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**T**was a cool day in May when two men working by the HMCS Haida heard cries coming from the water. When they looked out they spotted a husky swimming and crying out for help.

As it so often happens, some of our amazing community residents came to the rescue.

Both men took a small boat and rescued the cold, wet and drowning dog we called Clooney from the water.

To find an animal in such a situation is tragic.

Hypothermic, lost and hungry Burlington Humane took him in and eagerly searched for his owner. How could such a beautiful and kind dog be out in the water all alone with no owner?

Unfortunately no owner came forth to claim him.

Now under the care of

## The Gift of Sight

By: Adrienne Maranduik

Burlington Humane Clooney was neutered, vaccinated, dewormed and behaviour tested. We thought he was ready for his new home...but we were very wrong.

About to be put up for adoption it was noticed that Clooney's eyes were a bit cloudy. Clooney was checked over by our shelter vet, who recognized mild cataracts forming in both eyes. He was sent to Mississauga Oakville Veterinary Emergency Clinic to see an eye specialist in order to confirm our shelter vet's diagnosis and to determine the severity of the ocular disease.

Unfortunately, after three appointments with two different specialists it was confirmed that his cataracts are rapidly progressing and Clooney is steadily losing his vision. Sadly the specialists have also confirmed more recently that there are some concerns with both his retinas.

At his foster home and on his walks he is now bumping into walls and objects. He requires daily eye medications to help

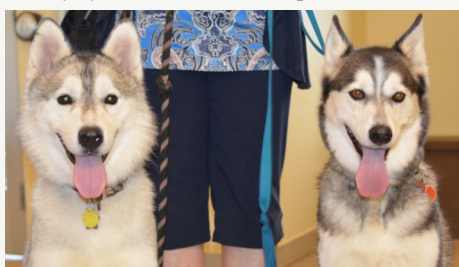
ease the swelling in his eyes.

Clooney is a very special case here at Burlington Humane. His care is on-going as we attempt to determine the best course of action for this brave boy. He will most likely see yet another eye specialist in the upcoming months. Until then, Clooney will spend his time playing with his husky foster sister Myia (seen below on the right) and hiking along the Grand River.

Luckily Clooney, his foster family and Burlington Humane remain optimistic.

Clooney's special medical treatment is being paid for with Sally Fund donations. This fund is used to pay for extraordinary medical expenses for dogs.

This holiday season please open your hearts and donate to the Sally Fund in honour of Clooney.



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## President's Message—By: Jolene Regan

Another year is almost over and it is time to reflect on the past few very busy months and think about New Year resolutions! We are so grateful for our hard-working staff and our dedicated volunteers, many of whom have recently worked over-time with the full-house of animals in our care. The July through December months find the shelter full of animals and busy with activities before the holiday season.

We welcomed Mary Anne Edwards to the Board of Directors at our AGM in June. Mary Anne brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the board learned over 18 years first as a volunteer and then as an adoption counsellor.

Congratulations to Shelter Manager Adrienne Gosse and Alex Maranduik who were married during their October holiday in Cuba!

I want to thank all of you for all your good wishes after my surgery in June. It meant a lot knowing I was bestowed so many positive thoughts and feel it contributed to my quick recovery. I haven't felt so good in many years even though I still have some physical limitations.

Earlier this year, the board agreed to run a trial and have all kittens spayed or neutered before being adopted. After several months we

decided to end the trial. Most Burlington veterinarians will not perform pediatric spay/neuters because of the increased risk of complications, including death, which we did experience. It also meant that kittens had to reach a certain weight, which many did not achieve until they were 10 or more weeks old, missing those weeks at home and being in a cage longer.

In place now, all adopters of kittens are given a coupon for a free spay/neuter at their choice of participating Burlington veterinarian clinics. This must be done before the kitten is 6 months old. An adopter now has the opportunity to enjoy those early kitten weeks and all the fun and antics that go with it! This has been very popular with adopters.

I'm sure some of you have noticed we did not send out a fall newsletter. We felt with the increase in the price of postage it was not feasible to continue with mailing out three newsletters each year. We use social media to communicate almost daily, although I realize everyone does not have the option of receiving these updates.

January always brings a slow-down in animals arriving at the shelter, but no less work as that is the time for review and upgrade procedures. Veterinary

medicine changes all the time and we want our staff to keep up with those changes.

What fun we had with pet pictures with Santa and all the amusing pets that come in. Thanks to all those volunteers who gave up a morning or afternoon working with "Santa"! It is so nice that Santa stops by every year!

This year we are celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding in 1973. A great number of animals have passed through our doors in the course of those years, animals that might otherwise have ended their lives very differently. We are proud to have made such a difference in our community, and to have helped so many animals that went on to live long and happy lives. While at the open house, take a look at the many articles on display that illustrate the work we have done and how we have grown during those 40 years. This year, too, The Attic store also celebrated its milestone 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in September. Many of the volunteers who worked there in the early days, as well as at



the shelter when we were called Animal Aid, are still contributing their time now, and I thank every one of you, past and present, for your dedication and hard work.

Many thanks to all of you who so generously donate throughout the year. Without you all we could not provide the top quality care for the animals in our care.

I hope to see everyone at the annual Home for the Holiday's Open House on Dec. 13.

**Happy Holidays to you and your pets!**

## BHS Directors & Staff

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## Top 5 Holiday Plant Pet Hazards

- **Pine needles** from Christmas trees and **poinsettias** can irritate your pet's mouth and also cause vomiting and diarrhea.
- **Holly** can cause intense vomiting, diarrhea and depression.
- **Mistletoe**, another Christmas plant, can cause significant vomiting and diarrhea, difficulty breathing, collapse, erratic behaviour, hallucinations and death when ingested.
- **Lilies** which are commonly found in holiday arrangements can be deadly to cats.





## *The Story of Marbles*

When Burlington Humane rescued Marbles on June 10th he was in grave condition. He was found wandering by some apartment buildings, lost and severely injured. Was he hit by a car or did he fall from a balcony? These are just some of the questions we will never have answers for because no one came forward to claim him.



Burlington Humane took immediate action and made sure Marbles had the medical attention he desperately needed at the Burgess Veterinary Emergency Hospital. X-Rays, bloodwork, and pain meds were some of the first treatments given to this injured kitty. His injuries included a jaw broken in two places, a split upper palate several broken teeth, chest trauma, and a fractured toe. Marbles was in so much discomfort and pain that he shied away from human contact and obviously had a difficult time eating any food. After being examined by a dental specialist, it was determined that most of his injuries could not

heal on their own. He was transported to the Mississauga-Oakville Veterinary Emergency Hospital where he underwent extensive oral surgery. Stabilizers were put in his mouth so it would have a chance to heal properly. At this time not all his broken teeth could be removed because they were actually continuing to help stabilize the jaw. After many months Marbles went back for a second surgery where he had the remainder of his broken teeth and his stabilizers removed. He spent many months with his foster mom recovering from his surgeries and re-learning how to eat. Marbles is just one of the



many miracle cats Burlington Humane has the honour of helping each year. These cases are never easy, but with the help of our wonderful donors, we know that Marbles will one day find a loving home. He is a true survivor and now ready for his forever home.

## **Mark your Calendar!**

On Saturday December 13th we invite everyone to stop by the shelter for our **Open House & 40th Anniversary celebration!** Delicious homemade treats and refreshments will be available, along with many great silent auction items! Feel free to visit with our adoptable animals, and take a tour of the facility.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

**December 23** - Lottery Early Bird Draw  
**January 1–31** - Lottery Daily Draws  
**January 31-** Lottery Grand Prize Draw



## *A Peaceful Goodbye—By: Bianca Chambers*

One of the hardest parts about adopting an animal is knowing when your friend is ready to pass on. It is one of the most heart-wrenching and unselfish decisions you will ever make.

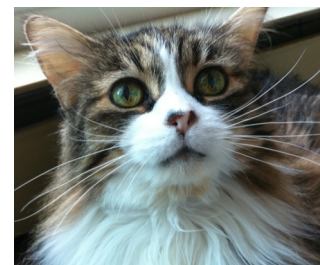
When my cat, Moon, was diagnosed with diabetes, insulin injections every 12 hours and a strict diet kept her healthy for 4 more great years. However, over the last few months she stopped responding to her name as her hearing dulled, and her vision became cloudier. Then she stopped grooming herself or jumping on to the couch for cuddles. She spent most of the day in her cat bed as her quality of life deteriorated to a point where I believe she was no longer happy. I knew, as her friend and caregiver, it was time to let her go.

Moon was timid, and always cried when she was in a carrier. She was never comfortable anywhere but home. For this reason I didn't want her to be in a strange place when we let her go, so I looked for a mobile vet to perform an in-home euthanasia.

The vet came to our house and agreed with me that it was time to let Moon be at peace. She lay comfortably in her favourite spot, while the procedure took place. Moon was never afraid or in pain as she lay in her bed, with me by her side.

As I lifted her from her bed and held her in my arms one last time before the vet took her away, I knew I had done exactly what Moon needed. She had passed so peacefully, without any fear or anxiety. As difficult as it was, I was able to make the tough decision that was best for my sweet girl.

RIP Moon (9/16/1997-5/2/2014): she is and always will be loved.





## Fundraising Report

### Ways to Give to BHS!

**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.

**Village Cigar Company** - Purchase their empty cigar boxes and proceeds are donated to BHS! [www.villagecigarcompany.com](http://www.villagecigarcompany.com)

**Smart Betty** - Every time you shop at [smartbetty.com](http://smartbetty.com), 10% of their revenue is donated to a charity of your choice.

**The Little Grape That Could** - Purchase a bottle of their wine and a donation can be made to BHS! Visit [www.thelittlegrapethatcould.com](http://www.thelittlegrapethatcould.com) and click on "choose a charity".



### WISH LIST

*Dog & cat toys*

*Cat crates*

*Kitten formula and bottles*

*Science Diet kitten, cat, dog & puppy food*

*Unscented dryer sheets*

*Gift certificates from pet food or grocery stores*

*Liquid dish soap*

*Hand soap in pump bottles*

*Canadian Tire money*

***Shopper's Drug Mart Reward Points***

*(go to [shoppersdrugmart.ca/donate](http://shoppersdrugmart.ca/donate))*

***HBC Rewards Points***

*(Online at [hbc.com](http://hbc.com) or call the helpline at*

*1-800-844-8131. Enter or quote BHS*

*Community ID # 6005568)*



The 4th annual Love the Animals lottery is back! All funds raised support Burlington's stray and abandoned animals.. You can even buy your tickets over the phone – **just give us a call at 905-637-7325! Or cut out the order form provided on the back of this newsletter and mail it in!** Each ticket can win up to 32 times, and there are only 5000 tickets available to be sold!

# Wow!

## Planned Giving with Automatic Banking Withdrawals!!

We've made donating to BHS even more convenient and easy to do! We are proud to announce that you can now set up pre-authorized bank withdrawals each month!

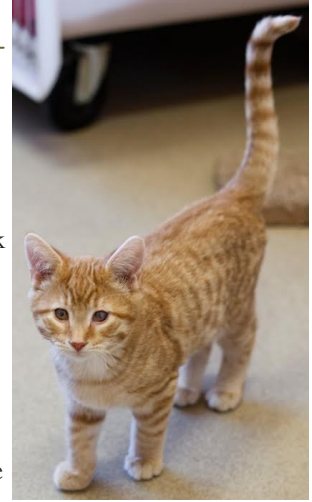
Monthly donors are very important to BHS. A stable source of income is an asset for budgeting. Monthly donors are now able to take advantage of direct withdrawals without use of a credit card or writing post-dated cheques. If you are a current monthly donor, or want information on becoming one, please contact [michelle@burlingtonhumane.ca](mailto:michelle@burlingtonhumane.ca) or by phone at [905-637-7325](tel:905-637-7325).

Thanks so much to our current monthly donors. Many donate through United Way or their employer charitable giving plans, which means we do not know your names. All donations are truly appreciated and help provide top quality health care for the animals.



## *For the Chocolate Lover*

Late August a woman came into the shelter with a cardboard box. In that box there were three 4 week old male kittens. All three kittens were very sick with serious eye infections., upper respiratory infections and were dehydrated, underweight and anemic from fleas. Fearing the worse for these listless babies, shelter staff immediately sent them to Burgess Veterinary Emergency Clinic for care. Because they were so sweet they were named Snickers, Rolo and Smarties. This chocolate trio stayed at Burgess for two weeks getting the medical care they needed such as fluids, flea treatment, dewormers, antibiotics and eye drops every few hours. Their care continued in our isolation room for many weeks after being stable enough to come over to BHS. Our shelter vet placed them all on additional eye medications and kept a very close watch as these three began to grow up and become a tumbling mass of trouble as they spent most of their time wrestling with one another! We are happy to announce that all three kittens recovered!



Although they all had varying degrees of corneal scarring, they all retained their vision and were adopted by amazing families!

**We're on Facebook  
and Twitter!**

## *A Special Holiday Message for Volunteers—Adrienne Maranduik*

We all know that this is the season of giving and being thankful. I was thinking about this in terms of Burlington Humane and our volunteers. I need to say thank you—for your service and love for our animals. Your compassion and commitment helps us move forwards and grow as an organization while assisting us in maintaining our integrity, dignity and respect. Most importantly it allows us to help so many animals in need.

During this holiday season take time to get to know one another and also the staff. Stop, relax and enjoy each other's company. We often are so involved with our daily activities that we forget to enjoy the time we have together and what wonderful work we accomplish as a team.

On behalf of myself, my family, and BHS, enjoy this time of year. Here are my gift suggestions for this season:

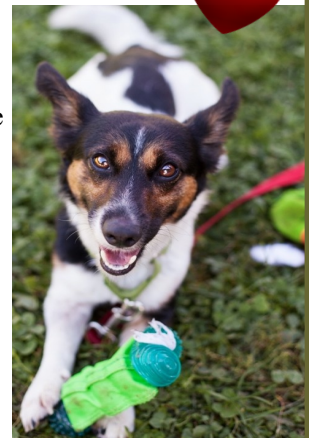
- To the enemy cat that soils in your garden, forgiveness. He knows no better, has no understanding of property lines and means no disrespect.
- To an animal in need, charity. There is no such thing as too much love or help.
- To shelter animals, your patience. Confused, sad and frustrated—they too need an extra hug to help them through shelter life.
- To your own pets, your heart. You are the love of their life, their best friend and the

you get up before the crack of dawn to brave the cold weather and go for walks in sub-zero temperatures.

**Happy Holidays BHS volunteers!**

### **DEVITO**

Remember Devito? Found lost and wandering. No owner could be found. Well... he's been adopted!





## Our 11 Misfit Cats of Christmas!

LOOKING FOR HAPPY ENDINGS (LONG-TERM RESIDENTS)

BY: MEGAN DEGROOTE



**Indy** is our shelter's longest long-term resident that is available for adoption. Indy came into BHS care on January 6<sup>th</sup>. This 3 year old sweetheart has been through a lot in her 11 months at BHS. After many tests, we found out that Indy has IBD. This is managed by a hypoallergenic diet and a small, daily dose of a steroid called prednisolone. Indy is friendly, personable and kind. She is looking for a home with no other pets, she doesn't want to share her adoptive human. She wants all the love for herself!



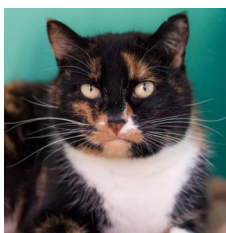
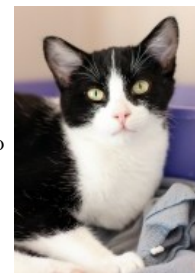
**Mittens** is a lovely and independent girl who is easily stressed by other cats at the shelter. Poor Mittens has been living at BHS since January when she was rescued from a high-kill facility. She hopes to move right into someone's heart and home soon!

**Cheetoh** has had his ups and downs since he came to BHS in June. He was very shy and scared when he first arrived. Well, if you meet Cheetoh now, he will 'figure 8' through your legs and beg for attention! He has really come around, and while he is still sometimes jumpy, he is a changed 'man'.



**Rukus** is our shelter's longest-resident 'bachelor'. This handsome fellow is full of personality and energy, he's basically a 6 year old kitten. Rukus only asks for one thing, that you feed him his special urinary diet to keep his bladder in check. Any family would be lucky to have such a fine-looking feline in their home cat!

**Fred and his two siblings, Scooby and Shaggy**, have been at BHS since they were 8 weeks old. Although healthy and very friendly, these three have been mysteriously passed over for adoption for over 6 months. This groovy trio would love to find their forever home soon, so they can spend their first Christmas with their new families.



**Munchkin** is a 3 year old 'princess'. She wants to be your 'one and only' so she can hog all the attention to herself! Sassy girl...She's always game for assisting with office work and keeping your chair nice and warm for when you come back.

**Clover and his big sis' Rainbow** were found with wounds on their bodies and were in desperate need of medical care. They were terrified of everyone and everything, and it took many months of re-socializing from both staff and volunteers to help them mentally recover from their trauma. Well, they have come a long way and they can now be found playing and kissing each other all day long! While still somewhat nervous, they do enjoy the attention. They are currently on a hypoallergenic diet. They would do best in a home with no other pets or loud children. This bonded pair promises to be a very rewarding addition to the right family!



**Wrangler** is young boy who has some neovascularization in his left eye. He requires eye drops once daily and regular visits with the vet. At a home he may be able to stop the eye drops but his eye could flare up with stress. Wrangler is a spark plug who loves to spend his time playing and hanging out with our receptionists.



### BHS Junior Philanthropists

A special shout-out to Orli and Angelia! They helped raise needed funds for BHS by selling handmade crafts. Thank you for thinking of the animals!







## Donations Received April 1– October 31, 2014

### THANK YOU!

Without all of your wonderful support for the homeless animals we could not do what we do. Knowing that our community cares so much about them is a true blessing. We hope to continue to make you all proud! **While every effort is made to ensure accuracy we apologize if omissions or errors have occurred.**

### THANK YOU!

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#### In Memory of

Anje Couper  
Arthur Parker  
Barbara Folley  
Carole Hooker  
Carolyn Wilson  
Elaine Meek  
Emilia Kirschner  
Emma Burke  
Eric Laffoley  
Ernie Long  
Genevieve Russell  
George Thompson  
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Helen Witcher  
Ivy Manzi  
Jack Baisley  
Jackie Lee Roberts  
Jake Ewing  
Jane Noad  
Jane Shurly Wilcox  
Jean Sproule  
Jessie Lennox  
Joan Hinds  
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John Robinson  
Kathleen Dalgarno Wall  
Kathy Waldron  
Marie Smith  
Mary Murray  
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May Parry  
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Norah Pettigrew  
Normie Cosens  
Odin Slater  
Peggy Gallimore  
Phillip Ashbaugh  
Susan Doyle  
Sylvia Theriault

#### In Memory of Animals

Blanche Wyman  
Buff  
Cat Bailey  
Cat Belle  
Cat Jade  
Cat Jenny  
Cat Misti  
Cat Molly  
Cat Mr. Felix  
Dog Bailey  
Dog Bear  
Dog Buddy  
Dog Carter  
Dog Harley  
Dog Heidi  
Dog Jazzie  
Dog Jennifer  
Dog Lily  
Dog Lucky  
Dog Mae  
Dog Max  
Dog Owen  
Dog Penny  
Dog Roxy  
Dog Ruthin  
Dog Sable  
Dog Shannon  
Dog Skye  
Dog Smuckers  
Dog Teddy  
Dog Zoey  
Dog Zoey  
Kashmere  
Lucky  
Millie  
Missy  
Nala  
Nero  
Piper  
Raincloud

#### In Honour of

Aida Finch  
Alison & Mike Gowan Wedding  
Anastasia Peternelj  
BHS Alumni Pekay  
Bob Hill  
Carol O'Hare  
Cat Chester  
Cat Samson  
Debra Bates  
Dog Princess Siara Mai  
Dog Princess Whitey  
Dog Tobie  
Dogs Whitey  
Don Jenkin  
Jill Simpson's Birthday  
Joe Birett  
Julia Lunchies  
Julie Martin  
Karen Book  
Lisa Ruttan's Wedding  
Maddie Michlik  
Marbles  
Marie Smith  
Marsha and Shawn Janse  
Mary Lindo's Birthday  
Mel & Marilyn's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding  
Anniversary  
Ms. Barbu  
Nellie Miller

Phoenix  
Shirley Crawford  
Sonja Marcolini  
Susan Cooley

A very special thank you to Laura Watling and her wonderful dog Phoenix! Laura is a fantastic supporter of BHS. Over this past year Laura has donated money won from a contest with Pets Plus Us, and the profits from her calendar and book sales. She most recently won \$450 worth of product from Petsmart and donated much needed food, toys and pet carriers to the shelter. **THANK YOU!**





## ORDER FORM— Love the Animals Raffle

- ☐ I would like to purchase one ticket for \$5  
☐ I would like to purchase five tickets for \$20  
☐ I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_ tickets for \_\_\_\_

### Your tickets will be mailed to you.

For more information call 905-637-7325  
or visit [www.burlingtonhumane.ca](http://www.burlingtonhumane.ca)

### PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Cash ☐ Cheque

### ORDER INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
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May we contact you regarding other Burlington Humane Society Events? YES/NO

## *BHS Shelter Animals—Did you know?*

### Have you ever wondered what the process is for putting a stray animal up for adoption?

To help keep all of our cats and dogs healthy and happy, all stray animals are first taken to a vet clinic. There they will be looked over by a veterinarian, and given any help they need. Whether it's food, medications, fluids for any dehydrated animals, or even an emergency surgery. Our local clinics do what's best for every animal brought in. Burlington Humane will also advertise all found animals in 2 local newspapers and on some websites too!

If an animal is not claimed by an owner, BHS will make sure all these animals are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and dewormed. Some animals require more medical care, and dentals, bloodwork and urinalysis are not uncommon for some of our older guys. Once space is available at BHS, a period that can take a few days up to many weeks depending on the time of year, they come to the shelter and go up for adoption! Dogs require a few more steps as their temperament is assessed and sometimes a dog trainer is consulted before they go up for adoption.



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