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Dolores - A Hero!

by Anne

"Dolores" – formerly "Jenny" was adopted into our home on Feb. 6, 2010. "Jenny" was so gentle and adorable, in a funny way! We knew this was the dog for us and we felt she would be a friend to our resident dog "Florence", a 110 lb. purebred German Shepherd.

Little did we know that in a very short time, this wonderful addition to our family would also become a hero.

In the 3 weeks since coming home with us, Dolores, who is our first rescue dog, was already very bonded with our family. She sleeps in her new mommy and daddy's bedroom and never makes a peep. However, this particular night she went to the open bedroom window and started to bark. Her master, Arch, told her to be quiet, she was going to wake the neighbours. She kept barking, so she and Master Arch headed downstairs to check things out.

Dolores quickly pushed through the doggie door and cornered a young man in a hooded sweatshirt in the back yard. She determinedly kept him there while Master Arch called the police. She was not going to see any harm come to her new family.

Needless to say, there was a handful of freshly cooked beef hearts in order and lots of hugs and praises!

The funny part of this is that her sister, Florence, slept through the whole thing at the front door and only stirred to bark at the police when they arrived.

Dolores was soon fast asleep back upstairs on her down chaise lounge in our bedroom!

("Dolores" was rescued by BHS from another shelter where she would have been euthanized due to space. She had been named Jenny because she looked like a donkey! Obviously, Dolores had a destiny no one would have known. We are so proud of her!)

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Your dog should have its heartworm test in April/May. It has never been more important. According to the Hamilton Academy of Veterinarian Medicine there is "a huge increase" in heartworm disease in our area – 10 times the normal in 2008 – that threatens to reach epidemic proportions and will take years to curtail.

MAKE THAT APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR VETERINARIAN TODAY.

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

Annual General Meeting **NOTICE!**of the

Burlington Humane Society

Monday June 14, 2010 - 7 p.m. Adoption Centre - 740 Griffith Court

Business to be dealt with includes: reports from the President, Treasurer, Adoptions and other Directors; consideration of the Auditor's Report, retention of the Auditors for next year and election of the President and 7 Directors.

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Members as of June 1, 2010 who are at least 18 years of age will be eligible to vote and seek office on the Board of Directors. If you wish to run for President or another position on the Board, you must complete a nomination form and deliver it to the Adoption Centre no later than 5 p.m. on May 14, 2010. Nomination forms are available at the Adoption Centre.

Hours of Operation

Adoption Centre

740 Griffith Court 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Saturday Noon – 4 p.m. Sunday 905-637-7325

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

President's Message

By Jolene Regan

Now that we are coming up on the 2nd anniversary of our move into our new building, we are finally beginning to feel it is "home". It is still exciting with people still coming in for a visit and a tour. The increased space has had other benefits, most specifically the increase we saw in adoptions in 2009.

Thanks so much to everyone who gave donations at Christmas. It is always heartwarming to receive so many stories along with donations. All these notes reinforce our resolve to find that perfect home for each of our animals. We are sometimes saddened to learn a cherished animal has passed away, but happy to hear about the great life they lived.

Congratulations! To our Adoptions Team for all their hard work last year! With their guidance, 902 animals found new homes, and even better, this number included 136 dogs, mostly rescue dogs from Southern Ontario. This has been the highest dog adoption number in over 10 years. It takes a lot more time to show dogs and make sure they are going to the right home.

Congratulations! To all the volunteers who participate in the programs directly involved with care of the animals. During the year, we purchased more cat cages which meant an increase in the number of cats we can have in the shelter, which means an increase in the work load. Their participation in all programs, from feed and clean to dog walking, keeps our animals happy, well fed and their temporary home in top condition while awaiting their forever home.

Congratulations! To all the volunteers who devote their time to raising money! This comes in many forms from working at the stores, collecting donation tins, making catnip mice and fundraising events. Without these volunteers, we wouldn't be able to care for all the animals we have.

Congratulations! To all those volunteers involved in our outreach programs – Pet Therapy and Education. Both have their own unique place in our organization and in the lives of those they touch.

Congratulations! To our volunteer board of directors. Many of the directors spend hours each week at their individual jobs, most working from their homes. Monthly meetings, committee meetings and other volunteer work takes up more time. Some of our meetings are fairly long, but discussions are necessary to making the right decision for the society as a whole.

Each of these groups is an integral part of Burlington Humane and most certainly keeps everyone in touch with our real mandate – caring for the animals. April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and I am very proud to thank all of the volunteers.

I hope many of you will be able to attend Pooch Promenade this year – with so many dog adoptions last year, we are looking forward to becoming reacquainted with many of them – all alumni dogs will be getting special recognition this year.

For those who are members, we hope to see you at the AGM on June 14th. If you aren't a member, consider becoming one before the AGM so your voice can be heard.



Adoptions Report

By Judy Coney

It is mid March and we are starting to see kittens, a sure sign of spring! Now we go into our busiest time of the year and are always in need of foster homes.

Without a doubt, it is one of the most rewarding and selfless volunteer opportunities within Burlington Humane. We supply you with the means, advice, support and you provide a safe haven, love and attention.

Often dogs come in who are eligible for the Sally Fund program. These dogs need a few months for broken bones to heal or to take them though heartworm treatment until they are well enough to go to their forever homes. This time is spent in foster care.

Our cat fostering program involves taking a pregnant cat or a cat with nursing kittens. What fun to watch kittens develop and grow!

We also need fosters who are interested in hand feeding orphan kittens or puppies. This past November, for the first time I am aware of, we had days-old puppies that needed handfeeding.

I also would like to do an appeal for some special needs pets up for adoption. I have spent time with all of these animals and would gladly adopt if I didn't have a house full already.

Sheldon, who was in our throw away animals in the last newsletter, is ready to go to his forever home. When he was found, he had severe demodex and had been tied up so long the chain had worn into his neck. His legs and feet were bleeding. He is a spunky Sheltie cross, who needs to learn his manners, as he thinks all humans and other dogs are sheep to be herded! High energy and delightful, he would be a good companion for an experienced dog owner, especially one who would like a dog for flyball or agility.

Scrapper is a 2 to 3 year old, neutered male. Scrapper had a rough start with us. He had a badly broken leg, and even with surgery, he will always walk with a limp and will need a special diet of mobility food. He is a very smart cat with a mind of his own. He needs to be the only pet in the household, as we believe he thinks he is too special to share the spotlight.

We are really looking forward to Pooch Promenade this year. We hope lots of our 2009/2010 dogs and puppies come back for a visit. How exciting to see how the puppies have grown and the adult dogs are so happy in their forever home. Sometimes the biggest thrill is that they remember us, or at least we think they do!





HOOPER - A Labour of Love

by Patricia Johnston

When I received the email from Burlington Humane calling for foster families for a litter of puppies that had been found in a sack, the story tugged at my heart. Picturing these abandoned puppies struggling to stay alive, I knew I couldn't say no to helping. After all, these puppies were less than a week old and needed all the support they could get! When I went to



the shelter to pick up my little guy, I was shocked by how very tiny he was, just fitting into the palm of my hand. His eyes were not open, as he was still far too young. We were warned that the pups might not make it, as they had suffered a severe trauma.

Armed with my care instructions and gear I took Hooper (now called "Dallas") home to meet the family. Hearts were melting all over the house! Everyone pitched in, as it became obvious that he was going to need lots of feedings. Like a baby, he was up in the night for bottles the first few nights and then less and less often as he was able to take more formula with each feeding.

It was during one of these four a.m. feedings that the most magical thing happened. I prepared his bottle and got him out of his crate. I wrapped him in a fluffy towel and sat down on the couch to start feeding him. The living room was dim with the moonlight shining in from behind us. Hooper was hungrily slurping his formula when I noticed something reflecting from his all black face. I couldn't understand at first what I was seeing, and then I realized it was the moonlight reflecting off one eye, which had just started to open. The emotion I felt at that moment was indescribable; joy being the closest word I can think of. It was all I could do not to wake up the entire household! It's funny how something that happens so naturally can seem so wondrous. Something told me that he was going to be just fine and continue to grow and thrive... and he did! He became a playful, smart, cuddly little guy.

During Burlington Humane's Christmas Open House on Dec. 19th, I talked with a woman who saw Hooper and his littermates on our website. I told her all about him and knew I was gushing, but I couldn't seem to help myself. She and her husband were very keen on meeting him, which they did on December 23rd.

It turned out to be love at first sight and on the afternoon of Christmas Eve he joined their loving family. As sad as I was to see him go, the overwhelming feeling was happiness

at the thought of the years he had ahead of him with his new Mom and Dad.

Dallas stopped by for a visit with foster mom Patricia - Feb 10.

Update: Dallas is in Level 2 obedience training and is going to take flyball and agility training!

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Friends in Medical Operations

Thanks to all those who participated in the "Mr. Nobody" project at their schools and chose the animals as the recipient of their donations and fundraising efforts to make Mr. Nobody a Mr. Somebody.



Aaron asked for 10th birthday gifts to be donated to the animals.



Sydney, Hailey & Abby made friendship bracelets and donated proceeds to the animals.



Nicole held a dance-a-thon to raise money for

the animals!

Elle made

Dreamcatchers at

them to raise money for the animals.

X-mas and sold



Megan donated 5th birthday gifts to the animals.



The Interac Club at Nelson High School participated in the Turkey Trot and donated the money to





SPECIAL DONATIONS

Nicole Faithful

Laura Hudson

Estate of Mae Beatrice Broadbent Nelson High School Interac Club Estate of Erna Ruth Piesing Sydney Turnbull, Hailey Guilard & Abby Wender Megan

Morgan

Kimberly Annesley Ms. Linderman's Grade 4 Class Frontenac Public School Elle Dhanani

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Held a Dance Party to raise money for the animals In lieu of Christmas gifts gave money for the animals **Bequest Turkey Trot Fundraiser**

Bequest Made bracelets and gave

proceeds for the animals Donated 5th birthday money for the animals

Donated birthday money, toys and food to the animals

Sandra Fougere Donated coins collected in their "Piggy Bank" for the animals Made Dreamcatchers at Christmas and donated the

proceeds to the animals

Sale of house

















FUNDRAISING REPORT

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS OPEN HOUSE

Dec. 19 was a wonderful day – so many friends and supporters stopped by with treats for the animals and enjoyed homemade treats for themselves! Thanks to all the directors, staff and volunteers who provided a delicious and large selection of goodies! Our Christmas tree was overflowing with donations – these will keep our animals happy for months!

POOCH PROMENADE - MAY 30

We are really looking forward to Pooch Promenade this year – our show will include a Disc Dog Demonstration and Skyhoundz competition.

Dennis Alexander and "Case" - 2009 **Skyhoundz** Canadian Freestyle singles and pairs champion and winner of the **Skyhoundz** Freestyle Club Cup for top freestyle dog of the year will perform.

Lifestyle Dog Training will set up and judge a **Skyhoundz** competition for select beginner dogs and three "winners" will receive medals!

Is your dog ready for competition? Register at Pooch Promenade for the competition – 10 dogs will be chosen by random draw to show their talent.

The "Alumni" Dog Parade will highlight dogs adopted from Burlington Humane/Animal Aid. All these dogs will also be recognized with special ribbons for their collars.

Do you have room for a lawn sign to advertise Pooch Promenade? Please phone the office or send an email to burlingtonhumane@bellnet.ca. We will set up and take down.

"RUFF" RIDE – September 19



Plans are already being made for the "RUFF" RIDE on **Sept. 19th**. Even if you don't ride a motorcycle, the day will be full of other fun things to do.

If you would like to volunteer at fundraising events, or help organize them, we would love to hear from you. We need lots of people to distribute flyers for Pooch Prom and the Ruff Ride. Send us an e-mail or phone us.

WATCH THE WEBSITE FOR NEWS AND EVENTS

WISH LIST

Dog collars, leashes & harnesses (especially large sizes)

Dog & cat toys

Small ceramic bowls for cats & kittens

Cat crates

Office supplies

Unscented dryer sheets

Antibacterial hand soap

4-ply wool for catnip mice



ATTIC & LOFT REPORT

Visit the Attic - 479 John Street
The Loft - at the shelter

Congratulations to all of the volunteers at The Attic and The Loft! 2009 was a very good year with sales of \$43,000 and \$39,000 respectively!

Running the stores is a lot of work and both stores are always in need of volunteers - just a few hours a week or month would be helpful – we can fit your schedule.

Welcome to Gerry and SharLyn Roden, who recently took on the job of managing the Loft. Stop by, say hi, and see the changes they have made; and maybe even find a special bargain!

At The Attic, Shirley Rotz, Eleanor McNeil, Johanna Deboer and Trixie Ellithorn continue to share the job of overseeing sorting and pricing donated items and clothing; and Emily Prue and Barbara Davies sort and price books. With their guidance The Attic continues to be a success story.

The stores are an integral part of Burlington Humane and our largest source of fundraising. We incorporated The Loft into the shelter to subsidize the additional cost of running the new building, and over the two years, there has been an increase in revenues as it has become more well-known.

Now that Spring has arrived, items, including jewellery, are arriving daily to complete or refresh your Spring wardrobe. Or maybe you need new dishes or books. There is a little bit of everything in both stores.

Thanks to all the store volunteers for your dedication and commitment.

Thanks also to all who donate items – without those donations, we would not be able to provide bargains to the public and keep up our high standards of care of the animals.



HAPPY ENDINGS



Blue (nee Tigger)

I just wanted to give you a quick update on Tigger. We changed his name to Blue. He is now 5.5 months and is already 60 pounds. He's going to be a big boy. He finished his first obedience class last week and passed with flying colours. He is a very gentle dog - Great with kids and other dogs. We love him very much. Thank you for bringing us together.



Pam

Tigger was born Sept,12, 2009 at BHS – one of 4 puppies born to Lily.



George (nee Kris)

I want to thank everyone for looking after me so well and for finding me such a good home. I am treated very well. Healthwise, I am doing a little better. I am tapering off the Prednisone and am trying out some special food. It tastes good but the Kitty Treats taste better.

Last Friday we had a party and I stayed and entertained all the girls. It was a tough job but someone had to do it. As you can see from the picture, I am now catching up on my rest. I'll ask David to send you another letter soon.

George (and David)

It was thought George would be on Prednisone for life, but good news – now that George is settled in his home, he does not need medication.

Coco (nee Chocolate Chip)

Again, thank-you for all your help! It took about 2 days for "Coco"/formerly "Chocolate Chip" to settle in. Now she and "Toby" are the best of friends. We still can't believe that no one adopted Coco sooner! She has an amazing temperament and is so affectionate. She loves to play and she and Toby have some rough wrestling matches. We were worried that Toby would be a bully and intimidate her, not so! She gives it right back to him and is the aggressive one most times. Thank you for all your help!

Ross & Ruth Richardson and the matching book ends!





Java (nee Vanessa)

We adopted Java about 4 months ago and she is doing great! She is now 6 months old and weighs 45lbs already...we think she will be a big girl when done growing! She is such a joy to have around the house – her temperament is just super – she is great with all animals, kids and other adults. She's now in her second week of dog obedience and is quickly learning how to heel and come when called. She already knows how to sit, lie down, and stay.



Java comes with us just about everywhere. We live in Midland which is a very dog friendly community. She's known by name at the beer store, bank and many other shops around town. She's making tons of friends at the local dog park (we go a couple of times a week) and loves the walks at the different parks and wooded areas around town. We just want to thank you again for allowing us to give Java a home. She is such a delight to have around and we're looking forward to the years ahead with her too. The Burlington Humane Society does great work and Java is a wonderful example of the animals that come from there. Thanks again,

Renee & John



Keeper (nee Ethel)

Just wanted to send a quick note to let you know Keeper is doing great. She is a gangly teenager now and everyone just loves her. Spence, my other rescue is absolutely smitten. She fit in right from day one and has been the perfect addition to the family. So smart, gentle and sweet and growing everyday! I would love to see pics of her sisters and brother, so to Lucy, Freddy and Ricky's parents if you can let us know how they are. Thank you again,

Nancy



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!