



## Billie's Battle with Breast Cancer

By: Adrienne Maranduik



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**A**s pets age they can develop and suffer from the same ailments as people.

Meet Billie. This wonderful 8 year old female American Bulldog was surrendered to the shelter early in 2016 after her owner could no longer care for her.

Although her previous owner loved her very much, due to living changes and financial constraints, Billie unfortunately could not be kept. She was known to chew on her paws from stress.

Billie was an instant hit at the adoption centre. Her gentle and kind personality shone through her initially shy and frightened demeanor.

During her first visit with our shelter veterinarian, Dr. Hall, it was noted that Billie had many lumps in her mammary glands. Mammary tumors were immediately suspected because Billie was not spayed.

Benign and malignant tumours of the mammary glands occur fairly frequently in unspayed female dogs. Spaying can largely reduce the risk of developing this type of cancer, especially if the dog is spayed before it has an opportunity to go into heat.

After several biopsies were taken of her lumps, the diagnosis was what the staff had feared...the tumours were malignant.

Even though Bille was already eight years old, we knew she had the potential to live *many, many* more years if we removed her cancer. BHS was honoured to be able to help such an amazing dog live her life to the fullest.

Billie was booked in at MacKay's Animal Hospital for two extensive surgeries: one for the left side along with her spay, and a second surgery to remove the lumps on her right side.

Unfortunately, there was too much tissue that needed to be removed so two surgical procedures were necessary.

Although the process of going through these surgeries was not easy for her, she was always supported, loved and cared for by the shelter staff, our volunteers, and all of the veterinary staff.

Now Billie is in a foster-to-adopt home where she is loving life and making a full recovery!



She has a family with young children with whom she adores to play and snuggle with and who will adopt her once her body fully heals.

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



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## President's Message

By: Jolene Regan

What a great winter we had which should translate into early kittens!

The staff has also been busy since early January learning a new shelter management program. Adrienne has spent many hours customizing it for our use, writing procedures for every possible scenario, and training staff.

More great news for Adrienne – she is having a baby girl in late April or early May. That means she will be on maternity leave for a year and we will miss her a lot even though we are thrilled for her and hubby Alex. I think she should let us pick

a name, after all, we name hundreds of cats and kittens each year! Thanks Adrienne and we wish you all the best!

Karen Mason, Adrienne's replacement, has already started and is getting a crash course in all things BHS! Welcome to Karen and I'm sure we will all enjoy working with her.

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and I want to thank all of you for giving so generously of your time to help the animals. Many new friendships are formed among volunteers who meet at BHS! I know I have made so many wonderful friends who I would not likely have crossed paths with otherwise.

Megan spends a lot of time setting up training and scheduling for the many various positions and I want to thank her also. Each of your positions form a caring group benefiting both the animals and many people. Because many of our volunteers are seldom at the shelter, I hope we can all get together for this year's volunteer appreciation BBQ on May 1 from 4 - 6 p.m. Thanks again!

The Family Walk and Wag-a-Thon is scheduled for May 29 at Spencer Smith Park. Let's all hope for a dry day! After the downpour last year, we have scheduled a rain date of June 5! Hope to see everyone then!

### BHS Directors & Staff

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## Springtime Hazards for Dogs



- Spring cleaning is a time-honoured tradition in many households, but be sure to keep all cleaners and chemicals out of your pets' way! Almost all cleaning products, even all natural ones, contain chemicals that may be harmful to pets.
- While most dogs love to feel the wind on their furry faces, allowing them to stick their head out of moving-car windows is dangerous. Flying debris and insects can cause inner ear or eye injuries, and abrupt stops, turns or accidents can cause major injury, or worse! Their bodies become projectiles and can fatally injure car passengers. Pets riding in cars should always be secured in a crate or wearing a seatbelt harness designed especially for them.

## HBC Community Rewards Program

We have been advised that the Hudson's Bay Community Rewards Program has ended. Our Community Rewards account, No 6005568, has now been closed and the balance of all the points that remained have been used by BHS. It is no longer possible to donate points directly to BHS through this account.



We would like to thank all those who have donated their points to BHS over the years. The accumulation of these points has allowed us to purchase Gift Cards and prizes for use in our fundraising, as well as to buy supplies for the shelter.

Thanks, everyone! Your points donations have been sincerely appreciated! Donations of Shoppers Drug Mart Optimum points are still ongoing. If you need more information about this program, please contact BHS.



We consider our pets to be members of our family, and we hope you see your four-legged companion in the same way. However, many of our cat surrenders come from newly expecting parents or parents who are overwhelmed and feel like they have no other option. Although there may be some added safety measures to take, most animal-friendly families do just fine with a few precautions and adjustments! It can be very heart-breaking for both the families and humane society staff to see an animal surrendered to a shelter when there may have been options to help keep that cat in their original home.

Some cats carry a parasite known as toxoplasmosis. This parasite is shed in their feces and can cause damage to a fetus if ingested by a pregnant woman. Although this may sound dangerous and very scary, the transmission from your pet to you can be easily prevented by having someone else in the household change the litter while you are pregnant. Toxoplasmosis is also found in non-feline homes in undercooked meat and in garden soil.

Before the baby is due it would be wise to visit your vet and ask about calming diets and diffusers to help prep your cats for the new arrival. A calm cat is more likely to adjust more quickly to the baby and not urinate outside the box from stress.

If you think you might be changing any of the cat's routine after the baby is born, please consider making these changes gradually before the baby arrives! For example, if you no longer wish to have your cat sleep in your bed at night because you think your baby will need that space, slowly and gradually remove the cat from your room each night and close the door. Soon, the cat will make a new night-time routine well before the baby comes home.

If your cat is jumping in the crib or on the change table, please do not think the cat is trying to harm your baby. Although cats (and other pets) should be supervised with babies, most cats are simply very curious about the new family addition, and like to hang out with the baby because they are warm. Keep your baby's door closed when you are not around, or try subbing out the bedroom door with a temporary screen door. This way you can still hear your baby, and the room will get proper air circulation, but the cat will not be able to enter their room until you are there to watch.

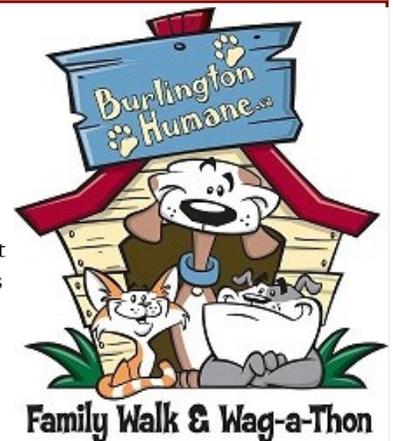
New babies are extremely time consuming and boy can they make you tired! If you are feeling like your cat is not getting enough love and attention after you give birth, get creative before your baby arrives and purchase a few new toys, treat balls, and other enrichment activities, and ask a family member or friend if they have some extra time to devote to your kitty until you and your new baby have settled in.

## Fundraising Report By: Alex Zych

### Family Walk & Wag-a-thon

On **Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm**, join Burlington Humane as we celebrate our second annual **Family Walk and Wag-a-thon** at Spencer Smith Park!

Work your paws on our Walk-a-thon and participate in our Wacky Dog Show with a panel of local celebrity judges! Check out our top notch Vendor Alley, delicious BBQ and Silent Auction! Collect pledges and compete for our Top Fundraising titles! \$5 entry fee per person. Each attendee receives a free loot bag! Everyone welcome - furry friends too! *In case of poor weather, we have scheduled a rain date of June 5<sup>th</sup> at Spencer Smith Park.* Please visit [www.BurlingtonHumane.ca](http://www.BurlingtonHumane.ca) for event updates.



### Weddings with BHS!

#### Are you an animal lover?

Our animals would love for you to include Burlington Humane in your special day!

In place of costly guest favours at your wedding, consider making a donation to Burlington Humane. Along with a tax receipt, we will create a beautiful certificate that you can display at your reception letting your guests know that instead of favours, you have generously donated to Burlington Humane Society - one of Ontario's only no-kill animal shelters. Following your big day, send us your favourite wedding photo and we will post it on our Facebook page to share your special day! Please contact [Alex@BurlingtonHumane.ca](mailto:Alex@BurlingtonHumane.ca) for more information.

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## It's Heartworm Season!

We are all looking forward to the return of warm weather.

Don't forget that warm weather also brings heartworm season. Heartworms are a parasite which are transmitted via mosquitoes to dogs and cats who are less likely to be infected.

*The Ontario Veterinary Medical Association website is a good source of information: which explains the causes of the disease, symptoms you need to watch for if you suspect your pet has been infected and ways to prevent your dog from being infected:*

Please see our website [www.burlingtonhumane.ca](http://www.burlingtonhumane.ca) for the link to this website if you would like more detailed information

In January 2015 we had a dog named Gunner enter the shelter. Sadly, Gunner tested positive for heartworms. With the help of a wonderful foster home and excellent veterinary care, Gunner underwent an intensive and expensive treatment plan. While we successfully treated Gunner, he had to be held in foster care during the 271 day treatment. We were not able to find a new home for Gunner until his treatment was completed and he was free of this deadly parasite.



April 10 - 16, 2016 is National Volunteer Week in Canada. The theme for this year's celebration of volunteers is "Volunteers are the roots of

## Volunteer Appreciation

By Karen Mason

strong communities".

During my first weeks at Burlington Humane Society, I have been in awe of the contributions made by our volunteers. They arrive first thing in the morning to help feed and clean hungry kitties and continue to provide service in so many ways to the dogs and cats in our care right up to evening dog walks. It would be impossible for us

to do the work that we do without our volunteers.

The over 400 volunteers that make the work of BHS possible build the roots of our community by contributing to the welfare of dogs and cats who in turn provide love and companionship to the people of our community.

## Valentine's Day Bake Sale & Silent Auction



This year we held a Valentine Bake Sale and Silent Auction on February 14th from 12:00pm to 2:00pm at the Shelter with great success.

Volunteers baked delicious and pretty cupcakes along with other scrumptious baked goods. Of course we didn't

forget our pooches—home baked dog treats were also enjoyed.

The day also featured a silent auction with items donated by Friends and local businesses.

We had a great number of supporters lining up for yummy treats and we raised



almost \$2,000. Many thanks to KX947 Radio for featuring this tasty event, our volunteers who baked delicious treats and everyone who came out to support us.



## It's Raining Cats & Dogs!!

### Pierre

### Long-term & Special Needs Animals

Well hello handsome! If you are looking for a full figured chilled cat to love and adore for years to come...look no further!

Pierre is a gentle giant that is currently working on reducing some of his extra pounds.

He loves to spend his days at the shelter meeting new visitors, playing with toys, introducing himself to new shelter cats, and politely (although firmly) demanding his breakfast. Because Pierre is such an easy-going cat, we think he would do well in a home with other animals and small children.



**Carmen** Spending her days lounging by windows, watching the birds, rabbits and squirrels run around is how this shy and quiet girl likes to spend her days.

Carmen is a free-spirited 3 year old dilute torti that has been living at BHS for many months. She can dictate just how much attention and affection she is looking for...but isn't that just classic kitty behaviour!

We love Carmen because she has a heart of gold, but will need a special family to help her true personality shine. So if you are looking for a companion that enjoys napping and lounging as much as the average teenager, come and visit with her today!

### Harp

Interested in adopting a sweet senior gal with lots of love to offer...well we have one for you! Harp was surrendered to the shelter because her family unfortunately did not have any time for her.

Harp is a very kind 9 year old that would love to go to a home where she can focus on getting her bikini body ready for the summer!

Ideally Harp would be best suited with a family that will help her achieve her weight loss goals so she can be the "best version" of herself: happy, healthy and ready to rock her senior years in style.



### Nala

Nala is a gorgeous 5 year-old dilute calico. She is an independent kitty who enjoys her space, sitting by a window and having a good nap. She would prefer to be the only animal in the household as she is not too fond of other felines. Nala was previously adopted from BHS but her owner unexpectedly had to go into a long-term care facility. Nala is looking for a patient home that will give her time to warm up and get comfortable. This frisky girl just needs someone to take a chance on her!



## Pet Therapy Report

Therapy dogs at BHS come in all shapes, sizes and ages, but they all have one thing in common—they love to visit facilities and mingle with the local residents.

Their benefits to others are well documented. Pet Therapy animals have been shown to reduce stress, depression and to improve healing times. Lets hear from Martha, our Pet Therapy Coordinator about her personal experiences visiting retirement homes and long-term care facilities with her PT pooch!



### *Making a difference* By: Martha Doran

*The BHS Pet Therapy program is a community based program full of volunteers who love to spend time with their dogs, visiting seniors within homes. The smiles, the conversations, the gentle nod of comfort from the seniors we visit, makes a difference. Imagine how lucky you are to be able to talk to mothers, fathers, grandparents and great grandparents in a caring environment with no judgement. They often remind us of our own family members; people who have lived interesting lives from different parts of the world. It is about people connecting with people; and people connecting with dogs.*

*Truly, it is about making a difference.*

## Happy Tails

### Bernie settles in....

This lucky pup was adopted at the end of February and now lives with a wonderful family and he even has a big brother (a German Shepherd) named Fab!

*"Bernie has settled into our home perfectly. He's growing quickly and loves hanging out with his big brother, Fab. Here he is next to his favourite toy, his brother's tail!"*



handled every vet visit, cardiac ultrasound and medical procedure with a smile.

He was a personal favourite amongst the staff and volunteers, but we often wondered how long it might take us to find Jasper his perfect forever home.

Our worries were quickly calmed once we met the Cordeirido family.

A perfect match was made and Jasper is clearly loving his new life.

### Furiosa's anniversary!

This little boy was found with a badly mangled arm and a de-gloved chin after being thrown from a car at only 8 weeks old.

Our beautiful Furiosa just turned 1 year old! Congrats little one and may you have many many more!

Furiosa likes to spend his days playing and hanging out with his fellow felines Yubnub, Bok and Smokey.

### Remember Jasper?

This poor senior boy came into our care with old pelvic and hip injuries and badly rotten teeth.

Jasper was a brave trooper who

## Donations November 1st, 2015– March 31st, 2016

**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 Walker  
Barbara Mae Formhals  
Barbara Nadalia  
Barry Vidican  
Bob Berg  
Bunny (Florence) Lucas  
Carole Hawn  
Daisy Eileen Newman  
Deborah Patricia Roy  
Dianne Hamilton  
Elsa Nardi  
Fiorio Marconi  
George  
George Tihanyi  
Harold Leach  
Harvey Buck  
Heather Hansen  
Heather Tilley  
Ian Robinson  
James Mclvor  
Joan Buccella  
Johanna deBoer  
John Aiken  
Kenny Yang  
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William Wands

### In Memory of Animals

Bailey & Cooper Edwards  
Bailey Mennie  
Bear  
Buddy Perlock  
Bunny & Fiver Nelson  
Chelsea  
Chico Hanna  
Chloe (nee Pekay)  
Dorcas Laing  
Eddie & Lucy  
Fergus  
Harley  
Kali  
Lily  
Maggie Howard  
Maple  
Monty  
Perkie & AC Brower  
Rufus  
Rusty  
Sophie Smith  
Stewey  
Tammy  
The cat Bandit  
The cat Buddy Steep  
The cat Eve  
The cat Frank Fowler  
The cat Ginger  
The cat Heidi Chartier  
The cat Jaxson  
The cat Linus Jones  
The cat Mace & the dog Obi  
The cat Maxy Fraser  
The cat Munchkin Pentilchuk  
The cat Patches O'Hare  
The cat Phanthom  
The cat Picasso  
The cat Sam  
The cat Slinky Donahoe  
The cat Smokey Ralph  
The cat Tony Lee  
The cat Valiant Tucker  
The cats Baby & Anniis  
The cats Sylvester & Allister

### The cats Winston & Sherwood

The dog Andy Pierce  
The dog Bohdi Lewis  
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The dog Cassidy Perreult  
The dog Chippy MacDonald  
The dog Cooper Clegg  
The dog Daisy Graydon  
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The dog Gulliver MacKay  
The dog Hercules Rutledge  
The dog Holly Rewa  
The dog Holly Ryan  
The dog Jess Roberts  
The dog Kenny Robinson  
The dog Kessie Riding  
The dog Kodi  
The dog Laddie Graham  
The dog Mickey Bradford  
The dog Millie Smith  
The dog Nugget and the cats  
Amy, Casey & baby Kitty  
The dog Ollie Schaffler  
The dog Oreo Deley  
The dog Ranger Vujaklija  
The dog Riley  
The dog Ruby Whalen-Nixon  
The dog Sandy Brown  
The dog Sporty Wilson  
The dog Taz Lincoln  
The pet Willis Grassick  
The pets Tuggy & Titey  
Tomu Tabata  
William MacDonald  
Willis

### In Honour of

Alison Carriere  
All cats!  
Amanda, Sean & Rufus  
Applevew Animal Hospital  
Ben Ben  
Britany Morgan  
Buddy Longlad  
Catrina Robey & Jeremy Beaupre

### Cheryl Meger

Courtney & Mark's wedding  
Debbie & Marilyn  
Eva & Rick Babcock  
Frances Willey  
Holly Ryan  
Janet Tribou  
Jill Simpson  
Jim & Ingrid Twinn  
Joann Graham's Birthday  
Katelyn Lutes' birthday  
Kathryn Kennelly  
Katie Cosgriffe  
Katie Hay  
Katie Meredith's birthday  
Kim Hiscocks  
Lindsay Bennett & Mark Sanin  
Long Term Residents at BHS  
Lucine  
Lucy Orr's 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Mateo Alvarez's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Mateo Giron  
Megan  
Mrs. Wilma Friend  
Nicole DeStefano  
Owen Kaura  
Pearl Kelf  
Reggie  
Rick Aldred  
Ryan and Stephanie Soares  
Sarah Tanashian  
Savia Ashby  
Shirley Gibbon  
Sprocket  
Terry Pepler  
The BHS cat Chip  
The BHS dog Jasper  
The BHS dog Molly  
The BHS dog Templeton  
The cat Annie  
The cat Tigerlilly  
The dog Logan Leal  
The dog Robyn DeGroot  
The Staff of Lyrical Body  
The Urban Group  
Tiny Tim & Hugo  
Valerie Farrer  
Vicki Markwick  
Whiskey & Cleopatra

## Junior Philanthropists



It is never too early to get your child interested and involved in giving back to their community. Teaching the importance of giving to a charity is a great way to help your child understand how to help others, especially if they can personally meet and visit with the animals being directly helped by their donation.

Help your child understand the vital role of charities and their importance in our communities. Use the opportunity of donating to teach them how awesome it feels to give!

A big thank you to both Tavian and Gianina. They raised money and bought goodies, toys and various bags of Royal Canin food for the dogs and cats at the shelter! Thank you both for your hard work and dedication to the animals!

*Find us on Twitter,  
Facebook, Pinterest and  
Instagram!!!*



### Animal Fun Fact!

Why are dogs' noses so wet? Dogs' noses secrete a thin layer of mucous that helps them absorb scent. They then lick their noses to sample the scent through their mouth.

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