



# Tail-o-Gram

**FALL 2009** 

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# Casper & Peter



These two beautiful cats came into our care in early April – supposedly strays. Peter had a recent cast on his back right leg and Casper was limping on his back right leg. The examination showed the extent of their injuries to be much more severe than just a broken leg. Some of their injuries were old and had even begun to heal.

Peter, about 1 year old, neutered male, not only had a recent splint, but also had a severely scarred penis/scrotum and lots of crusted healing skin all over his hind area. His tail was also injured and about 4 inches at the end looked "dead and shrivelled".

Casper, young neutered male, had a smashed femur and broken pelvis - both appeared to be older injuries.

A few investigative phone calls to other clinics brought some information about Peter, but when the clinic tried the contact phone numbers, all were out of service.

Peter's leg was re-cast and his tail was amputated, but he did not require further surgery as his bodily functions returned to normal after a couple of weeks.

Casper's leg was amputated and the pelvis was pinned.

Peter and Casper were very playful, both dragging their back legs chasing each other around the room. They purred at the slightest bit of attention. After their surgeries, they were separated and put on "cage" rest, but since they were side by side, they would play though the bars!

These two beautiful cats were adopted together and have finally found a forever home where they are loved and cared for properly.





# FROM THE NEW OWNERS:



Happy in their new New Home



Hello... This is Sarah and Steve - Peter and Casper's new parents. Peter's name has been changed to Bear. We just wanted to send you some pictures of the kitties. We know they where well loved by everyone at the Burlington Humane Society and they are even more loved here. We just wanted to say thank you to everyone who helped to make their lives better. They are the most amazing animals we've even seen. They are so strong and very loving. We have both never been happier. They are both doing very well! They eat, sleep and play together everyday and we are unable to keep them apart. You can tell they love each other very much.

The Burlington Humane Society Incorporated is a Registered Charity (119254498RR0001) founded in 1974.

# Hours of Operation

#### **Adoption Centre**

740 Griffith Court Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday Noon – 3 p.m. 905-637-7325

#### The Loft

740 Griffith Court Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. 905-633-8143

#### The Attic

479 John Street Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 905-333-5885

#### **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. Burlington Humane is not affiliated with the Ontario SPCA or associated with the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA.



Kittens still available – and foster homes always needed!

# President's Message

By Jolene Regan

Another summer is now behind us, and what a busy summer it has been. With additional adoptions also comes additional "work"! Even though the "work" is rewarding, it has required many more volunteers to be on duty. Thanks to all those who have given up their Saturday and Sunday afternoons – now our busiest times for adoptions. It is so wonderful seeing so many more animals going to their forever homes.

Recently, it has come to my attention that there are some misconceptions regarding "ownership" of Burlington Humane. In fact, Burlington Humane is owned by its members, and governed by a volunteer board of directors. We now have two positions filled by employees – Adoption Counsellor and Animal Care Worker. These positions are shared by two people each.

Each director has a job to fulfill and some directors are in the shelter more than others, as some can do their jobs from home. Other volunteers fill the rest of the jobs, from reception, feed/clean, working in the stores, fostering, transporting animals, dog walking, pet therapy, education, gardening, maintenance and fundraising.

It is very satisfying to fill one of these positions and every volunteer contributes to the care of the animals in a direct or indirect way. After all, that is what we are all about – working toward the same goal of providing health care and a safe haven for the stray animals until their forever home can be found.

Orientation meetings are held monthly for new volunteers. If anyone would like more information on volunteering, please visit the website or call Burlington Humane.

I am happy to welcome two new board members – Sandra Slaats and Melissa Hyslop. Sandra has taken on the job of updating the bylaws and Melissa is the events coordinator. Both are also volunteering at reception and feed/clean. Sandra and Melissa bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the board.

I hope you join us for our upcoming events. The "Ruff" Ride should be lots of fun for those motorcyclist enthusiasts. The Open House and BBQ after the ride is open to everyone!

We love all our volunteers



# **Adoptions Report**

By Judy Coney

It has been a very busy summer for adoptions. At the beginning of August we broke a record, 46 adoptions in 7 days! It was a summer of amazing cats and kittens, dogs and puppies.

In August, due to the generosity of one of our members, we were able to acquire 32 new cat cages. This means we can have more cats/kittens in the Centre and save money on outside boarding costs.

As most of you know, Burlington does not have a stray dog problem, and yet we get requests for dog adoptions daily. Since the end of July, we have been helping another Ontario rescue group by taking dogs and puppies and putting them up for adoption at Burlington Humane. We have had some great dogs and puppies and we hope to be able to continue helping with these rescues.

In July, Julie Lucas, our Saturday adoptions counsellor, left to return to school. We thank Julie and wish her all the best in her new endeavour.

In other news, Mary Anne and Paul Edward's son Chris got married on August 2nd. In lieu of wedding favours, Chris and his bride, Kristy made donations to Burlington Humane. Congratulations Chris and Kristy!

We have had some wonderful and heart warming adoptions. I encourage you to go to the Happy Tails page on our website, I am sure the stories will make you smile.

On September 20th in connection with the Ruff Ride, we will be having an Open House at the Centre. If you haven't had a chance to visit yet, please stop by for a tour and enjoy an afternoon of fun.



Chessie and her five pups – born August 22 in a foster home. This is the first time in many years we have had puppies born in our care.



# Jenna Update

I arrived at my new home about 5:30 PM, and by 5:45 had made sure that Katy (German Shepherd) knew who was going to be boss girl. My new

mom and dad let me explore the whole house, after showing me where the litter box was. The routine here is different than at the shelter. My mom and dad are home all evening and night then go to work in the morning. Mom left me in charge of the house today, and the dog was outside in her run. I ate and drank a little bit during the day, and should settle in soon.

I miss you all, and thanks for taking such good care of me.

NEW UPDATE: Just wanted to drop you a line, and give you the news that I have settled in to my new home. Mom took me to my first weigh-in of the Chub Club, and I'm proud to say that I have lost .8 lb, and am now down to 17.2 lb. The Vet techs love me, and say I am doing fine.

Everyone who knew and loved Jenna is so happy she has found her forever home!

# New Cages



# THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Burlington Humane Society wishes to express its sincere sympathies to those who have lost special friends, relatives and animals and thank them for thinking of the animals in their time of need.



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Mark Your Calendar Now!** 

**September 20** – "RUFF" RIDE and OPEN HOUSE at the Adoption Centre – 740 Griffith Court. Ride at 11:30 a.m. and BBQ & Open House at 1 p.m.– 3:30 p.m. (Rain Date Sept 27.)

**October 22 – 24** – Book Sale – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Adoption Centre.

**October 25** – TURKEY TROT – 10 a.m. – Bronte Creek Provincial Park. (Portion of Proceeds to BHS)

October 25 – Fundraising Night at Flamboro Downs – 6 p.m.

**November 14** – Golden Horseshoe Chorus Show – 7:30 p.m. at Glad Tidings Church, 1401 Guelph Line. (Portion of Proceeds to BHS)

**November 21, 28 & December 5** – Pet Pictures with Santa – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Adoption Centre.

**November 22, 29 & December 6** – Pet Pictures with Santa – Noon – 3 p.m. at the Adoption Centre.

**Updates** – Watch the Pet of the Week ad in the Burlington Post or online at **burlingtonhumane.ca** 

## Thanks to...



Alyssa Robinson – is all HEART! Alyssa, along with some of her friends, formed a non-profit organization, Helping Establish Animal Rights Throughout (HEART). Their first endeavour was raising money to create an interesting playroom for some of the lucky cats and kittens in our shelter. Enlisting her whole family to help with her project, the playroom now has permanent shelves for cats to jump onto, and boxes for them to "hide" in. The room has been full of kittens this summer, and the

shelves were positioned so that the kittens can only jump on the lower ones. She also purchased beds, boxes and other toys that kittens to play in.

The room has become a real focal point and

the shelter sees it immediately and thinks it is wonderful.

Thanks so much to Alyssa and her friends and family for thinking of the animals at BHS and providing them with such a great play area.

are on the floor for the everyone who comes into



Chris and Kristy Edwards took some time out of their busy day to enjoy a cuddle with the Edwards' family cat, Abby! Best Wishes from all your friends at BHS!



On Fri. July 10, 2009 Michelle Riccio and Nicole D'Amato from Astra Zeneca Canada Inc. participated in their company's VIP - Volunteer Investment Program.

Michelle and Nicole took a break from their gardening to have a cuddle with some kittens.



Sophia Barbisan donated half her 6th birthday money to the charity of her choice, which was Burlington Humane.

When Sophie stopped by to deliver her money, she enjoyed a tour and some cuddles with the cats!



Talia donated her birthday money to help care for the animals.

Talia had some hugs from several cats and kittens in return!

## **FUNDRAISING REPORT**

The 16th Annual Pooch Promenade on May 31st brought many to Spencer Smith Park for a fun day of "hanging" out with their dogs, visiting many vendors and enjoying a



great show put on by Scholars in Collars. Our thanks to all those who participated, as well as to the many vendors who helped make the day a success!



#### **FLAMBORO DOWNS**

Flamboro Downs Fundraising Night at the Races will be held on October 25 at 6 p.m. Enjoy a dinner buffet at The Top O' The Turn Restaurant and test your luck at the races! \$5 tokens for the casino are included with each ticket.

Tickets are available at the Adoption Centre and prices are same as previous years - \$40.

#### **BOOK SALE**

October 22 – 24 at the Adoption Centre. For all who love books and bargains! Stock up now for those cold winter days ahead! Great prices and a great selection – something for everyone to enjoy!

#### PET PICTURES WITH SANTA - 740 Griffith Court

November 21st, 28th and December 5th 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

November 22nd, 29th and December 6th Noon – 3 p.m.

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TO RIDE?

Always popular Pet Pictures with Santa have extended hours this year! Bring your dog, your cat, your fish, your bird, or whatever pet you have; and yourself, your kids, your grandkids, your friends, your neighbours – pet pictures are always fun! All the volunteers love to see animals come back who have been adopted throughout the year!

The "RUFF" RIDE

Sunday September 20th – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

A 1.5 hour scenic motorcycle ride through North Burlington and Waterdown areas. Get out and enjoy the beautiful fall scenery on your motorcycle and raise money for a great cause! All riders, passengers and family members can join us afterwards at the BBQ/Open House event.

For more details or to register visit **www.burlingtonhumane.ca** and click on the "Ruff" Ride Event link, or come into the shelter to pick up a registration form.

#### **Burlington Humane Open House/BBQ**

Sunday September 20th – 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

This fun event will feature entertainment, a BBQ, licensed beverage area sponsored by Nickelbrook, raffles, tours of the shelter and more...

Everyone is welcome.



#### **TURKEY TROT**

5k and 10k run on Oct. 25 at Bronte Creek Provincial Park. Information

available at Burlington Humane or on the website at **burlingtonhumane.ca**. please designate your choice of charity as Burlington Humane Society.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

**Available Now!** Get your 2010 Entertainment Books at Burlington Humane for \$30, or call 905-637-7325 to reserve your copy!

## ATTIC REPORT

Summer sales are finally over, and now is the time to start looking for sweaters and jackets! The store has many great bargains on all your Fall needs, whether it is a new outfit or a gently used household item. Don't forget, men's clothing is also available.

The Attic also has a large supply of books of all kinds – read it and return it for someone else's enjoyment!

Thanks to all those who volunteer at The Attic – and remember, all proceeds go to the care of the stray animals at the adoption centre.

## LOFT REPORT

The Loft is getting a "facelift"! Along with bargains on gently used household items and clothing, a more extensive selection of books is now available. As well, a "pet boutique" will be added and will have leashes, collars, and other supplies for dogs and cats.

Don't forget, we sell Science Diet food and members receive a 10% discount on food.

Going to a pet birthday party? Gift baskets are available and can be specially ordered for that special pet.

Anyone wishing to volunteer at The Loft – please call 905-637-7325 or send us an e-mail at burlingtonhumane@bellnet.ca.

## HAPPY ENDINGS



## Petra (nee Pewter)

I am finally sending a note to update everyone on Pewter (now Petra). I agreed to foster Pewter in March, since she was having some problems with diarrhea and had been returned by her first adopted family for that reason. She was a particular favourite of mine and most of the other volunteers at BHS. Within a week or two she had no problems at all and I was able to take her off of her medication. She wasn't in the least intimidated by my other cats and quickly made herself at home. She now runs and plays with the others and has started to lose the weight she had gained so

mysteriously. She loves to give me "facials" with her tongue, and to roam through the ornamental grass outside (on a leash of course). She is a very special girl. - Sandra

## Tilly

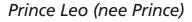
Just thought that I would let you know we have just returned from our summer camping trip in Algonquin Park - Tilly had a blast! She and her " big sister " Emmy spent the week boating, assisting in the location and catching of fish, hiking, swimming and rolling in every patch of sand and grass possible. The 'girls' had such busy days that they missed most of the campfires at night - they were too pooped to party! Tilly is coming to her 1 year anniversary with us and we can not imagine life without her! - The MacKay's



Maggie (nee Barbie)

It's been a little over a month since I adopted Maggie (formerly Barbie) and she is doing fantastic. Although she still has her shy, timid moments, her personality is really shining through! Maggie is a chatterbox and constantly natters and chats at me night and day - I often ask her what happened to that quiet, shy little girl I adopted a month ago - what I wouldn't give for a bit of peace and quiet!

She loves to play fetch with her little foam balls - regardless of the time of night ...I am often awakened at 5am to play! Maggie is very affectionate and loves to snuggle and give lots of kisses. She has had her first visit to the vet and is a healthy little girl. Thanks to everyone at Burlington Humane for taking good care of Maggie - she is a joy to have and is absolutely one of the family. - Anne



I just wanted to let you all know how Prince is doing, since I adopted him on Sunday. He adjusted so quickly to his new surroundings. He's figured out which chair is the best to sleep on - the one that the sun shines on in the afternoon. He follows me all over the condo, from room to room, as if he doesn't want to be left alone ...he's like a shadow. He loves water! Loves to watch the toilet flush, likes to drink from my water glass, and wanted to get into the shower stall with me this morning (so I let him). He loves looking out our windows. We have floor to ceiling windows, and we live on the top floor, so he



sees it all - birds, trains, traffic, people. He wakes me up in the morning, with kisses on the nose, the forehead, the cheeks, the eyes (ugh ...cat breath) I've changed his name a little, he is now known as "Prince Leo".

Thank you so much in assisting me in the adoption process. It was much easier than I expected it to be, even with my tears. My heart is warmed by his presence, and he is a wonderful companion! I'll send you pictures of him as I get new ones. - Sharon



## Cheetos (nee Randolph)

This is to give hope to those who fear adopting cats with a little bit of an attitude. I adopted Cheetos (Randolf), maybe a year ago. At first, despite his good looks, he HAD AN ATTITUDE!! Cheetos did not like being picked up and would frequently "swipe" at those who tried. Needless to say, he was not a cuddly cat. Although huge – we loved to look at him. But I continued to try. I would sneak a pet in as he was eating. I would entice him to lie beside me and feed him treats. Over time, MIRACULOUSLY, he began to change! He loves us, it's obvious. I can now cuddle with him for at least seven minutes before he runs off, and anytime he loves to be petted and loved on, as long as it is me, he will NOT swipe at all. But, unfortunately, he has a long way to go, as he did not care for my neighbour when she came to babysit! Well, at least he loves me.:) So please, folks, if you want to see a cat find love and lose his fears, and if

you are patient and willing to keep your distance for a while, give the scared cats a chance.

Love a happy cat owner, Liz.

There are so many wonderful Happy Tails on the Website. If you are having a frustrating day – a few minutes reading them will make everything seem better!