

John Wayne will Ride Again By Megan DeGroot

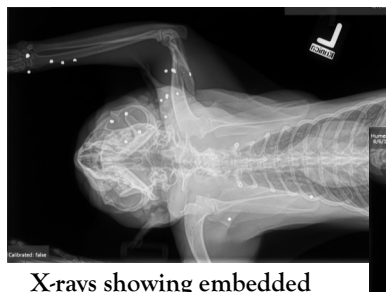
At the beginning of June, a brown tabby cat was found on the road in Burlington and seemed to be in some distress. Burlington Animal Control (BAC) was called to pick him up and noticed that he was not putting much pressure on his left front leg. He was taken to Burlington Veterinary Emergency and Referral Hospital to be examined where x-rays were done and showed a humeral fracture in his leg.



showed a humeral fracture but also BB pellets or buckshot remnants imbedded in his left leg, chest and shoulder. Dr Brajkovich from Caledon Mountain Veterinary Hospital

was contacted as he specializes in orthopedic surgery. He examined the x-rays and decided he would try to save the leg so surgery was booked. We decided a western name like John Wayne would be an appropriate fit for this sweet and extremely brave cat.

Following consultation, Burlington Humane agreed to take over the care of this cat as the emergency veterinarian suggested that the cat's leg may need to be amputated. One of our staff members collected the cat and transferred him to Headon Forest Animal Hospital for further in-



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John Wayne went into surgery with Dr Brajkovich and did very well.

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President's Message by Jenn Merritt

The summer has been full speed ahead at Burlington Humane Society with happenings, new programs, and lots of four legged family members being welcomed into new homes.

First and foremost, I would like to thank outgoing board President Bianca Chambers for steering BHS successfully through a challenging year. Two Board members, our Membership and Donations Director Michelle Hand and Community Liaison Mary Anne Edwards, decided not to stand for election again. They have each worn many different BHS "hats" over the years. We would like to thank Michelle and Mary Anne for their years of dedication and service to BHS and the board! And, we are so fortunate to welcome back past

board members Jolene Regan and Patricia Howard to once again serve on the board.

Our new Executive Director Doug Shirton has hit the ground running and started several progressive programs including a monthly podcast and humane education club for children. The Burlington Humane Podcast highlights different aspects of our programs and the fabulous staff and volunteers that make BHS continue to thrive. Doug also started the Burlington Humane Kid's Club with the help of long time board member Mary Hopkins. The Kid's Club focuses on different aspects of humane education including care and training of dogs and cats and how to be a responsible pet guardian. Doug has

brought a great enthusiasm to BHS!

We recently said a fond farewell to our Administrative Assistant Lena Alexandrova and welcome new Administrative Assistant Julian Holland. Thank you Lena and welcome Julian!

One of the best ways to support BHS is attending or volunteering at events. As fall approaches, we look forward to the annual Ruff Ride on Sunday, September 17th and a microchip and rabies clinic on Saturday, September 30th.

On behalf of the board, I want to thank all of our dedicated staff, volunteers, and members for everything you do to make Burlington Humane such a wonderful place! Happy Fall!

Executive Director's Message by Doug Shirton

As the summer winds down, things continue to pick up at BHS. As well as organizing several BHS events to become more visible, we have also been participating in many community activities. You may have seen our booths at the Burlington Kite Festival, Burlington Canada Day Festival and the Children's Festival. We even had a booth at the Halton Wedding Show to highlight our wedding program!

New this year is our exciting podcast called "Burlington Humane" that features BHS specifically and animal care and welfare generally. You can listen to the podcast from our website or you can subscribe through iTunes. You can also now see some of our animals on Facebook Live.

This summer we held a Cat Adopt-a-thon and Open House, celebrated Black Cat Appreciation Day and our summer session of the Kids Club was a great success.

This fall we will continue to be busy as we will be holding another Cat Adopt-a-thon, Ruff Ride and our Rabies and Microchip Clinic. Check out our website for all the latest information.

I have been here for six months and I want to thank everyone for welcoming me to this wonderful organization.



BHS Directors and Staff



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His leg was saved and currently has three external fixators (screws) holding it properly in place. While under anesthetic, the doctor was also able to neuter John Wayne.

John Wayne has been at Burlington Humane Society for the past several months during his recovery. He is currently confined to a cage or small space with minimal activity and does daily physical therapy with our animal care staff. John Wayne will soon go for a recheck with



Dr. Brajkovich to examine the progress of the external fixator. Our hope is that the fixator has fused John Wayne's humeral fracture but there is still

a chance that the fixator has not repaired the break and the leg still may need to be amputated. Our staff have been doing hot and cold compresses on John Wayne's healing leg, daily massages, passive range of motion exercises and stretching to help

him heal.

With everything John Wayne has been through, he still greets every person with immediate purring and cuddles. This sweet guy just wants to be loved all day long!

We were able to take over care of John Wayne because of our Ariel Fund which is a very specific fund with the sole purpose of covering unusual medical costs of homeless cats with injuries requiring surgery or extraordinary medical care. If you would like to help with the cost of John Wayne's surgery and recovery, you may donate to the Ariel Fund at: <http://burlingtonhumane.ca/donate/arielsally-fund/> in honour of John Wayne.

Ensure your Pets' Safety

Rabies is a deadly disease that is caused by a virus and is found worldwide. Once symptoms appear, the disease is almost always fatal. In Burlington this year, the number of rabies infected raccoons and skunks is on the rise. In fact there is a new raccoon strain which has not been seen in Burlington since 2005. All pet owners need to ensure their pet are vaccinated against rabies, which is required by law.

To help you keep your pet safe, Burlington Humane will be holding a rabies and microchip clinic on **September 30 between 10 am and 5 pm**. The vaccine and the microchip are \$20.00 each or \$35.00 for both. The clinic will be by appointment only. Please contact Burlington Humane to book your appointment. All microchips and rabies vaccines will be given by a veterinarian and registered by Burlington Humane. Do your part to keep your pet safe. Book your appointment today.

2017 Champions Award



PETS + US presents

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The Burlington Humane Society has been nominated for the 2017 Champion Awards in the Shelter and Rescue category sponsored by Pets Plus Us. You can vote for Burlington Humane until October 12. There are a number of categories and the winners of each category will have a chance to win a \$1,500 donation for a charity of their choice. Be sure to visit www.petsplusus.com/championshipawards and vote for Burlington Humane.

Tuppence by Patricia Howard



Hello! My name is Tuppence, and I was asked to let you all know how I am doing after my accident back in September. I was a very sad and injured golden doodle pup back then, only eight months old, and wondering what on earth I had done to deserve to have a collision with a car. The car won the contest, and I was left for dead at the side of the road.

But it turned out to be my lucky day in the end, as a kind person saw me and stopped to take me to the emergency clinic at Askey's Animal Hospital. There they discovered that I had a broken pelvis and dislocated hip. I was handed over to Burlington Humane Society who then took over the long process of ensuring that I would be bouncing around on all four legs again as soon as possible.

My injured leg was put into an Elmer sling so that it was immobilized. Since I was still too badly hurt to go to the shelter, after five days in the emergency clinic I was sent to a foster home. There I was on 24-hour 'bed rest' and confined to a crate. My new family put the crate in the family room so that I could be part of the family for the first couple of weeks. I needed to begin to heal and repair the damaged muscles in my leg, as well as to immobilize my pelvis to let the bones fuse again. I got to meet my house mates, a large golden doodle named Sam (who was also adopted from BHS) and three house cats, Puddy-Pudding, Twizzle and Mallow. I had never been that close to a cat before, so it was interesting rubbing noses with them through the bars of the crate!

I had to spend two weeks in that crate, staying as still as possible, and let me tell you that is not easy for a young pup! My only outings were to the garden on a



Me and Sam

leash to do my business, and to the vet clinic for a regular check up to make sure all was going well with the healing process. Finally, I was allowed out of my crate but I was still hopping around on three legs, and it was another week before the Elmer sling was removed. However, I was afraid to put my injured leg back on the ground in case it hurt. I was

also still not allowed to run, even though I could really motor just on three legs!

We then started physiotherapy, with my foster-parents doing the honours. However, the healing was still very slow, so BHS paid for me to go to SOAR (Southern Ontario Animal Rehabilitation) for six sessions of hydrotherapy treatment. I was not too sure about that at first because I was put in what looked like a large rectangular fish tank with a treadmill in it. The tank was then filled with warm water up to my chest, and the treadmill began to whirl and move. It was all a bit frightening but I was a trooper and stuck with it. The occasional treat helped me get over my fear and keep going. Everyone was very kind and eventually I actually quite enjoyed the sessions there! It certainly speeded up my healing process considerably.

The big day for my final check-up arrived. After four months of recovery, I was given a clean bill of health: the muscles in my dislocated hip had healed, and the bones in my pelvis had fused together again. The last step before my family adopted me was to be vaccinated, microchipped and spayed. When all that was done, I was adopted by my foster family around the time of my first birthday in January, and I now live with Sam and the cats and enjoy a good life of exciting walks and lots of treats! It was the best birthday present I could wish for, and I can't thank the good people at Burlington Humane enough for taking me under their wing to help me get better and heal my injuries. The outcome would have been very different if they had not helped me. To everyone who donated to help to pay for my care through the Sally Fund, I send lots of thanks and big kisses.

I still have a few issues, but I am now having regular training sessions and I am trying to get over my fear of big dogs and big cars. I love to play with Sam and chasing the ball is my favourite game. I heard my parents say that the quickest way to my brain is through my tummy with treats. I am not sure that is a compliment, but it works for me!

Thank you, everyone! Love Tuppy





RUFF RIDE

ANNUAL CHARITY MOTORCYCLE RIDE

On Sunday, September 17th, join in on the 9th annual Ruff Ride Motorcycle Fundraiser for Burlington Humane Society!

- Enjoy a 2 hour scenic poker run
- Live music by **MAGIC CIRCUS**
- Delicious BBQ & refreshments
 - Silent Auction
 - Vendors
- Prizes for the best poker hand
- And open house tours of our shelter!

\$25 per rider (includes BBQ and poker hand)

*Non-riders are welcome to join us for the music, food, and open house after the ride!



Cat Adopt-a-thon & Open House

Sunday, September 17, 2017
11 am—4 pm



Special Pricing for All Cats



Bonus
\$25.00 off
Black or Black & White Cats

Stay for our Ruff Ride event with fun, food and music.



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Adoption Report by Chelsea Rodrigues

The number of cats and dogs that we are adopting out continues to increase and we are surpassing our adoption numbers from last year. This is great news for all our animals that are going to their forever homes. Although we still have a lot of animals in our care, the future looks bright. Here are some animals still looking for their forever home.

Millie

Millie is a sweet 8 year old cat. She is friendly and affectionate, but gets startled by loud noises and sudden movements. When she is comfortable, Millie likes to give gentle nuzzles while having her chin scratched and her head patted.



This sweet senior cat has a slight heart murmur, which is not an issue at the moment. She is currently looking for a loving and devoted family that is able to work with her and help her build up her confidence. She will make a lovely addition to a gentle and quiet home where she can receive lots of attention while being able to enjoy some independence and alone time.

Monroe

Monroe is a gorgeous 1 year old cat. She is an avid bird watcher and likes to spend time by the window. Monroe is affectionate and outgoing. She loves gentle pets and taking naps, but does not like loud noises or sudden movements.

This sweet girl is looking for a calm and loving home where she can curl on your lap and snuggle.



Pet Therapy – Community Liaison

By Regula Mueller

In June I took over our Pet Therapy Program from Mary-Anne Edwards who did not run again for the BHS board of directors so she could spend more time with her family.

I'm really happy she asked me to be the new Community Liaison and as such, to be part of this wonderful program. In the beginning there was

a lot to learn but I had so much help from Martha Doran, our PT Volunteer coordinator who is the link between the volunteers and me, and a great source of knowledge. Thank you, Martha !!!

In September the new season will start and our volunteers, together with their furry companions, will

once again be visiting retirement and nursing homes to bring joy and love to its residents.

Pet therapy is fulfilling and rewarding for all those involved. Come join our team and experience the joy and gratification of Pet Therapy.

Kids Club



Burlington Humane has started a Kids Club. The club is for children

between the ages of 8-12 and runs on Thursday evenings for 10 weeks. Our fall session begins on September 21 and our winter session begins on January 11.

Visit our website for more information. Registration is limited so be sure to sign up today.



Wish List



We appreciate all the donations that our supporters provide. Items that we use at the shelter everyday are always in demand. Here are a few of the items that we are currently in need of:

- Durable Dog and Cat Toys - Kongs and Kong Brands are great
- Cat Crates and Carriers
- Facial Tissues
- Healthy Cat and Dog treats
- 1/4 Measuring Cups
- Unscented Dryer Sheets
- 8.5 x 11 Printer Paper
- Canada and U.S. Stamps
- Gift Certificates from Pet Stores or Grocery Stores
- Canadian Tire Money
- Shoppers Drug Mart Optimum Points (go to shoppersdrugmart.ca)
- Although we are a Royal Canin supported shelter and ideally like to feed all our animals Royal Canin food, we occasionally get picky cats and therefore will accept other brands of food.

You can drop your donations off at the shelter during open hours. Many thanks to all those who have donated to our wish list.

Santa Claus is Coming to BHS

Be sure to get your pet's picture taken with Santa this holiday season and support the animals at Burlington Humane Society. All funds from photo purchases support our shelter and the animals in our care. Bring your dog, cat or... iguana! and take a fun, festive family photo while supporting Ontario's leading no-kill shelter!

Stay tuned to BurlingtonHumane.ca for appointment bookings and more information.



Santa's Schedule

Saturdays, November 11, 18, 25 (11am–4pm),
Thursday, November 30 (4pm–8pm).

Saturday, Dec. 9—
Christmas Open House

Monthly Giving



We have made donating to BHS even more convenient and easy to do. You can now set up pre-authorized bank withdrawals each month.

Monthly donors are very important to BHS as it provides us with a stable source of income for budgeting. If you would like to become a monthly donor through Automatic Bank Withdrawal, please contact doug@burlingtonhumane.ca or by phone at 905-637-7325.

Animal Welfare: Safeguarding the Five Animal Freedoms

Animal Health Week – October 1 to 7, 2017



Animal Health Week is an annual national public awareness campaign organized by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA). During the first week of October, they celebrate by promoting the message of responsible animal ownership. Many veterinary hospitals and clinics host open houses, hold photo contests, offer clinic tours, and organize various events for their community.

This year's theme highlights the five basic freedoms animals require to survive and thrive. These Five Freedoms include: adequate shelter, proper nutrition, appropriate veterinary care, proper socialization, and the ability to exhibit normal behaviours. The theme, *Animal Welfare: Safeguarding the Five*

Animal Freedoms, provides an opportunity to remind animal owners of their responsibility to their animal(s).

"We are becoming more acutely aware as a society that it is our responsibility as guardians to provide the animals in our care with the necessities they require to live healthy and happy lives," says Dr. Bourque, CVMA Immediate Past-President. "It is our duty to fulfill each of the Five Animal Freedoms and provide pets and other animals in our care with these elements that not only allow them to survive, but to thrive." Celebrate Animal Health Week- October 1 to 7, 2017.



Love the Animals Raffle



Tickets are **\$5 dollars each** or **5 tickets for \$20**.

Each ticket can win up to **33 times**

Only 5,000 tickets are available!

Early-bird draw for \$500 on December 21

Daily draws for \$100 January 1 - 30

GRAND PRIZE DRAW of \$3,000 on January 31!!

ORDER FORM- Love the Animals Raffle

Your tickets will be mailed to you or sent by email if your email address is included.

For more information call 905-637-7325 or visit www.burlingtonhumane.ca

- ☐ 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 _____

PAYMENT METHOD

- ☐ Visa
- ☐ Mastercard
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- ☐ Cheque
- ☐ Debit (in shelter only)

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May we contact you regarding other Burlington Humane Society Events? YES/NO

Donations—April 1, 2017–August 15, 2017



We really appreciate the wonderful support that we receive from the community. Thank you so much for all your generosity. While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, we apologize if omissions or errors have occurred.

<u>IN MEMORY</u>					
Agnes Morton	Phillis Hadley	Oscar	Lexie	Amelia and Alexander	
Anita Elizabeth Schardt	Raymond Frederick Porter	Pesto	Lisker	Murchie	
Anne Roach	Ron Ellerbeck	Rhys Mason	Lou	Chloé & Gabrielle	
Audrey Selby	Sheila Morris	Sasha	Lucille Lum	Ellis' 6th birthday	
Bernie Castis	Teddy Champagne	Tigger	Maui	Emma Barnfield's birthday	
Bill Keller	Victor Odorico	Titan	Molly	Gay Powell's 70th birthday	
Brian Roy Timmis	Victor Ralevich	Willow	Molly Kay	Kara's 8th birthday	
Christopher Bye	William Keller		Radar	Leighan Neeson	
Doris Vella	<u>IN MEMORY OF CATS</u>		<u>IN MEMORY OF DOGS</u>		Liam & Charlotte
Glenn Sawdon	Azzurri	Annie	Red	Mackenzie Barrette &	
Jake McLaughlin	Bandit	BJ	Sadie	Elyssa Deneau's 12th	
Joe Babel	Belle	Carter	Temla	birthday	
John G. Mathews	Boosa	Charlie Ross	Vlady	Mackenzie Richardson's	
Julie	Callie	Connor	Zoey	birthday	
Laura Katherine Graham	Chanti	Darren & Tanya Globe's	<u>IN HONOUR</u>		Olivia and Harrison
Margaret Smith	Charlotte	beloved dog	Aaron O'Rourke's 8th	McElroy 11th birthday	
Michael Moes	Dante	Dawn	birthday	Peggy & Alexander	
Mr. Cecil Brown	Georgie	Delilah	Abbie Simmons-Plows' 4th	Ruthren	
Olivia McElroy	Molly	Gordon Gleed	birthday	Phoenix Schneder's 8th	
Peggy Sturgeon	Nicholas	Gracie	Allsa Sommerville &	birthday	
		Griffin	Céleste Dussault	Téa Hope's 11th birthday	
		Gus		Tianna Kwiatkowski	

Thank you all very much!!

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