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Imagine This

By Marsha Locke

It was FATE that a lady happened upon a couple who were homeless in a bus station on one of the hottest days of the summer. They had a carrier with two adult cats and five kittens in it. The kind lady felt INSPIRED to ask the couple if they needed assistance with their cats who were clearly in distress.

The couple had no water for the cats and very little food. The cats were thin, dehydrated and dirty; mom was open mouth panting due to heat exhaustion.

The couple gladly accepted help for their family of seven cats whom they LOVE very much. The couple had been living homeless for five weeks with a mom and dad and their five kittens, who were just five weeks old, all living in a small carrier. The couple attempted to find homes for their feline family before they lost their home. They were hopeless as their search for help did not find anything.

The couple were very HAPPY and showed much GRATITUDE for the assistance offered and with great COURAGE placed the cats in the care of someone who promised to get them to safety.

Burlington Humane Society was contacted to help this family of cats. We welcomed Mama Fate, Daddy Happy, and babies Imagine, Inspire, Love, Courage and Gratitude who we lovingly refer to as "The Dream Team".

They all received medical care and were given lots of love in a foster home and will all find their happy endings soon with their forever families.

Correction

We mistakenly credited the wrong author of the article "French Felines make Life-changing Journey" in our last issue. The correct author was Heather Bodajla. We apologize for this error.



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Burlington Humane is proud to be Ontario's premier no-kill shelter.

Check Out all our Great Programs!

Burlington Humane offers programs for children (P.A. Days, Kids Club) and families (Dog Walking Group, Clinics and Workshops).

Be sure to attend all of our events as well. Check out our website for all the latest info.

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Burlington Humane Presents...

RUFF RIDE
Charity Motorcycle Event

Sunday, September 15 @ 9:30am

Poker Run, BBQ, Live Music, Auction, Open House and PRIZES!
\$35 per rider/\$25 per participating passenger
(Includes Swag Bag, BBQ & Poker Hand)

Ruff Ride is Kindly Sponsored By

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President's Message By Jenn Merritt

As we prepare for cooler weather and busy fall schedules, it is hard to believe that 2019 is passing so quickly.

The highlight of my year and my tenure as President of the Board was attending the National Animal Welfare Conference in Montreal organized by Humane Canada. Humane Canada, formerly the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies, brings together humane organizations from across Canada to promote animal welfare and animal protection. The annual conference is an opportunity to learn about best practices in sheltering from other animal welfare professionals, to share ideas to improve the lives of the animals in our care.

This year, Doug Shirton and I represented Burlington Humane and I could not have been more impressed with the quality of speakers, the opportunity to meet and mingle with other animal welfare groups from across Canada, and the thoughtfulness and attention that went into the event. For example, the entire four day event was completely vegan.

Many humane organizations are finding new challenges as adoption trends are changing. New programs and taking a fresh look at what's needed in the community are key for animal welfare groups moving forward. The one area that everyone seemed to agree on was that providing children with access and opportunity to learn about humane treatment of animals is key to the future of animal welfare. It's very exciting that Burlington Humane's Kids' Club is exactly the type of program that is being suggested to involve and inspire the next generation of humane educators and supporters.

2019 is also Burlington Humane's 45th anniversary year. That is quite a milestone and a testament to the hard working people that make Burlington Humane remain a vital part of our community. Our many years of success are thanks to our staff, volunteers, and supporters who share our continued commitment to bettering the lives of animals in Burlington.



Santa is Coming to Burlington

Santa Claus always makes time for Burlington Humane during the busy Christmas season. This year, he will be coming to both Burlington Humane and Ren's Pets for photos with your pets. This is a yearly pilgrimage for



Santa's Schedule

At Burlington Humane

Saturday, November 16

Thursday, November 21

Saturday, November 23

At Ren's Pets Burlington

Saturday, November 30

Sunday, December 8

many families as they add these precious photos to their treasured collection.

Appointments necessary for photos at Burlington Humane.

First come first serve for pictures at Ren's Pets.

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Executive Director's Report

By Doug Shirton

With the passing of summer and the return to school, work and schedules, Burlington Humane is also getting back into the Fall routine. This summer we had the usual influx of mother cats and kittens. Although kitten season is predictable, this past season seemed busier than in previous years. It was especially eye opening for many of our staff, who were experiencing kitten season for the first time. This time of year demands flexibility with our staff to help out where needed. We have made an effort to cross train our staff so that they are able to help in areas other than their main focus. We could also not have survived it without the caring and dedication of our foster parents. Many took in expectant mother cats and fostered them until the kittens were born, ensured they were healthy, weaned and ready to be adopted. Other foster parents went above and beyond when they needed to hand feed their foster kittens. To help them out, we held foster workshops. Our first topic was on hand feeding as that was where we had an immediate need.

We also established a Foster group on our Facebook page, where we can better communicate and share stories and experiences with our foster parents and they can share experiences with each other. Occasionally

foster parents can feel alone and isolated as they do not always need to come to Burlington Humane, so being able to communicate with BHS and other fosters on Facebook has been a real blessing for some.



Once again our volunteers came to our rescue when many more were needed during critical feeding and cleaning times. With full cat rooms and often two cats to a cage, the time needed to take care of all those animals increased. With volunteers heading away on vacation, we have needed to continue training new volunteers. Thankfully the community has been very gracious with their time and new volunteers have been signing up. Our preference is always to have volunteers who can offer a long term commitments and become volunteers that we can rely on for years to come.

We have also been working a lot with the various dogs that have joined us. We have been spending time training the dogs so that they are much easier to adopt. This has decreased their time at Burlington Humane significantly and the training has proven to be a worthwhile investment.

Professional Activity Day Camp— Oct. 11 & Nov. 22

Registration is filling up quickly for our Professional Activity Day Camps on Friday, October 11 and November 22.

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 burlingtonhumane.ca/pa-camp-day.



Saturday, October 5

*Join us at the 3rd annual
Burlington Furry Friends 5K!*

Run by the Burlington waterfront for a fun and exciting 5k with or without your pet.

Register on our website.



Rabies in Ontario

Controlling rabies is a constant endeavor in Southern Ontario.

Rabies is a virus that can be passed on from one animal to the next through bites that break the skin, infected saliva in open wounds and mouth, nose or eyes.

Rabies is very serious as it is often fatal and can be passed on to people.

Signs that an animal has rabies include aggression, frothing at the mouth, partial paralysis and excessive drooling.

Amongst wildlife, the animals most commonly found to have rabies are raccoons, bats and skunks.

Because Rabies is so serious, all cats and dogs must be vaccinated against rabies by law.

Burlington Humane is heeding this warning and

is holding a Microchip and Rabies Clinic this fall. Watch the Burlington Humane website for the exact date so that you can bring your pet and it will be protected from rabies for \$25.00. This is a fraction of the cost of a rabies vaccine from your veterinarian. It is imperative that all animals are protected against rabies and have a microchip. Do your part as a responsible pet owner. Plan on participating in Burlington Humane's Rabies and Microchip clinic coming this fall. At the same event, your pet can also receive a microchip to assist in their faster return to you should they be lost.

Pet First Aid Course

**Burlington Humane proudly presents:
Walks 'N' Wags Pet First Aid Course.**

Sunday, November 10
9:00 am—7:00 pm

Check out our website for registration information.



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Burlington Humane is teaming up with Amazon so that your purchases benefit our animals. We have a link on our website that will take you to Amazon's website. Once there, you can make your normal purchases and Burlington Humane will get a small donation. You don't pay any more, but because you accessed Amazon through the link on Burlington Humane's website, we benefit. It is a win-win situation. Look on the front page of our website to find the link or on our Wish List page.

Alternately, you can go to our Burlington Humane Wish List on Amazon.ca and purchase items to be delivered directly to Burlington Humane. No need for a middle man. Just look for the link on our website that will take you directly to the Burlington Humane Wish list on Amazon. Thank you for thinking of us when you make a purchase on Amazon. Supporting Burlington Humane has now become much easier!

Wish List

- Durable Dog and Cat Toys
- Cat Crates/Carriers
- Cardboard Scratch Pads for Cats
- Facial Tissues
- Healthy Cat and Dog Treats
- 1/4 CUP Measuring cups
- Canadian Tire Money
- 8.5 x 11 Printer Paper
- Canada & U.S. Stamps
- Gift Certificates from Pet Food or Grocery Stores
- Royal Canin Kitten/Cat and Puppy/Dog Food

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Oct 19, 2019 | 8:00pm to 10:00pm



Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel & Conference Centre



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Leave a Legacy

A gift in your Will can change the future for cats and dogs in Burlington.

You can continue to support the important work Burlington Humane is doing long after you are gone. You can also designate Burlington Humane as a beneficiary in another planned way of giving. It is also possible to list Burlington Humane as an alternative beneficiary. Your gift is given to Burlington Humane only if other beneficiaries in your Will pass away before your passing. Your gift enables you to make a significant impact on the important work that Burlington Humane does in taking care of those animals that cannot take care of themselves. The need is great, and your legacy gift can help with our important work for years to come.



Animals and Canadian law

Animals in Canada have become a lot more protected now that three bills have become law. Bill S-203, Ending the Captivity of Whales and Dolphins Act; Bill C-84, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code pertaining to Bestiality and Animal Fighting; and Bill C-68, banning shark finning are now law.

Bill S-203 prohibits the taking of whales and dolphins into captivity and prohibits their import into Canada and their export from Canada. This is a critical fact as Marineland in Ontario holds more than 50 beluga whales for breeding and trading purposes.

Many justify the confinement of Whales and Dolphins by arguing the benefits of research and public education. However the type of research that can be done in captivity is limited. Jacques Cousteau, the famous marine explorer, once said, "There is about as much educational benefit to be gained in studying dolphins in captivity as there would be studying mankind by only observing prisoners held in solitary confinement."

A second important bill that has just become law is Bill C-84 where the definition of bestiality has been broadened and animal fighting has been made illegal. The definition of bestiality now includes any sexual contact involving an animal. Studies have shown that there is a strong correlation between acts of bestiality and the abuse of children. Because of this, those convicted of bestiality will be listed on the National Sex Offender Registry, protecting animals and other vulnerable members of our society, such as our children.

The third bill that has been passed is Bill C-68, the banning of shark finning. Shark finning is the act of removing fins from sharks while discarding the rest of the shark. They are often still alive when discarded, but soon drown because they are unable to swim without their fins.

Spreading Joy, One Tail Wag at a Time

by Silvia Patrizio

Living in a community where the demographics of seniors is higher than the national average, I have witnessed first-hand the isolation and helplessness faced by many in our aging society. So, when I retired several years ago, I decided to get involved with Burlington Humane and introduce my four-legged companion to the joys of pet therapy. Many seniors, residing in retirement or nursing homes, find themselves separated from family and friends, no longer able to partake in the day-to-day activities that we take for granted. A few short minutes with a senior may not seem significant to those of us who live busy lives, but these cherished moments can put a smile on a senior's face or momentarily arrest their tears, as this short time together may in fact be the only interaction that they have all day.



My bichon frise, named Tulie (aka. Tulia Noor), was introduced as a therapy dog by her first birthday, following in the footsteps of her canine predecessor. Provided a pet has the appropriate temperament there will be a mutual benefit of such liaisons. 'Mutual benefit' being the caveat, since pets look forward to these visits as much as their target audience.

The profiles of most pet handlers are typically retired seniors themselves, who have the inclination to volunteer. One of my colleagues has offered her time to pet therapy for some thirty years; however, now at the age of eighty-eight, she is unsure how much longer she can continue. Replenishing those volunteer resources is a continual challenge, in an age where most individuals are torn between the demands of career and family. However, bear in mind that the commitment of one or two hours per month can result in unspeakable rewards to all concerned. Obviously, the highlight of a senior's day and a healthy interaction for the pet; but the simple donation of time to someone less fortunate is equally advantageous for the handler, who reaps the luxury of (even temporarily) being removed from his or her own life stressors and building new unexpected friendships.

Contact BHS to find out more about our Pet therapy program. We have a wait-list of facilities wanting us to start visiting; perhaps this may be something for you?

OSPCA - Change in Responsibility

On March 4 the Ontario Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) announced that it would no longer investigate and enforce animal cruelty laws when its current contract expired on April 1. The government requested that the OSPCA continue enforcing cruelty laws until the province passed new laws giving responsibility to police. The OSPCA offered a three-month extension. The role of the OSPCA came into question in early January when an Ontario court ruled the government erred when it gave the OSPCA policing powers without also imposing accountability and transparency standards. The OSPCA has admitted that ruling was the catalyst

to abdicating its role as it shifts its focus from enforcement to its shelter business.

In response, the province launched a 24 hour animal-cruelty hotline that residents can call if they have a complaint or make a report. Ontario's solicitor general has named a new chief inspector to oversee a temporary anti-cruelty enforcement regime. Residents can call 1-833-9ANIMAL with cruelty concerns. This is a temporary fix until the province can revamp the law. The government is expected to introduce legislation in the fall.



Donations - March 1 to July 31, 2019

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.

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Ready for their Forever Home

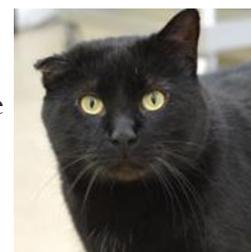
Bambi

Bambi is a very interesting, complex boy. He is playful mixed with an uncertain sassiness. He responds well to those who move slowly and let him approach on his own terms. He will let you know when he is unsure but once he trusts you, he will enjoy gentle head, cheek and neck scratches. He loves playing with long string toys and can be very interactive. Although he is occasionally a picky eater, he is doing much better. Come meet Bambi.



Napoleon

Napoleon is a stray that had been through a rough time before coming to us. He has a unique personality, very food motivated and loves people. He can get feisty when he feels frustrated, so a home with no young children is advised. We also feel that he will be better suited to an experienced cat owner. Napoleon is available as a foster to adopt. He has some health challenges that are controlled with medication.



The Attic and The Loft *By Carole McArthur*

Getting ready for Fall? Be sure to visit the Loft and the Attic, Burlington Humane's second hand stores where you can find amazing deals, including clothing and gently used household items. Everything at both locations has been generously donated by

members of the community. If you are getting ready for Fall, our Fall collections are now available.

If you are gearing up for Fall and you find items that others would consider treasures, bring them to the Loft and the

Attic. The Loft is located at our shelter (740 Griffith Court) and the Attic is located in downtown Burlington at 479 John Street.



BHS Clothes Available for Purchase

Only a few sweat-shirts and hoodies left. Get



yours today. Purchase your clothing and let everyone know that you support the animals at Burlington Humane.

Happy Tails



Penny, a two year old shepherd collie mix, came by to visit Burlington Humane. Adopted in March of 2018, Penny is described by her owner as the perfect dog. Being adopted into a military family, Penny goes on 5 km jogs every morning and long walks every evening. She is full of energy and is very sociable. She is a lucky dog to have such an attentive owner, although, Penny's adoptive family say they are the lucky ones. Thank you for visiting, Penny, it is great that you are doing so well.

Cosmo and Tulip have settled very well into their new home. They spread out and often snuggle together. We are happy to see them in a loving home.



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