schedule - mornings, afternoons, evenings and Saturdays. If you are interested in joining the Pet Therapy program, please contact us at (905) 637-7325 for further information.

Special Thanks to...



Jenn Odorico accepts cheques from Gus Yoon, owner of Pet Valu on Fairview St, and Marie & Doug Pollock, owners of Pet Valu Brant St. and Maple Av. Thanks to everyone who donated money to their Pet Valu Customer Appreciation Days 2012 over \$4,000 was raised for the animals! Thanks to Pet Valu owners for their support of Burlington Humane.



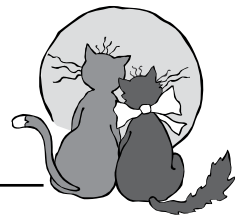
A sincere thank you to Deloitte & Touche volunteers who chose to spend their 2012 Volunteer Impact Day helping the Burlington Humane Society.



Thanks Lucas for asking for donations for the animals for your 9th birthday!

LOOKING FOR HAPPY ENDINGS

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Its **MYLA** and my turn this year to make a plea for myself and my "friends" who have enjoyed safety, warmth, vet care and good food compliments of BHS for a long time. I am the longest resident, 18 months now, and some of you may remember me from last year's newsletter. I had lost my way home and came to BHS in May 2011. I have a few health problems, but my latest blood work says I am healthy, and am happy to say I have lost some weight! I really love people and recently have been given the director's office to live in and get to spend lots of time in The Loft – my favourite place! I like to talk and will answer anything you ask me! I am told I am about 5 people years old so have many more years to provide companionship and love. I would be happiest as a single cat and in a quiet home. By the way, I love to purr!

I bet you can guess what I told Santa I wanted for Christmas! Please consider me or some of my "friends" who have been residents for awhile too. Our "secret" - we all just want to have a family to call our own!



JACKIE is about 3 yrs old and arrived at the shelter on Mar. 27, alone and pregnant. Four kittens arrived in early April and all have been adopted. I must say Jackie is beautiful! She has a beautiful silver undertone and she loves everyone, probably other cats too! I don't know why she isn't adopted yet.

TYSON is about 9 years old and sadly had to find a new home in early April 2012 when his owner passed away. Although he likes to give "love bites" when he has had enough petting, he is friendly and cuddly and would love a calm/loving home. Surely he would love sitting on the couch and watching TV in his new home.



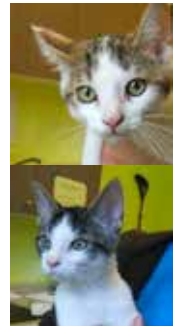
SMOKY is about 3 years old and was rescued in early April from another shelter where she most certainly would have been euthanized. She has beautiful green eyes and beautiful long fur and would love nothing more than to be petted and brushed and keep someone warm all the time.

CLIFFORD was also rescued from another shelter in early April. He was infested with fleas and had an eye infection that had to be treated for 4 months. The highlight of Clifford's day is dinnertime and he needs to be home where he can exercise whenever he wants to in order to keep his boyish figure.



Q & QUINN sadly have grown up in a cage! They are now 6 months old and have been at BHS since they were only 8 weeks old. They are so playful, purr loudly and love everyone. Now they want to go home together because they would miss each other so much. They will provide many hours of fun for you.

MARIO & LUIGI have also grown up in a cage since they were 6 weeks old when they were found living on the streets. Two other littermates were adopted quickly but Mario and Luigi still wait. These boys are now 7 months old and need a home where they can run and have fun together.



There are even a few more kittens who have become "teenagers" in cages, and really, really need a home where they can run and play.



MOLLY came to BHS in April and is about 4 years old. Molly is quiet and unassuming but still loves people, petting and purring. She would love a quiet home where she can snuggle all the time.

HEWITT & BASKIN

were found in a park with their littermates Robbin and Jerry when they were only 6 weeks old and have spent most of their life in a cage. They are now 5 months old, spayed/neutered and all 4 are full of fun and hoping to go home soon.



I hope all of us are chosen really soon to go home and maybe even get presents for Christmas! With over 150 cats and kittens still at the shelter, competition is tough!

I hear we are even "bargain" prices, whatever that means!

A "purrfect" New Year is in our future, I feel it! Love and purrs, Myla