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Cady; An Incredible Cat

By Megan DeGroote

Late one night last October, a beautiful cat was hit by a car and was left at Burlington Veterinary Emergency and Referral Hospital (BVERH). The x-rays showed that it had two small fractures in her pelvis that could possibly require surgery. Following a consultation with a specialist, it



was recommended that Cady go for a neurological exam, then into surgery as soon as possible. She was transferred over to Mississauga Oakville Veterinary Emergency Hospital (MOVEH) for further care.

On exam it was found that Cady had multiple pelvic and sacral fractures that would need several orthopedic surgical procedures. She

had also lost all feeling in her tail which was limp from her trauma. Her exams and surgery were completed a few days later, at which point she came to Burlington Humane to recover further. Her recovery period required cage rest and minimal activity for approximately 6 weeks.

Further examination found that Cady was having complications associated with her injuries. She was sent over to BVERH again for examination because she could not urinate on her own. She had neurological issues that required help to make sure she was urinating adequately, so she returned to MOVEH for further treatment and monitoring.

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President's Message

By Jenn Merritt

Since 1974, Burlington Humane has been providing care and comfort to local animals in need. An invaluable component of our success has always been our dedicated and hardworking volunteers.

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to every Burlington Humane, past and present. For the first 10 years, volunteers filled all the roles, fostering the animals and adopting them from their homes, and raising money to provide medical and daily care for those animals. When you think about it, those same volunteer jobs are still very important and ongoing today. Where would we be without the feed and clean volunteers, the fosters, the dogwalkers, receptionists and those who help with fundraising. In 1984, The Attic was opened and in 2008, The Loft opened, both run by volunteers. The two stores provide a stable revenue of income each year. Other behind-the-scenes volunteers provide transportation for the animals and items such as catnip mice, greeting cards and handmade items to sell.

The popular Pet Therapy program and Education program all rely

on volunteers. Both are expanding yearly. We have a wait list of facilities wanting visits from the Pet Therapy volunteers. Our new children's camps are always full.

Our volunteers are very much in demand. Please think about joining one of the groups of volunteers. As a long-time volunteer with animals, and more recently with BHS, I can assure you all it is very rewarding and gratifying to know an animal, a child or a shut-in is happy because of you.

Thank you!

The past few months, we've been working with a professional strategic planner to develop a Five Year Strategic Plan to move Burlington Humane forward. And our volunteers will continue to play important roles as we move ahead with new and expanded programs geared to helping and educating our community. Our goal is to complete the Five Year Strategic Plan by June.

And finally, a thank you to our generous supporters and donors. Your financial contributions allow Burlington Humane to continue providing a safe haven for dogs and cats in need.

Executive Director's Report

By Doug Shirton

It is hard to believe I have been with BHS for a year! I thought I knew a lot about animals, BUT, after attending the 2017 Animal Welfare Conference hosted by the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies the second week I started, I knew I had a lot to learn.

The year has been very successful for many reasons. Our events were all well attended, the Education Program has expanded significantly, and most of all the number of animals we were able to help in 2017 increased. We have formed some friendly alliances with other shelters and rescues, and been able to help them when they were full. We were called upon to assist in taking some animals from a couple of hording situations in the area where the local SPCA and Humane Society was overwhelmed. I was very sad to see the conditions of some of the animals, but happily almost all of them were saved.

We have so many activities planned throughout this year. New this year is our High School Band Benefit Concert. High school students from around Burlington come together to share their talents. Ruff Ride is a favorite event as well as our Furry Friends 5k. Watch for other smaller events at the shelter—the bake sales and Microchip/Rabies low cost clinics are always popular.

I cannot forget our tireless team of volunteers. I have met so many wonderful people who give their time and talents to help Burlington Humane. You are the life blood of this organization which allows us to provide the quality service to our animals and to the citizens of Burlington. Thank you for all you do. My appreciation is as big as your hearts.

BHS Directors and Staff

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Cheetoh Needs a Home by Doug Shirton

Cheetoh will soon be celebrating his one year anniversary!

Cheetoh came to us last March and has been here for an entire year. Although Cheetoh has a heart murmur and requires medical monitoring, we know there is a loving family out there for him. We would love him to find his forever home. Please spread the word that this wonderful cat is ready to go home!

For more information on Cheetoh, visit our website and view his profile. Cheetoh may be the pet for you!



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During Cady's two week stay, one of the wonderful technicians got to know her well. Cady showed an affectionate and curious side of herself. The staff caring for her would let her out during quiet times to explore a little of the hospital for short periods. The technician offered to foster her so she would not have to stay at the hospital which can be stressful. Cady needed constant monitoring of her bladder as well as daily medication and rehabilitation.

Cady's urination began to improve but she was still having pain and mobility problems. Five weeks after her first surgery, Cady required another surgery to remove one of the surgical implants that was causing some discomfort and to have her tail amputated. The amputation was a preventative treatment, because

her tail had no feeling and was not functional; she could have caught it on something and caused further injury. Cady recovered quickly from her second surgery and she was starting to become a normal cat. She was more social and starting to play.

After working with her so closely and watching how far Cady had come, her foster mom wanted to adopt her. We were thrilled and thankful she was able to offer Cady a home because of the extra care Cady still needs. Cady is her first cat; "It's amazing how quickly she could touch my heart. I am grateful that BHS was able to help her and she found her way to me."

Cady's care cost Burlington Humane about \$6,700. We were able to pay for her care because of donations made to our Ariel Fund. The Ariel Fund is a very specific fund with the sole purpose of

covering unusual medical costs of cats like Cady with injuries requiring surgery or extraordinary medical care.

To help more cats like Cady, please consider donating to our Ariel Fund over the phone at 905-637-7325, in person at the shelter, or online here: <http://burlingtonhumane.ca/donate/arielsally-fund/>

"Love the Animals" Lottery Winner

Congratulations to Judith Pruessen, our "Love the Animals" lottery \$3,000 grand prize winner. Congratulations also to our early bird draw winner and all of our January daily draw winners. Thank you to all who purchased tickets. Our lottery was very successful thanks to your generous support.

Professional Activity Day Camp— April 27 & June 1

Registration is filling up quickly for our Professional Activity Day Camps on Friday, April 27 & June 1. Participants will learn about the important relationship we have with our pets and is suitable for children

between the ages of 6-8. Registration is limited to 10 campers so reserve your spot today. Register by visiting our website at www.burlingtonhumane.ca/pa-camp-day.



Little Mog

By Patricia Howard



Hello! My name is Moggy, though I doubt very much that you will remember me. I was lucky enough to be one of the hundreds of kittens who found a new home in 2017, thanks to Burlington Humane Society.

My story begins in a cardboard box. I was abandoned, taped in a big box with my two siblings. I was too young to tell the time back then, but I think we were there for quite a long while because we were all very hungry and thirsty by the time we were found. Luckily for us, we were taken into the care of BHS. When we were there, they showed us a great deal of care even though we were very stressed and frightened about all that had happened to us. After being given some food and water we were then taken to a veterinary clinic where we were gently examined for signs of injury or illness, and we were declared to be healthy. We were given our initial vaccinations and a deworming pill, and I am rather glad that I can't remember too much about that!

Since we were all thought to be old enough to be adopted (the guess was that we were about eight weeks old), we returned to Burlington Humane the next day, where we were put into a big cage and left to settle down and get used to our new surroundings. My two siblings were quickly adopted, so that just left me on my own, but I didn't mind too much because I had quite a few people come to see me for a visit, and I was warm and cosy and had plenty of food in my bowl. The staff all petted me and told me that I was a handsome kitten! I felt very safe, and a long way from that cardboard box that had previously been my fate.

I am happy to say that I was adopted very quickly and I found myself in another home where I was greeted by my new family's resident cat and two very big dogs. I was a bit worried because I was so small. However, my new

family could see that I was anxious and they took very good care of me. They started to call me "Little Mog," because I was so much smaller than everybody else. I guess the name stuck even though I am much bigger now, and I have just celebrated my first birthday!

I expect you are wondering why I am telling you my story, since it is a very ordinary one compared with those of many other animals that come into the care of Burlington Humane Society. My tale is not unique, but that makes it even more special.

You see, each year during the course of the Spring and Summer, and even into the cooler months of Fall, many kittens such as me find themselves homeless and in precarious circumstances. We are not notable for any reason except that nobody wants us. Our only misdemeanour is that we are considered superfluous; we have done no harm and have been born into a situation that would not give us the best chance of a happy life.

This is where the wonderful people at Burlington Humane enter the picture. They care for us ALL, big or small, fat or thin, young or old, and they look after us until a new home can be found. It doesn't matter if that takes a day, a week or a year: we are kept safe, well fed and well cared for until that special someone finds us. Without the great work done by BHS, without their caring and compassion, who knows where many of us would end up?

Look at me now! I am a year old, and in great health! I have a big brother who also came from BHS in much the same way I did. We play together constantly and have become good friends. He loves me a lot – well, most of the time he does, until I annoy him too much. I have moved from a cardboard box into the arms of a family that loves me and looks after me, and I could wish for nothing more ... well, except another catnip ball, perhaps.

I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to all the super, caring people at BHS; and also a big thank you to everyone who donates to BHS in the course of a year. Without the kindness and generosity of the community that supports this great organisation, little cats like me would find themselves in a very different situation. A cardboard box is no place to grow up, unloved, hungry and alone.

With gratitude and lots of purrs,
Little Mog xx

Microchip and Rabies Clinic

Saturday, April 7

9 am–5 pm

Microchips—\$25 Rabies shots—\$20

All microchips and rabies vaccines
will be given by a veterinarian.

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY AT 905-637-7325

Volunteers
Transportation
Volunteers Needed!



Do you love animals?
Do you have a few hours a month to spare and access to a vehicle? If you have answered 'yes' to these questions, then we want you as a transportation volunteer! Some of our cats and dogs visit local vet clinics daily and we are looking for a handful of helpful team members to assist with their appointment pick-ups and drop-offs. Transporting animals is a flexible and rewarding volunteer position. Please consider joining our team and fill out an application online.



10th Annual Ruff Ride Motorcycle Fundraiser

Sunday, September 16

2 Hour Poker Run, Delicious BBQ,
Open House,
Shelter Tours, Live Music.

Stay tuned to our website for more information

www.BurlingtonHumane.ca

Burlington High School Band Benefit Concert

Burlington Humane Society

Thursday, April 19; 7 pm

Burlington Central High School Auditorium

www.BurlingtonHumane.ca

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Participating High Schools:

Aldershot High School Concert Band
Assumption Catholic Secondary School Concert Band
Burlington Central High School Concert Band
Lester B. Pearson High School
M. M. Robinson High School

Tickets are \$15.00 and available online at
Snapd Burlington
<https://tinyurl.com/y9m6ockq>



Pet Therapy – Four Legged Helpers

By Regula Mueller



We all know how much fun and affection a pet can bring. We also know that they can have a calming effect, reduce stress and anxiety and be uplifting. When our Pet Therapy teams visit the various nursing and retirement homes on our visit program, they can witness how much love and joy our wonderful animals bring to the residents.



Therapy Cat—Taz

Although most of our therapy animals are dogs, we now have our first pet therapy cat. There are many types of animals that have been used as therapy animals throughout North America. There have been therapy pot belly pigs, therapy miniature horses and Calgary airport has Taz, the therapy cat. Animals helping people and bringing a smile to their face.

Volunteer Recognition

Thank you for your years of service! Burlington Humane would like to recognize the following volunteers.

5 Year

Raquel Ahearn
Elizabeth Aitchison
Jessica Bowes
Daniel Bragagnolo
Thomas Breton
Kathy Chrzaszcz
Marissa Collyer
Julia Dickson

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Laura Roberts
Mary Ellen Tuck
Joan Weston
10 Years

20 Years

Joanne Ambis
Richard Howard
Shelagh Sommer
15 Years

25 Years

Helga Blaumaur
Patricia Howard
Jolene Regan

This list has been created based on our records. If you believe your name has been missed on this list, please contact us at volunteer@burlingtonhumane.ca



Furry Friends 5K

Sunday, October 21

Run or walk as an individual, team or with your furry canine pal! Register now at

<http://www.furryfriends5k.ca/burlington>.

Early bird registration before June 30.

Donations - December 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018

We really appreciate the wonderful support that we receive from the community. Thank you for honouring your relative, friend or pet with a memorial donation.



<u>In Memory of:</u>	Susanne Watson Tom Wood Tyler Roy Willow Becket	Murphy Lowry Paisley & Cashew Kidd Pearl Scott Pepe Ring Riley & Oliver Atkins Tahja Wrixon-Relf Teddy Kazienko Tessa Saunders Topaz Robinson Rocky Toupin Sable Rotz Snowball Altman Willy Payne Zoey Sheppard Harley Scott Jack & Sam Motosuma Mickey Couga Palmer Pixie Strecker Poska O'Rielly Sabre Leopard Palmer	Dan & Ruth Levack Declan Gain Eva & Rick Jack Joanne & Calvin Keith & Leslie Lee-Ann and Paul Hahn Linda Easterbrook Lori & Darren Lucy Orr Marna Puritt Megan Small Michelle Rutherford Millcreek Veterinary Clinic Mylie Taylor Neil & Hayley Nicole Cataford Rose Simon Simon Woods Tara Mosey Thomas McHugh Jr. Vicki & Don Yvonne Patrick
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		Pets:	
		Dogs:	
	Barnaby Davisson Bentley de Sousa Brutus Ahearn Casey Boutillier Daisy Graydon Dakota Sheaton Grace & Sophie Dilks Guinness Parsons Jazz Hodgson Maud Lewis	Buddy Smith Max & Ruby Allen Pepper Pizzolante Rufus King Teddy Lawson	
		In Honour of:	
		People:	
		Ana, Jaden, Sohpia, Mackenzie, Eleni, Gen, Emily, and Ryan Andre Gagnon Andrea, Callie, and Scruffs Askey Animal Hospital Staff Coleen Tew	Pets: Calvin & Friends @BHS Cheetoh Penny

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



The Attic and The Loft

By Carole McArthur

Welcome in spring with a new wardrobe. There is no better place for selection and price than The Attic or The Loft! Both stores are glowing with brightly coloured clothing and other gently used household items to "dress" yourself, your table or home. If you like to read, there is a large selection of paperbacks just

ready to take you away to another world.

The stores continue to bring in valuable revenue for Burlington Humane. Thanks to our tireless and dedicated team of volunteers who sort, display and sell all our items.

Please remember the animals when you choose

where to donate your gently used treasures.

The Loft is located at the shelter - 740 Griffith Court.

The Animal Aid Attic is located at 479 John Street in downtown Burlington.



BHS Clothes Available for Purchase

Greet spring and summer in style with Burlington Humane hats, t-shirts and hoodies. Purchase your clothing and let everyone know that you support the animals at Burlington Humane.



Wish List

If you would like to donate items to BHS, these are a great way to help our cats and dogs:

- Newspapers/Puppy pads
- Healthy Treats
- Cat Crates/ Carriers
- 1/4 cup Measuring Cups
- Facial Tissues
- Unscented Dryer Sheets
- Canada and US Stamps
- Canadian Tire Money
- PC Optimum points
- 8.5 x 11 Photocopy paper
- Gift Certificates from Pet Food/Grocery stores

Check our website for a full list. We appreciate all donations. Thank you!

WE ARE PROUDLY INDEPENDENT! Burlington Humane is a member of the Canadian Confederation of Humane Societies.
We are not associated with the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA.



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