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Sunshine

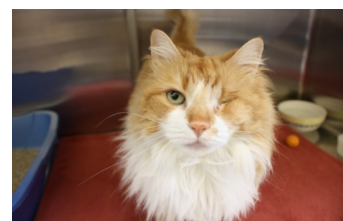


Sunshine is a beautiful, ginger coloured, long-haired cat. She was brought to us by her family who were moving and were not able to take her with them. She does not enjoy riding in cars!

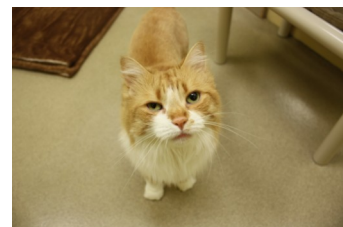
She was sent to Headon Forest Animal Hospital (HFAH) for her initial medical check-up before coming to the shelter. The wonderful vets at HFAH noticed problems with her eyes and sent her here with ointment to help clear them up. We found her to be anything but a ray of Sunshine! She was unhappy and grumpy and not afraid to tell us.

Her eyes did not clear up so we sent her back to HFAH. Dr. Hall examined her further and determined that the left eye was affected by glaucoma which was causing severe pain. She was also blind in that eye. Dr. Hall recommended the eye be removed. After doing an analysis of her blood to ensure that there was no underlying cancer causing her eye issues, the eye was removed.

Sunshine has healed very well. She is a much happier girl with a better outlook on life. She was recently adopted into her forever home.



Sunshine ready to be adopted!



Sunshine before surgery

Glaucoma in Cats

"Cats, like people, can develop glaucoma. Glaucoma occurs when an imbalance in production and drainage of fluid in the eye (aqueous humor) causes a buildup of fluid that increases eye pressure to unhealthy levels. The increased pressure can cause the destruction of the retina and optic disk (the spot where the optic nerve enters the eye. [...] Prolonged increases of pressure within the eye can result in enlargement of the eyeball, displacement of the lens, and breaks in a membrane of the cornea. Pain usually shows itself as behavioral changes and occasional pain around the eye rather than by spasmodic winking."

Source: http://www.merckvetmanual.com/pethealth/cat_disorders_and_diseases/eye_disorders_of_cats/glaucoma_in_cats.html



President's Message

By: Bianca Chambers

It has been a busy summer at Burlington Humane! We have had many cats and dogs come and go through our doors, and people too!

Our shelter manager Adrienne welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Brin, in May. Our adoption counsellor, Jenn Henriques, also welcomed a gorgeous baby boy, Phoenix, in June!

At our AGM in June, we welcomed two new board members, Karen Fowler and Regula Mueller. They have already been fantastic additions to the team! However, we said goodbye to two of our long term board members- Patricia Howard and Jolene Regan. Both of these ladies have brought so much to the organization, it's impossible to fit their contributions into this space. However, I'm fairly sure that it is going to take at least three regular people to replace all of the things that Patricia does. From the minutes of our board meetings, to the hundreds of Christmas gift baskets and cards, to the tomato slicing at all of our BBQ's and her always calm and rational opinions. She always found time to help in so many ways. Thank goodness she is still volunteering, because she is irreplaceable.

Jolene IS Burlington Humane. For many years, you would see Jolene at the shelter every single day, it would be impossible to add up all of the hours she and Tim have spent here. Our beautiful shelter is their blood, sweat and tears, and as much as Jolene is ready to move on, spend her winters in warmer climates, a part of her will always be at Burlington Humane, and Burlington Humane will always be part Jolene because without her, we would be something

completely different.

I've learned so much from both of these women in my years here, not only about Burlington Humane, but about life, business, what it takes to get things done in a large group and working together through differences of opinion. They may not have realized it, but they have been mentors and teachers to all of us on the board.

There are no adequate words to sum up what these ladies have given, but I'm sure I speak for all involved with BHS- the volunteers, the board, the staff and the animals- THANK YOU from the very bottom of our hearts, we hope we can do you proud moving forward.

BHS Directors and Staff

President	Bianca Chambers
Vice President	Jenn Merritt
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	Regula Mueller
	David Rosati
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Volunteer & Events	
Co-ordinator	Alex Zych
Adoption Counsellor	Janet Cappus
Animal Care Workers	Gilda Theurer
	Chelsea Rodrigues
	Sarah Cwynar

Family Walk and Wag-a-thon

By Alex Zych

This year's Family Walk & Wag-a-thon was filled with hot dogs! It was a scorching day, but tails were wagging as dogs of all shapes and sizes participated in fun activities in support of Burlington Humane. The event raised significant funds for our shelter! Thanks to all of our event sponsors, vendors, participants, local celebrities, media and of course our amazing event volunteers who offered up their time and battled the blazing sun and heat for our cause.



Adoptions Report

By Megan DeGroot

Recently, I was appointed to the position of Animal Care Manager, a position that includes overseeing the animals in our care and the staff directly caring for those animals. Although it is going to be a lot of work, I look forward to working with the animals again after being the Administrative Assistant and Volunteer Coordinator for 2.5 years. As an Animal Care Worker before that, one of my jobs was assisting the shelter vet on weekly visits where I learned about caring for our animals in a shelter setting. Through my 6 years total at BHS I have learned a lot about shelter medicine and animal care and hope to keep improving the quality of care for the animals here at the shelter.

Specialized training programs and enrichment for our dogs, meeting with the dog-walkers and matching volunteers best suited to each dog will be a priority. Dogs usually come to shelters because an owner can no longer handle them, often due to lack of training or socialization. Our goal is to recognize issues early and start a training program to ensure new owners will be successful adopters.

Many more stray cats come through our doors each year, and a few become long term residents. Several are always allowed to roam the shelter because they show signs of anxiety or stress in their cages. We want them to be as happy as possible while in our care and strive to provide enough amusement and enrichment for each.

Please consider volunteering with the animals. Human companionship is very important for an animal's happiness. Our very capable staff of Animal Care Workers and Adoption Counsellors rely on our volunteers for input and support.



FALL SHOPPING!!!

Get ready for the cooler weather! Shop at the Loft and the Attic for great bargains on gently used Fall Fashions, household items, and books. Be sure to visit often - our stock is always changing.

The Loft: 740 Griffith Court, attached to the Shelter
Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-4:30pm
Saturday 10am-4:00pm

The Attic: 479 John Street
Hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-4:00pm

Upcoming Events!

By Alex Zych

Black Cat Masquerade - October 27, 2016

Tickets are now available for our 2016

Black Cat Masquerade!

Black Cat Masquerade on October 27th! Last year's event sold out, so we've moved to a larger venue, The Emerald Ballroom at Burlington Convention Centre. Guests will enjoy live music, great hors d'oeuvres, more elaborate décor, additional seating, larger auction, door prizes (including a grand prize for Best Dressed Guest!) and a 9pm cake cutting! Purchase your tickets today at

<http://burlingtonhumane.ca/black-cat-masquerade/>

Black Cat
Masquerade



www.BurlingtonHumane.ca

Love the Animals Lottery

Our annual lottery is back! All funds raised support Burlington's stray and abandoned animals. Each ticket can win up to 32 times, and there are only 5,000 tickets available for sale!

Ticket Prices:

\$5 per ticket, or 5 tickets for \$20

Early-bird draw for \$500 on December 21

Daily draws for \$100 every day throughout January

GRAND PRIZE draw of \$3,000 on January 31, 2017



SANTA PICTURES



Bring your pet for pictures with Santa at the Shelter on these dates:

Saturday, November 12 — (11 am to 4 pm)

Saturday, November 19 — (11 am to 4 pm)

Saturday, November 26 — (11 am to 4 pm)

Thursday, December 1 — (4 pm to 8 pm)

Watch our website for other fun Holiday events!

Fun Dog Fact: Human blood pressure goes down when petting a dog. And so does the dog's.

Ready for a new home!

My name is Joe DeMeowgio. I am an affectionate 8 year old male cat who would make a great addition to your home. I am looking for a quiet, stress-free home where I can hang out with my fellow humans. Are you watching TV or having friends over? Please reserve a spot for me too! I love gentle petting and head scratches. I spend my day playing and taking cat-naps on chairs. I prefer not to



be picked up, but I would love to cuddle up close to you. I have experience sharing my living space with other cats, so I am familiar with having a feline roommate, but I do not enjoy the company of dogs.

Hi there! My name is Socks. I am a beautiful female cat, with white and black long hair. I am very friendly and affectionate. I like to spend my time playing, receiving cuddles, and having cat naps in the sun. I was diagnosed with mild conjunctivitis, but I am all better now. My veterinarian has given me a clean bill of health. I recently



celebrated my second birthday. I would love to celebrate my next birthday with my forever family. Please stop by the shelter and play with me. I would love to meet you!

My name is Calipso. I am a beautiful 2 year old female tortoiseshell cat who enjoys an active lifestyle. I am an adventurer at heart, and I love to play and explore my surroundings. I prefer the affection of older humans that would love to spend time to play with me.



I am currently looking for a quiet household that will enjoy my independent and sassy side. I would make a delightful addition to a household where I am the only feline family member, or a home with a feline playmate that can keep up with my adventures. I would love to meet you. Please come and introduce yourself.

My name is Ace! I am a single chocolate male seeking committed and dedicated relationship.

I enjoy long walks on the beach, in the woods, anywhere really. I don't act my age, which is 7 by the way. I LOVE food, all kinds of food, and I have to admit I have terrible table manners but I'm working on it. I am also an attention hog but I am just so much fun! I am tall enough to 'counter surf' and proud of it.

I am looking for a family to educate me on how to be an ideal house pet and family member; there are some manners I just never learnt.

I do require some daily ear medication but otherwise I am a healthy boy! I may accidentally knock over children smaller than me when I get excited so it is probably best I go to a home with older children. I will probably get along with other dogs but I don't know if I can contain myself from chasing a cat.



PAWS UP AND THANK YOU, FRANCES GANSKI, *for 40 Years of Love and Dedication to the Animals!*



2016 Volunteer Years of Service Awards

20 Years

Mary Anne Edwards
Paul Edwards
Debbie Lindgren
Mike Lindgren

15 Years

David Collett
Marna Smith
Linda Vipond

10 Years

Sue Tilley

Pet Therapy Volunteers for 100 Visits

Martha Doran
Brian Duffin
Corrine Duncan

5 Years

Susan Bailey
Brian Chire
Barbara Cowie
Jim Findlay
June Gamble
John Hadden
Janet Jardine
Wendy Keyes
Norma Lattuca
Margaret Lee
Carolyn McKibben
Regula Mueller
Elizabeth Pittman
Bob Rowsell
Cassandra Ryan
Anne Thorpe
Nancy Wands
Alex Zych

Frances started volunteering as a foster and helping with fundraising in 1976, and continues crocheting catnip mice for sale at The Attic, The Loft and the shelter! Frances was recently recognized at the Annual General Meeting, along with other volunteers who have reached the following milestones in their years of service to the animals.



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.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our team, and have a social dog who loves to make people smile please contact Burlington Humane to find out more information.

Years of Service was taken from our master list of volunteers. If corrections need to be made, please contact volunteers@burlingtonhumane.ca or call 905-637-7325 and leave a message for Megan.

Donations—April 1 to July 31, 2016

In Memory of People

Abigail Molly
Anthony Giammichele
Audrey Wilson
Barb Hartnet
Barbara Ann Murray
Blair Grindal
Bob Baric
Bob Brown
Donald Sawell
Eileen Weatherhead
Florence Cunningham
Gary P. Hill
John Mason
Karolina Wickert
Laura Graham
Linda Douglas
Lloyd Wood
Madeline Joy
Mary Ellen Tuck
Mary Murdoch
Mildred Breddy
Nebojsa "Victor"
Ralevic

Pearl Anne Kelf
Peggy Williams-Yeagers
Peter Schultz
Peter Wending
Robert Spence
Ronald Chappell
Shirley Crawford
Stan Neely
Stanley Bojecscki
Stella Sutton
Theresa Rosa
Toni-Lynne Jackson
Tony Tanner
Victor Ralevich
Victoria Mathews
Violet Patterson

In Memory of Pets

Bootie
Celeste
Charlotte (Sweet Pea)
Fibi
Lulabelle Howard
Marmawade
Otis

Otto
Patches
Shasta
Tessa
Bailey Reece
Ben
Bingo
Boston
Brady Wood
Buddy
Caper
Cooper
Diesel
Elmo
Gibson
Ginny
Gunter
Hezekiah
Kurly
Lance
Logan-the-wonder-dog
Lola Brophy
Lucy
Marlowe
Miss Honey Staton
Montie

Peyton
Sammy
Sandy
Sara
Sparky
Sully
Chancey
Johnny

In Honour of People

Aaron
Abby Walker
Brenda Ferroni
Brian's and Carolyn's wedding
Chelsey Misiak
Kayla Lutes
Kingston Barnhart
Mary Lindo
Matthew Aljas - 7th Birthday!
McKay's Animal Hospital
Olivia Roberts

Olivia Winslow
Sharon McEdwards
Terry Pepler
Tyler's 1st Birthday

In Honour of Pets

Casper
BHS Valentine
BobbiJo Gerdes
Stitch & his Wag-a-Thon

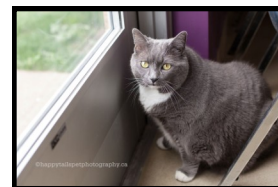


Happy Tails



Two of our senior cats found their forever families this summer. Pierre, now called Thunder, joins his new sister Cloudy. His person has a great exercise program for him. She feeds him at the end of his long yard – so he has to walk to his dinner and back again twice a day. At last account, he has lost 3 lbs!

Harp found a wonderful home and is now called Dolly. She spends her day chatting with her new person, getting lots of cuddles and resting in her IKEA hammock!



Rabies and Microchip Clinic

A very successful Microchip and Rabies Clinic was held on Saturday, July 16. It was a lovely sunny day but fortunately not too hot. Clients were met on the back patio where a Pooch Pub was set up for the comfort of our canines. Cat clients enjoyed a nice, cool wait in the Get Acquainted Room. A total of 60 furry friends came to the clinic. Twenty-one received microchips only, 26 were vaccinated against rabies only, and 13 were both microchipped and vaccinated.

Many thanks to our volunteers who helped out on the day and staff who put in extra effort to make this a great success. A special thank you to Dr. Tina Hall, our Shelter Vet, and Carly from Headon Forest Animal Hospital who donated their valuable time.

We are looking forward to holding another clinic later this year.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



WE'RE PROUDLY INDEPENDENT! Burlington Humane is not affiliated with the Ontario SPCA , Humane Society of Canada or associated with the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA.

Feline Fun Fact

Did you know that cats cannot see the colours red or green!



Junior Philanthropists



Shudokan Family Karate Centre completed a board-breaking fundraiser with proceeds directed to the Burlington Humane Society. The students collected signatures on their boards along with toonies for the Humane Society. When the students were ready to break their boards, they had raised \$2,800! These students showed outstanding dedication and community spirit. Thank you Shudokan Family Karate Centre from all of the furry hearts at Burlington Humane