



Tail-o-gram

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A Mangled Leg—but a Mended Heart By: Adrienne Maranduik



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badly mangled leg riddled with infection, exposed broken bone and an abscess. He also suffered from a flea infestation and a gum infection as a result of a previous injury.

This sweet boy was lovingly named Breton and became an instant local star and champion!

Although we will never know for sure, veterinarians thought his leg may have been caught in a trap or a garage door.

Despite our search, no family ever came forward to claim Breton as their own. He had nobody to help him or to provide comfort while he was going through the most difficult and painful time of his life.

On a cold Friday afternoon a local resident found a stray cat and called us at Burlington Humane for help. The shelter took the cat in where it was quickly discovered he had a very



Breton's leg prior to amputation

He is only around 2 years old and despite his painful ordeal, Breton remains one of the friendliest cats you will ever meet.

Breton was sent to Headon Forest Animal Hospital, where his damaged leg was removed by Dr. Martin.

And what a trooper Breton was! Only a few days after his surgery Breton was stable enough to come to the shelter where he immediately made friends with some of his feline roommates. He also quickly won over the hearts of all the volunteers and staff.

We're happy to announce that only a few hours after being posted as ready for adoption, Breton found his forever home.

Breton's surgery was paid for by the Ariel Fund: a fund used specifically for covering unusual medical costs of cats with injuries requiring surgery or extraordinary medical care. Please donate to the Ariel Fund if you would like to help a cat like Breton to have a second chance at a happy life.



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President's Message

By: Jolene Regan

Spring has finally arrived and with it all the excitement of another kitten and puppy season to fill our shelter!

I would like to thank everyone for their support last year. We always enjoy the great stories that accompany cards at Christmas. We also enjoy seeing the photos of happy animals that arrive by mail and Email on a regular basis, showing the many “happy endings” that we love reading about. It is a great confirmation for us that we are on the right track and are

helping many homeless animals have a second chance at finding a loving family to care for them.

We also love to see these stories on our Facebook page. Social media has become a huge tool for us to reach people and tell them about what is going on at the shelter, and to let them know about special animals that need an extra bit of help before they are ready to find their forever home.

April is also the month to

send special thanks to our loyal volunteers. Our success depends so much on the daily support of these wonderful people who help in so many different capacities. Each job is an integral part of BHS or to the welfare of residents in our community. Thank you all!

Please plan to join us on Sunday May 31st for the Family Walk and Wag-a-thon at Spencer Smith Park. Rain or shine, it promises to be a fun day for everyone. Later in the summer will be the third annual Golf Tournament and

in September, the Ruff Ride and Open House. Check in with our website and on our Facebook page for all the latest news and events at BHS!

Also new this year, we have a new HEARTS FOR HUMANE Club! This will appeal to all those who wish to donate on a monthly basis to help the animals at our shelter. For a small monthly donation you will receive exclusive shelter tours and other benefits. Watch for further news of the launch of this new fundraising initiative on our website!



Fore!!

Our 3rd annual **Fore the Animals** golf tournament and dinner, sponsored by Pets Plus Us, is this fall at Hidden Lake Golf Course. Registration details will be posted on the website soon!



Are you and your dog ready for spring?

- **Get a clean bill of health**—After being cooped up all winter it is always a good idea to get them checked over by a vet to make sure they are ready to start those spring activities!
- **Drop the winter weight!** Take advantage of the nice weather and get your canine pal outside. You may also want to swap your dog's regular treats for a low-cal version—or maybe even try baby carrots!
- **Beware of the grass**—Many home owners apply chemicals to their lawns. Make sure to clean your pet's paws after they come back inside. You do not want your pet to accidentally ingest any of those dangerous fertilizers!
- **Groom the coat**—Shedding increases in the springtime as dogs lose their winter coats.



BHS Directors & Staff

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Famous Felines and Fidos!

Olaf came in to the shelter after being found frozen to the side of a building. Hypothermic, emaciated, and very dehydrated: it was a miracle he survived. He graced the local news and was a star on social media! Olaf has now been adopted!



"Every now and then we will come home to find the toy bucket emptied by the front door, and one of our coats or shoes, or his leash, tucked into the couch where he hangs out until our return." - Kelly Lucas



Gunner was taken in from another rescue after testing positive for heartworm. Gunner is currently going through his heartworm treatment and doing very well in his foster home with Kelly Lucas. Hopefully, Gunner should be available for adoption in October, once all his medical treatment is complete.



Hope was a kitten who was found abandoned in an IKEA parking lot with her mother and sibling. This kitten was born with a condition called Microphthalmia, which literally means "small eye". Hope was born with two very tiny non-functional eyes and is completely blind. Hope's story received international attention, including newspapers in Spain and Portugal. Hope has recently been adopted and lives a wonderful life with her new family!

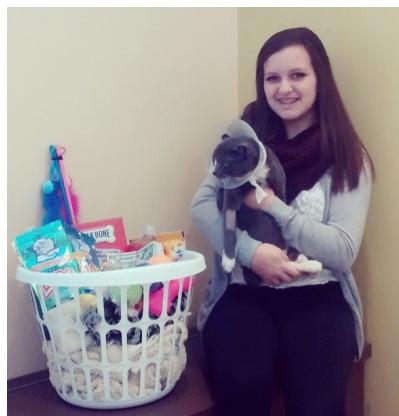
BHS Barkery Sale!

The public was invited to our first ever bake sale! Lots of homemade goodies were available for the whole family.

Cupcakes, brownies, cookies, squares and entire cakes were for sale, filling the shelter with the sweet smell of sugar, chocolate and vanilla! Those who

spent a minimum of \$10 could also select a name for a 2015 BHS animal. How cool is that?! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this new event a great success!

Keep an eye out for some animals named Tank, Nala, Salem, Tetley and Baylore...to mention just a few!



Junior Philanthropists

We are so proud when children and teenagers donate to the shelter. It is always important to teach our youth the importance of charity and reaching out to those in need.

We want to say a big thank you to Isobel, who saved up her babysitting money and purchased a bunch of great stuff for the cats and dogs.

Thanks Isobel! And thank you to all the unsung junior philanthropists who make our community a better and more compassionate place! Your ability to extend a loving hand to those in need is greatly appreciated.

"Like us!" We're on Facebook & Twitter!

Volunteer Appreciation

By: Adrienne Maranduik

It is a privilege to be in a position that allows me to see the difference volunteers make by simply giving themselves to a cause they believe in.

Volunteering can be an exciting and enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideals, work with like-minded people, solve problems, see benefits, and know one had a hand in helping an animal in need.

With each kind word and helpful hand; the hero in us all comes out.

We are like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle; each with our own set of unique skills and interests, but together we complete the picture of helping the animals while fulfilling the vision that is Burlington Humane.

Whether you are a reception volunteer helping an owner locate their lost pet, a dog walker comforting a dog too upset and confused to eat, a

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transportation volunteer driving an animal to the shelter for its second chance at finding a loving home, or a feed and clean volunteer caring for a cat only days after surgery: you are all changing the lives of so many animals. With no voice and no family of their own these precious felines and canines rely on us for survival.

So thank you all for your constant dedication and hard work. No act of kindness, no matter how great or small, goes unnoticed.

You are the unsung heroes of the animal welfare world.

Fundraising Report

By: Alex Campbell

Coming soon...

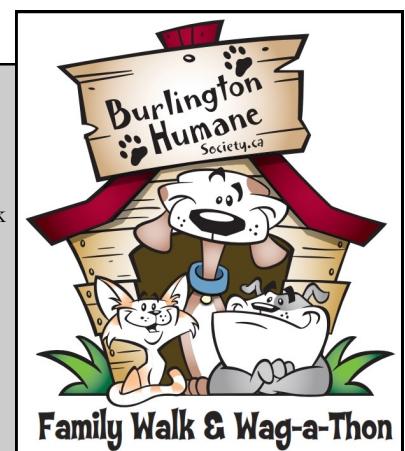
Sunday, May 31st 11-2pm at Spencer Smith Park, Burlington Humane will be hosting our first annual Family Walk and Wag-a-thon!

Join us for a fur-tastic day and support our animals at Burlington Humane! Start with our short walk-a-thon and stay for our delicious BBQ, amazing DJ, exciting Vendor Alley, Colouring Contests, Activities and more!

Bring your whole family – *furry children included* – and participate in our Dog Show Competition with local celebrity judges! Enter our Waggiest Tail competition or our Best Dog and Child costume contest. There are great prizes to be won!

Stay tuned for more information at www.BurlingtonHumane.ca

For vendor or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Alex Campbell at alex@burlingtonhumane.ca



Pet Therapy Report

BHS would like to welcome Martha as our new Pet Therapy Coordinator! Martha has been a part of the BHS Pet Therapy Team for many years, and we are lucky enough to have her organizing this very important community program.

"Giving back to my community has always been important to me. With a background in Animal Behaviour I wanted to share my love of animals with those that had a similar passion. One day many years ago, I saw an ad about a Pet Therapy program. 8 years later I continue to participate in the Pet Therapy program associated with the Burlington Human Society."

Why Pet Therapy? My answer is simple: I believe that pet companionship is good for the soul. The love a pet can give to someone, can change their lives forever. The residents of the homes we visit are often forgotten and have little interaction with the outside world due to mental, mobility, disease or aging issues. I experienced very early on as I got to know the residents, that they like to see me and the team each week but they love to see the dogs. It is the dogs that they remember and look forward to. Whether it is a smile, a giggle or a memory that the dogs evoke you can see how the dogs bring unconditional happiness into their day for that brief moment in time and that is pretty cool." - Martha Doran



Spring into the Adoption Centre! *By: Megan DeGroote*

Cali is a vivacious 10 year old who came to us on July 26th 2014. She was not very accepting of shelter life at the beginning, but after going into an office suite and receiving a haircut, she turned into a 'butterfly'. Cali now loves to cuddle and get kisses. This spunky girl has been waiting the longest for her purrfect family and is hoping to be adopted soon!



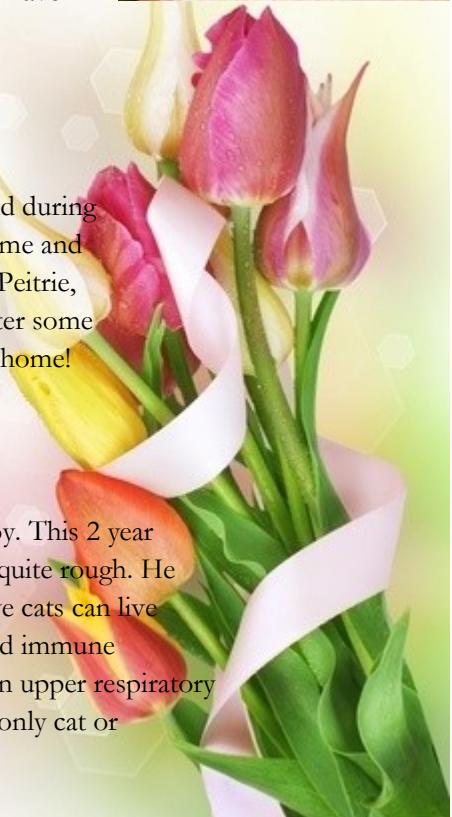
Vinca was found on August 28th with her one kitten, Roscoe, who was adopted quickly. Vinca arrived at BHS on September 23rd and has been waiting for a home ever since. She is a shy 2 year old girl who is looking for a quiet and patient home.



Howard arrived into our care just before New Years Eve. He was very shy and needed all his teeth removed. This 7 year old is starting to feel better and is really coming out of his shell. His distinct markings are almost irresistible! He will need to stay on a canned food diet because he has no teeth to chew the dry food. But what a bonus; you will never have to worry about paying a big dental bill for him.



Ducky came into our care on May 23rd. This 2 year old was found during the early stage of her pregnancy. She went straight to a foster home and gave birth on July 9th to four beautiful and healthy babies; Cera, Peitrie, Littlefoot and Spikey. All of her kittens are now adopted, and after some medical care, our sweet Ducky is now also ready for her forever home!



Casey is our sweet and bubbly FIV positive boy. This 2 year old was found at the end of February looking quite rough. He is a chatty cat who loves attention. FIV positive cats can live long and happy lives; they just have a weakened immune system which can make them more prone to an upper respiratory infection or dental disease. Casey must be the only cat or can live with another FIV positive cat.

The Loft & Attic Report

Our stores continue to adapt to changing market conditions and they as needed today as they ever were, not only for bargain hunters looking for that special something. While the very cold winter has affected sales generally, both stores continue to be a valuable source of revenue for Burlington Humane. Many cats and dogs have been helped over the years, with their treatment costs covered in some part from the proceeds of sales from the two stores.

We welcome all the volunteers who have helped with our fundraising efforts at our stores. We continue to thank our dedicated volunteers at both The Loft and The Attic, as well as those people who have generously made donations of many kinds of items to assist with our sales.



Is Fostering for you?

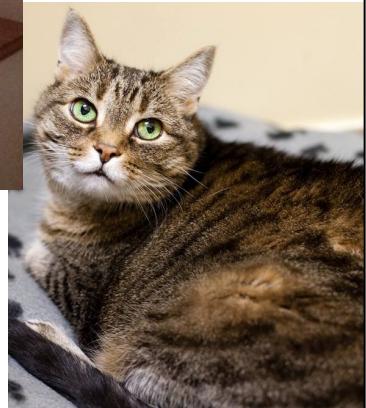
Every year we care for 600-800 animals. Foster homes are vital for many of the pregnant moms and their babies born each year. It is a great way to teach some of your own children the facts of life and how to properly care for an animal and the importance of spaying and neutering. We provide you with all the supplies and we are available 24 hours a day for help! Call our shelter and speak with one of the Adoption Counsellors today and learn how to begin helping with this wonderful program. Consider saving a life today.

Happy Endings!!



Remember Ferris!?

This sweet full-bodied boy waited months for his forever home after being passed over by potential families because he was larger than your average puss at a whopping 23 pounds of cat! Well we are thrilled to announce that Ferris is now happy in his new home and spends most of his time watching the birds!



Recognize Indy!?

This quiet beauty spent over a year looking for a family. A bad case of IBD (Irritable Bowel Disease) forced this kitty to be kept on a special diet and daily medication to keep her feeling her best! Unfortunately, special foods and medication sometimes make an animal harder to adopt. But have no fear—Indy has finally gone home to a wonderful family!

Microchip Event!

In March we held another microchip clinic for the pets in our community. We are happy to announce that 100% of the appointments were filled within days of advertising the event, and we also accepted a large number of walk-ins. In total 82 cats and dogs were microchipped!



Donations November 1st, 2014 – March 31st, 2015

THANK YOU!

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Without all of your wonderful support for the homeless animals we could not do what we do. Knowing the our community cares so much about them is a true blessing. We hope that we continue to make you all proud!

While every effort is made to ensure accuracy we apologize if omissions or errors have occurred.

In Memory of

Albert Edward Walker
Barbara Craigen
Barbara K. Jowett
Ben Howe
Bertha Gellow
Big "D"
Bob Williams
Brian Baigent
Carol Ann Smith
Cathy Davies
Craig Hanna
Donald Kalte
Edith Fitzhenry
Eleanor Harrison
Ella Patrick
Erika Lamb
Frank Ball
Gladys Lymer
Gloria McBride
Grace Reynolds
Harold Leach's birthday
Helen & Mike's parents
Herb Chettle
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Stephanie Hopper
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In Memory of Animals

Abby Finch
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Boston
Bromley
Bugsy
Bunny
Cash
Cat AC
Cat Bandit
Cat Boots
Cat Chelsea Carson
Cat Jera
Cat Kato
Cat Lincoln
Cat Maddy
Cat Maggie
Cat Mary Long
Cat Maxy
Cat Merlin
Cat Milo
Cat Mixie
Cat Phantom
Cat Roger Rogers
Cat Sassy
Cat Sylvester
Cat Toulouse
Coco
Dog Abby
Dog Archie
Dog Budweiser
Dog Ella
Dog Finn
Dog Grayson
Dog Hawkins
Dog Heidi
Dog Jackson
Dog Kenny
Dog Kola
Dog Mitzy
Dog Petrie
Dog Quincy
Dog Teagen
Dog Winnie
Flash
Gibby & Holly
Gibson
Jack

Jasmine

Jeeves
Maggie
Maggie & Angel
Misha
Mixie
Nugget & Amy
Pepper
Princess
Rocky
Rocky
Rufus
Sam Mototsune
Tasha & Maxy Fuller
Tim Westwood
Twoie

Marie Conoley

Mary Krog
Mia Manson
Michelle Rutherford
Mr. & Mrs. Forsyth's 50th Anniversary
Nala
Nathan Dew
Nisha, Henna, and Mira Mohan
Raven, Sasha, Jazzie, & McFluff
Rick Aldred
Rob Mullen
Roxy
Sally & Richard K.
Sandra Coppola
Shelley & Jeffrey Lawrence
Shirley Gibbon
Sierra's 13th birthday
Tara Bradford
Tara Mosey
Terry Pepler
The cats Libby, Socks, Boots, Cookie, Bisquit and Inky
The dogs Socks, MacDuff, Charlie, Gabby and Faith
Tigerlilly
Wilma Friend

In Honour of

Alex Campbell
Alison Miller
Andrew Mack
Bob Howe & Lynda Hutchison
Bob Langford
Breton
Brynn & Mia
Cameron Tuli
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Dave McGrath
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Dog Hunter
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Hope
Jocelyn & Thomas Horn
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Katelyn Lutes
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Kelly & Mark Ratushniak
Kristen Cioruch real Estate and
Clients
Kristine Williams
Maddie Michlik

The Love the Animals Lottery

Our lottery was another great success this year, raising money for our shelter animals. Congratulations to our grand prize winner, S. Stephan!!



A big thank you to the students at Shudokan Family Karate Centre for choosing to help provide health care for the animals at BHS. They raised money at their annual Board Breaking fundraiser! HIYA! Ouch!!

COMING SOON! Watch our website for breaking news on this new program!!



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Monthly donation program

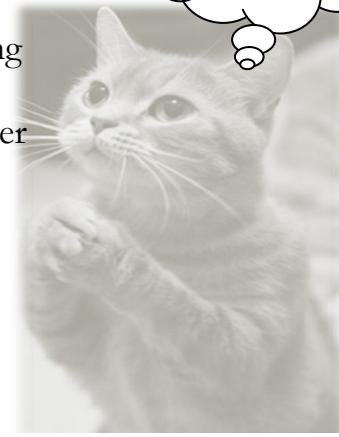


Have you ever wanted to make a difference in the lives of animals but weren't sure where to begin? Consider becoming our new Hearts of Humane monthly donor!

Why?

- Monthly support gives us consistent income and the ongoing ability to rescue and re-home 600-800 animals per year.
- Allows us to provide top quality medical attention and shelter care, including rehabilitation and socialization.
- Be invited to private Hearts of Humane donor sessions to meet special BHS animals and hear about upcoming events.
- Enjoy exclusive inside information about the animals!

Could you spare
\$10 a month?



**Small monthly donations. That's all it takes.
It takes a community to make a difference .**

Animal Fun Fact!

Cats have powerful night vision, allowing them to see at light levels six times lower than what a human needs in order to see.

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