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BUILDING DREAMS



IT'S FINALLY HAPPENING!

June 29 marked the official groundbreaking for the new shelter! The lot has been levelled - over 100 loads of dirt removed - and the foundation is ready to be poured.

Branthaven Homes is building the new facility and donating their management fees. Donations of product and/or services from other businesses have also been promised and/or received. All recognize the importance of our organization's

role in the community in caring for Burlington's animals and the programs associated with Burlington Humane, especially Pet Therapy and Education. Of course, many have animals in their personal lives and many of those animals have been adopted from Burlington Humane over the years.

Thanks to those who have made monetary contributions toward the new building. There are many ways to make those contributions. A monthly pledge over one to two years might be one choice, instead of a lump sum donation.

A donation of stocks is another alternative. By donating stocks, a tax receipt for the full amount will be provided and the donor will avoid taxes on capital gains on the sale of the stocks, a win-win for both the donor and the recipient.

If you share our dream to save more animals' lives, provide a safe haven for those animals, and provide better programming for the community, please consider a donation toward the new shelter.

September 10, 2007 Foundation ready and waiting! Follow progress on the website at www.burlingtonhumane.ca



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OUR MISSION

Burlington Humane is an organization of volunteers dedicated to the care and protection of the stray and abandoned animals in the Burlington area, operating solely on the generosity of its community.

President's Message

By Jolene Regan

This is the newsletter that we have awaited for so long - the news of the actual groundbreaking for the new shelter. It can't come too soon, as this summer we are experiencing a shortage of boarding space.

You may have read a recent article in The Spectator regarding the differences between the care of the stray animals in Burlington and Hamilton. There has been an independent study of Hamilton Animal Control and how to reduce euthanasias in Hamilton. An umbrella organization named C.A.R.E. (Community Animal Rescue Effort), comprised of many area rescue groups, recently formed to offer assistance to the City of Hamilton Animal Control in furthering the goal of reducing euthanasias. We sincerely hope this effort is successful. If you live in Hamilton and are concerned about this issue, you may contact C.A.R.E. at hamilton.care@cogeco.ca

We receive so many calls from Hamiltonians to take strays or owned pets. All these callers are told to try the Hamilton SPCA and/or Hamilton Animal Control, but many already have and now phone us because there is no room or they do not want to turn the animal over for likely euthanasia.

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JUST THE FACTS ABOUT ORGANIZATIONS OPERATING IN BURLINGTON

Confusion exists among Burlington residents as to the roles of the following three organizations in caring for the animals.

Burlington Humane Society (Formerly Animal Aid)

Operating since 1974, an independent animal welfare agency dependent upon donations and fundraising for support. Cares for 800 - 1,000 animals (cats & dogs) yearly.

Formed when a former branch of the Ontario SPCA pulled out (in 1970) due to a disagreement with Animal Control over policies.

Works closely with City of Burlington Animal Services to provide best of care to Burlington's animals.

A "no-kill shelter". Euthanizes only on advice of veterinarian due to illness or temperament problems - no dogs and 32 cats and kittens in 2006.

No affiliation with the Ontario SPCA or association with the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA.

City of Burlington Animal Services

Provides animal control services to City of Burlington. Picks up stray and injured animals. A "low-kill" animal control - euthanizing 77 dogs and 302 cats in 2006. Located at 2424 Industrial Street.

2003 City of Burlington Animal Services Bylaws name Burlington Humane (Animal Aid) as a recognized agency to take in stray and abandoned animals.

Hamilton/Burlington SPCA

Located on Dartnall Rd., Hamilton. Provides animal cruelty investigations to City of Burlington as mandated by the Ontario SPCA in 1999. Does not take in Burlington stray animals.

 $2006\,\mathrm{stats}$ for animal cruelty calls from Burlington - $94\,\mathrm{calls}, 20\,\mathrm{unfounded},$ no charges laid.

Adoptions Report

By Judy Coney

Many people ask us in adoptions what is meant by the term "no kill". Several years ago we questioned this term ourselves. In Burlington Humane we euthanize on average about 30 animals a year. This is only done on the advice and direction of a Veterinarian. The main reasons are incurable illnesses, an animal that is failing and cannot be helped and, on rare occasions, a severe temperament disorder. As Adoptions Director, I chair a committee of 3 Directors. The decision must be unanimous among the committee or the decision goes to a full Board vote.

Every business has its own terminology. We got in touch with several of the biggest animal welfare groups in North America who also use the term "no kill". Their conclusion was that we were using the term correctly. It means that no animals are euthanized because of the length of time they spend in the shelter, because of old age or maybe a disability. We watch for signs of stress in an animal that is with us longer than usual and might relocate it into a foster home for a short while to regain its equilibrium, or do a special appeal for that animal.

We have been criticized in the past for being a "no kill" Shelter. We were accused of keeping animals and when we could not adopt them, turning them over to Animal Control to be euthanized. I can assure you, in my over 20 years in Burlington Humane, that has not happened once! When I first became active in Burlington Humane we were the only "no-kill" shelter in the Golden Horseshoe. It is one of the main reasons I became an active member, and still to this day it is the reason I am an active volunteer in Adoptions.

When you see our slogan "Proud to be a"no kill" Shelter, we mean it and have meant it for the past 33 years. We have never wavered from this philosophy and I hope we never do.

I am also proud of the health care we give our animals while awaiting adoption. This summer, we have had two cats come into Burlington Humane with severe trauma. One cat found in June, we were told would not make it. It took a strong stomach to see its condition. He was hardly recognizable as a cat. We thought of using the pictures as a warning to keep your cat inside and to shock people, but after discussion, it was felt that we really could not use the pictures as they were too graphic. Rocko (our little fighter) did recover, although he lost his eye and we think some hearing. Just this week another cat (Morgan) came into BHS and she had to have her eye removed because of trauma.

These two cats look like they are twins, especially since they are both one-eyed cats now.

Thank you to the members and friends of Burlington Humane, who donate so generously that we can afford to give these cats a second chance and the best health care available. We pride ourselves that our animals get the same attention and health care as our own personal pets.



President's Message continued

This breaks our hearts, as we have a very hard time turning down any animal, but at times when there are so many in Burlington to save, we just don't have resources, including space, for Hamilton's animals also.

Many of you may have also seen the Hamilton SPCA Wiggle Waggle Walkathon brochure including a "Competition between Hamilton Mayor Eisenberger and Burlington Mayor Cam Jackson to see who can bring out the most Citizens from their respective cities". I received several complaints over this issue, and did speak to Mayor Jackson. Mayor Jackson has always been very supportive of us and recognizes the role we serve in Burlington. He assured me this was a miscommunication and he was not interested in competing against any mayor or city for any cause.

For your information, I have included an overview of the three animal organizations using Burlington's name. I hope this clarifies the work of these organizations.

We hope to see many of you at our Fundraising Night at Flamboro Downs, and for a really fun time with your dog, the Howl-O-Ween Pawty is the place to be on Oct. 27. Even if you don't have a dog, it is lots of fun watching the doggie fashion show and costume contests.

Thanks to all for your continued support!

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BBQ Proceeds



Ryan & Emily Coe with Peaches.

In lieu of wedding favours, the bride and groom made a donation to The Burlington Humane Society.



Taylor Hopkins with Ennie

Fundraising Report

By Patricia Howard

As the heat of Summer gradually makes way for the Fall, we can look back on a great season of events.

POOCH PROMENADE

Our 14th annual Pooch Promenade was again a great success and thanks must go to all those who support this entertaining morning, from the corporate sponsors



including Schneiders, Iams Superdogs, Humane Wildlife Control, Oldies 1150 Radio, Longo's, City of Burlington and the Burlington Post, to the record number of vendors who set up at the park this year to show off their products and services. And, all those wonderful dogs and their owners who "walked the walk" to support a good cause! Thank you all!



GARAGE SALE

Thanks to all who worked at the garage sale - another successful day raising \$3,400. Special thanks to Trish Powell who headed up the sale and to all those who organized and priced for 2 days before the event, and those who worked on that day.



FLAMBORO DOWNS

Sunday, October 14 -Dining Room opens and Balloon Pop 5 p.m., Post Time 6 p.m.

Our next fundraising event is our Evening at the Races at Flamboro Downs.

Arrive early to participate in the popular Balloon Pop Raffle - 5 p.m. Buffet dinner and \$5 casino tokens included in ticket - available at the Adoption Centre.

Prizes always needed for the Balloon Pop Raffle new items with at least \$10 value. The more prizes, the merrier!

HOWL-O-WEEN PAWTY - October 27

Another fun event - our second annual Howl-O-Ween Pawty, held in co-operation with the Burlington City Animal Shelter. This event will take place at the City Shelter's premises at 2424 Industrial St. - 10am - 2pm.



"Wendy" – ready for the costume contest - in her appropriate "construction" gear!

For those fashion-minded canines, the "Pawty" will include a fashion show for dogs modeling the latest winter styles and Halloween costumes.

Halloween costume contest prizes in large, medium and small categories!

Vendors, raffle, BBQ and seasonal photos!

Why not join us to watch the fun and get into the spirit of Halloween!

THANKS!

To our loyal volunteers who, rain or shine, are there to support our activities and help with set-up and organization.



Special mention as always to those on the donation tin team, who tirelessly service the donation boxes around the city and those who count grocery tapes. We could not do any of this without those volunteers!

Thanks to Steve MacTavish at Ryan's Pet Foods, Dundas & Walkers Line, for donating proceeds of Customer Appreciation BBQ and Raffle to the animals.

Thanks to Bahr Saddlery for donating proceeds of a 2 day BBQ to the animals.

Support for our fundraising activities is vital to enable us to continue to care for the animals in need, to find them new homes, and provide medical attention as required. We pride ourselves in our efficient operation, with only one paid staff position, but we must still pay the veterinary bills, food costs and associated costs in order to continue our work as Burlington's no-kill shelter. Any support you can give, whether it is by volunteering, dropping a few coins in the donation boxes located around the city, or attending fundraising events is sincerely appreciated.

HBC REWARDS



Thanks to all who donate their HBC Points to Burlington Humane - a vital tool for purchasing prizes for our fundraising events. If you have difficulty in transferring points to our account please contact the help line 1-800-844-8131. Quote our Community ID #6005568

HAPPY TAILS



My name is Sooty (because of the little black patch of fur between my ears); you knew me as Logan. Mum and Dad thought Logan too strong a name for a pretty little thing like me. On Thursday, January 12, 2006, Mum came and chose me from the cats in your care,

I was an anniversary surprise for Dad. I have to say I am really happy in my new home. I now live in a two bedroom, 6th floor apartment. I have my choice of two chairs to sleep on during the day and most nights after mum and dad have gone to bed I curl up on dad's cushion. Other times, I sleep at the foot of the bed, sooooo cozy. Mum bought me a condo (which I haven't used yet, she keeps trying though). I have this fabulous game that I play a lot, I flick the ball and it goes round and round, sometimes I stop it and flick it the other way, whee! I have gained a pound or two, however, I run up and down a lot so I can get some exercise, after all I don't want to become a plump little thing.

Thank you for taking care of me until mum came and chose me. *Purrs to you all, Sooty*









Greetings to everyone at Burlington Humane! It has been a few years now since we adopted Brady and Rufus and these pictures were just so great of the two of them I couldn't resist sharing them.

Brady is now 10 and Rufus is 7 years old. Both are absolute joys in our lives. They are completely opposite

of each other and it's quite comical. We adopted Rufus three years after Brady, so she's taught him a lot - much of which he only uses occasionally. Brady is very obedient; pleasing her people comes naturally. She's incredibly smart and does a great job watching over her people.





Rufus is a goofball! We learned quickly that his motivation is food, so obedience came quite easily once we figured that out. Rufus is smart too, but sneaky smart - he knows how to get what he wants! Rufus loves his people too, and with Brady in the lead he has time to goof off. He makes me laugh everyday!

We took these pictures recently at their favourite place, the cottage. Brady loves to swim, but not Rufus, he'd rather socialize with the kids and other dogs nearby. We look forward to many years with both of them, as they are in good health, and keep each other busy when we're not home. Keep up all the great work you do - if it wasn't for you we wouldn't have Brady and Rufus.

Christie and Joe Abramovic 🚜









Hello Everyone! Just a little update to let you know how Lily and Morgan (a.k.a. Peat) are doing in their new home.

For the first two days, they played non-stop. There were toys everywhere! Lily's favourite toys

are tiny

catnip mice, which she carries around in her mouth all the time. Morgan's favourite is a coil spring that I call "boingies". Every evening, we have to do a search and rescue to find all the lost mice and boingies!



Morgan is very big; twice the size of Lily, but very affectionate. Lily has become a very independent girl. They are very happy in their new home, and have brought joy into my life.

Thanks to everyone at Burlington Humane for taking such good care of them before I adopted them.

Best wishes, Mary Lou West









Last April, we adopted Electra, a 7 month old kitten. We just wanted to let you know how well she is doing. She filled a large void for us, as we lost our beloved cat of 16 years.

Her name is now Cleo, and she comes running whenever we call her. She is so affectionate and loves to curl up on a knee. She has a well-earned place in our hearts now. Thank you for helping her find us.

Stewart & Kathleen Scott



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar Now!

September 15, 16, 17

National Adoptathon at PETSMART Burlington Power Centre.

September 29

Pet-A-Fair - Church of St. Matthew on-the-Plains, 126 Plains Rd E - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

October 14

Burlington Humane Night at Flamboro Downs (a Fundraising Event) 5 p.m.

October 27

Howl-O-Ween Pawty at Burlington Animal Services, 2424 Industrial St. - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

December 2

Burlington Christmas Parade - Walk with Burlington Humane - 1 p.m. Burlington Mall - meet at South parking lot.

December

Pet Pictures with Santa. Watch Pet of Week ad for dates and location.

For updates, look for the Pet of the Week ad in the Burlington Post or visit our website at www.burlingtonhumane.ca

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Please pass this newsletter on to another animal lover.

Attic Report

By Olwen Dews

As the seasons change, so too do the items for sale at The Attic. Every season brings a revitalizing outlook and an opportunity to update your wardrobe with a gently-used item, whether it be clothing or jewellery. Shop early and you won't be disappointed!

This summer we lost two friendly and loyal store volunteers. Our condolences to the families of Sadie Yager and Betty Irvine. Both will be missed by all at The Attic and by the customers who knew them.

Whether its clothing, a gently used household item or good book, we have it all for sale! All items are greatly appreciated as donations also. The Attic sales contribute a significant financial amount toward the care of Burlington's stray and abandoned animals, helping to provide health care and a safe haven while awaiting their forever homes.

For the animals, we thank all the volunteers, customers and donors.



Entertainment Books

2008 Entertainment Books at BHS, now available for \$35, or call 905-637-7325 to reserve your copy!.

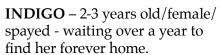
SPECIAL APPEAL FOR OUR SPECIAL NEEDS CATS

GIZMO – 1½ yrs old, female/ spayed - had major surgery in June and needs a quiet home.





CHARLOTTE – 10 months old/ female/spayed - waits patiently as others are chosen over her.







CITRUS – 4-5 years old/male/ neutered - waiting almost a year for that special home.