

Last Will and Testament

By Patricia Howard

My name is Puddy. I am old now. I have lived a full and happy life, thanks to the wonderful people at Burlington Humane who took me in when I was lost and alone. They found me a new home and a family to love me. I know my time with my family is drawing to a close and they will be very sad to see me go, just as I will be sad to leave them. They say that there will never be another me, and of course they are right. I am irreplaceable and will always remain in their hearts. They will always love me and remember me with that special love when the time comes for me to go.



But what about the emptiness that is left behind in their lives when I am no longer there? They say that they will never love another cat as they have loved me, that I will be forever their loyal, loving pet who became such an integral part of their lives. But I would ask them to think again. They found me, lonely and in dire need of a family to call my own. What about all the other lonely and homeless animals out there? There are many more cats and dogs at Burlington Humane who would adore my family, and who would love nothing more than to be taken into their home and be cherished just as I have been cherished.

Before humans die, they write their Last Will and Testament, give their home and all they have, to those they leave behind. If, with my paws, I could do the same, this is what I would ask:

To a poor and lonely stray I would give:

- my happy home
- my bowl and cosy bed, soft pillows and all my toys
- the lap, which I loved so much
- the hand that stroked my fur and the sweet voice which spoke my name.

I would Will to that scared, sad shelter dog or cat, the place I had in my human's loving heart, of which there seemed no bounds. So, when I die, please do not say that you will never have a pet again, for the loss and pain are more than you can stand. Instead, go find an unloved dog or cat at the shelter, one whose life has held no joy or hope, and give MY place to him.

This is the only thing I can give ... the love I left behind.

(Author unknown)

My family will miss me, but I will leave knowing that, in time, their hearts will heal and they will love another pet again.

With loving purrs, Puddy XOXOX

While the loss of a pet is a sad time in any family's life, please remember that you can still go on to love another needy cat or dog. You can probably never replace your four-legged companion, but your heart will in time heal, and make room for you to love another animal who sorely needs you. Please remember the cats and dogs at Burlington Humane, who sit and wait, hoping for another family to love and care for them. We have many older animals that may be more appropriate for older families. These animals still need love and all the veterinary care of a younger animal.

Please also remember to think about your pets and their future if you are not there to care for them. Some outlive their owners and thought must be given to their future in such an eventuality. In the unfortunate circumstance that you are incapacitated and must move from your home, who will care for your pet if you cannot? Please consider discussing this with family or friends so that your pet will continue to receive the same loving care that you would wish it to have.

Kitten and puppy season is now upon us. Please open your heart and your home for another cat or dog. Visit us at Burlington Humane. They sit and wait. And hope.

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

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10:00 am – 5:00 pm | Monday – Saturday
11:00 am – 4:00 pm | Sunday
905-637-7325

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OUR MISSION

The Burlington Humane Society is a non-profit organization which operates solely on the generosity of donations from the public. We are dedicated to helping stray and abandoned animals in Burlington. Our mission is to improve the quality of life and welfare for animals in our community, to provide a safe haven while we find "forever homes" for the cats and dogs in our care, and to make Burlington a more humane city for all animals.

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

President's Message

By Jolene Regan

Everyone is probably tired of hearing how unusual the weather has been this year, but amazingly, the pussy willows in the parking lot have burst into life and a few lone tulips on the sunny side of the building have popped into bloom! Our first Fall in our new building, Mary Hopkins planted 150 tulip bulbs and we had beautiful flowers the next Spring, and then the bunnies came and ate almost all of them, so now we have about 5! This beautiful warm weather will most certainly bring us early kittens, and we have already had puppies!

I want to thank everyone for thinking of the animals during the Christmas season. Your generous donations will pay for the many vet bills we will have throughout the next months. We always appreciate the loving stories that accompany many donations. It is so heart-warming to know that our adopted animals are so lucky to have found caring owners that provide them with such deserved love.

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and this year we are featuring throughout the newsletter some of the lesser-known activities and behind-the-scenes jobs. Ever bought a catnip mouse? Wonder where they come from? How about all those special gift baskets for sale at Christmas? Puppy training? The list goes on and on! Look through the newsletter to see some of these volunteers in action.

Thanks! to Aida Finch and Maria Pellegrino BHS has received donations from their respective employers in recognition of their volunteer work! In 2011, we also received a donation in recognition of Karen Book (retired) from her former employer. It is wonderful that many employers recognize the importance and value of volunteerism by their employees.

The date for the AGM has not yet been set. We want to present the new by-laws at the same time but they are not yet finalized in draft. Proper notice will be sent to provide anyone interested an opportunity to pick up a copy of the bylaws before the meeting.

Check out our new fundraiser – the Arf-Mazing Race! Sounds like a lot of fun for the whole family, including their dogs! There will still be an alumni parade and we hope to see many of our former canine residents at that time!



Attic & Loft Report

by Carole McArthur

Another good year of sales at both stores with The Attic breaking through \$40,000 and the Loft at \$38,000! This means that lots of volunteers were very busy during the year and many customers found some great deals on gently used treasures, books and clothing. It also means that the animals continued to reap the benefits of funds raised to provide for their care.

Perhaps you have read about many second-hand stores giving only a small percent to the charities they "promote". This definitely does not happen at The Attic and The Loft. All proceeds go directly to BHS for running the shelter. If you love animals, please remember either store when deciding where to donate your gently-used items.

Well wishes and prayers to Sharlyn during her treatment and recovery. Everyone at The Loft misses her and Gerry and will welcome them back.

Thanks to all store volunteers, the stores are always kept in top shape for bargain hunters!

Love sales? Every day is a sale at The Attic and The Loft!

Adoptions Report

By Adrienne Gosse

As many of you have noticed, the adoption facility has been quiet over the past few months. Therefore, it might surprise you to learn that our adoptions numbers are in fact up from this time last year; 96 animals in 2011 compared with 132 cats and dogs in 2012!

The winter months have been remarkably mild and great for keeping active with our pets. However, because of this we are now anticipating a larger number of kittens and puppies this spring and summer who are in need of "forever" homes. Please consider fostering for us if you have some free time and a spare room to house newborns.

Ever catch yourself gazing into the eyes of a shelter animal and wondering what personality is lingering behind those beautiful eyes? Well we did! And wouldn't it also be great to know a little more about an animal's personality and habits BEFORE adopting? We thought so too! The adoption staff is working hard at implementing the ASPCA's Meet Your Match (MYM) program for both cats and dogs. These amazing programs are the only methods in existence today that evaluate an animal's behaviour and interests, and matches them to an adopter's preferences.

How does this program work? Well, for each cat that is being assessed we look at their level of interest in play, exploring, "talking", and being the center of attention. Their scores are tabulated and they are then placed into one of nine colour-coded "feline-ality" types that make up the feline Meet Your Match Program. Some of the cats may be "Love Bugs", while others are a "Party Animal"! In the Meet Your Match Canine-ality/Puppy-ality assessments, dogs are tested on their friendliness, playfulness, energy level, motivation and drive, and

they are also placed into one of nine colour-coded personality types. Some of our dogs may turn out to be "Couch Potatoes", while others might be "Busy Bees".

When adoptors come into BHS they will also be assigned a colour (purple, green or orange) based on their preferences and lifestyle. The important thing to know is that adoptions will no longer be such a guessing game. The adopter will have the ability to see beyond the appearance of an animal and find out if it's truly the right match for their family or lifestyle. But keep in mind you don't always have to go with your own colour match. If you are a purple, but the cat you fell in love with is an orange, that's okay too! At least you'll have a better idea on who you're going to be sharing your life with!

At BHS, we are looking forward to this new phase of growth and development in order to help increase our adoption rates, reduce returns, improve the customer service to our adoptors, and most importantly, increase the likelihood that an adopter will truly bond with their new pet.

As always, we are fortunate to have so many wonderful and dedicated volunteers who spend their time to help the stray and abandoned animals that come into our facility. From all the animals hearts I know they thank you for all that you do for them during their time of greatest need. It fills my heart with joy to see the vast number of volunteers who help out each week. Whether it's walking the dogs, fostering, volunteering on reception, feeding and cleaning the cats, or making beds for the cages and catnip mice to sell and for the cats to play with, you are always there to lend a hand. Each and every one of you makes BHS a more humane place for all the animals. It is an honour and a pleasure to work with you.



Myla - our new longest resident found May 2011. She is very quiet and loves to cuddle!



Marilyn has been here since July 2011. She is in the aquarium and is much happier with room to roam!



Pekay is 11 years old and was surrendered because she had a urinary tract infection. She does have some health issues but her loving nature makes up for everything – she loves to hug!

Thanks to our volunteers!



Emily Prue has been making catnip mice for 25 years!



Zephra – Emily's quality control cat adopted from BHS!



Bob Heal - building maintenance & repairs



Francis Ganski has been making catnip mice for 35+ years!



Natalie Haun reliably makes up all the cat and dog envelopes that go out with each adoption.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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In Memory of Pets

IN MEMORY OF

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TABBY	Charlotte MacKay
DAISY MILES	Violet Patterson
HILDI	Leighan and Bob Basadur & family
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In Memory of People

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In Memory of People

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Braden

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Aida Finch

Christine

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Merry Christmas from Mom

Merry Christmas from Pat, Dave & Karl

N. Whitehead

Brenda Cottrell

Merry Christmas from

Dorian Panchyson

Manulife Financial for

volunteer recognition

Marilyn McIvor

Merry Christmas from Jen, Jay,

Mitch, Paige, "Luke" & "Cody"

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Melissa Andrews & Harvey Lebenfish

Merry Christmas from Manson Sanford

Gift Memberships from Jenn Odorico

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In Honour of Pamela Lear from

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In Honour of Gloria Hoag from

Lynn Cairns & Patrick O'Connor

Thanks for the Special Donations



Aida Finch was honoured by her employer Manulife Financial with a donation in recognition of her volunteerism at BHS! Aida volunteers for dogwalking, pet therapy, feed & clean, and fundraising and promotion.

Julia collected supplies and treats for the animals in lieu of her 8th birthday gifts!



Jessica asked for donations for the animals in lieu of birthday presents for her 8th Birthday!

David made a donation to the animals as a show of appreciation of visits by the Pet Therapy team and their animals!



CIBC Ambassador Program for volunteer recognition gave a donation to BHS in honour of Maria Pellegrino. Maria is the Volunteer Director and spends endless hours volunteering with the animals and in almost all programs.

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In lieu of office Christmas gifts
Donated of car to Bodyline Auto Recyclers
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For cat cages
Collected donations in lieu of birthday presents
Donated car to Standard Auto Wreckers
Lottery winnings
Sold their artwork and donated to animals
Raised money for the animals
Fundraiser winner at employee workplace
Donation of eco-fertilizer for grounds at shelter
Asked for donations in lieu of her 8th birthday gifts
Received donations in lieu of her 8th birthday presents

Pet Therapy Report



Pet Therapy team members and their dogs outside Burloak Long-term Care.

Pet Therapy will wind up their year of visiting with residents at many retirement and nursing homes in the city. The program runs from Sept/Oct through May as long as weather is not too warm for the animals.

Recently, the team above lost one of their popular visitors, Tessa, the greyhound on left in the pic. Tessa was a rescue dog who did not perform well enough in racing, so was put up for adoption. Pat Dabner adopted Tessa when she was 2 years old and after learning how to live in a home, and training, Tessa became an affectionate and loving favourite on the Pet Therapy team. Because she was tall, she could put her head on the many laps to be petted!

Team scarves are awarded to Pet Therapy dogs after completing 10 visits and Tessa wore her scarf proudly.

Sadly, Tessa's leg broke when she was 11 years old and it was discovered she had bone cancer. Everyone will miss Tessa very much.

If you have a dog who loves people and you have some time to make someone else's life a little happier, consider joining the BHS Pet Therapy program. More information is available on the website or by calling the shelter.



Rona BBQ sales workers!



Tom & Aida at booth at Ancaster Cat Show



Patricia Howard made over 90 pet baskets to sell at the shelter for Christmas gifts!



Linda & Lynn working at door at Ancaster Cat Show

Fundraising Report

The Christmas season was very busy with selling lottery tickets at various locations, Pet Pics with Santa with extended hours and dates, and the Home for the Holidays Open House. Volunteers were so supportive and helpful and we thank all who gave up their Saturdays and Sundays to help out!

The "ARF" MAZING Race

What is the "Arf" mazing Race?

The race is Burlington Humane's NEWEST "FUN"draising event! It will be held on May 27 at Spencer Smith Park with registration starting at 9:30 a.m.

This fantastic event will bring together animal lovers including families and children for a day of recreation, teamwork, spirit and FUN all while raising money for a great cause!

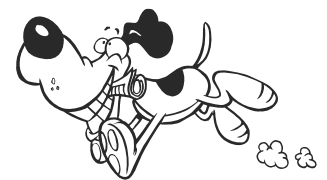


The race is a series of challenges that you complete with your "pack". Some challenges include your dog and some only involve people pack members. Most challenges require some minor physical activity (a list of challenge descriptions are posted online).

An Alumni Parade will also be held at NOON.

Do you know someone who might be interested in a sponsorship or having a vendor table? Sponsors do not have to be specifically animal-related – anyone who loves animals will be interested. With more families and children, perhaps vendors or sponsors would like to target that demographic.

Watch the Website for more information. Burlingtonhumane.ca.



Thanks to our sponsors!



Elizabeth & Don Pics with Santa!

Happy Endings

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Chanel

Our darling Chihuahua, Chanel, whom we adopted on Nov. 26/11, is doing well and very settled into her new forever home. She is quite fond of playing with her toys and runs around the house and up and down the stairs like a tiny race horse. We're amazed how much she enjoys her daily walks and quickly prances ahead of us on our hikes. Of course, for her outings, she has a new wardrobe and booties which she doesn't mind wearing at all. One of her favourite pastimes is snuggling on our laps and burrowing into the blankets on the bed. Her older brother, a cocker spaniel mix, was very curious of the new arrival and now they are constantly sniffing each other's noses and rear ends. At the moment, they are snoozing contently, lying a few inches apart. We are thankful they are getting along so well and feel blessed to have our new family addition. She is the best Christmas present we've ever received.

Wishing all you dedicated folks a wonderful Christmas and Holiday Season. We couldn't be more grateful and thankful for all your loving care and effort that is involved with the safe keeping of all the homeless pets at your organization.

Seasons Greetings, Diane & Larry

When our beloved Jazz passed away after 14 wonderful years, my husband and I decided that we did not want to start all over with a new cat. I went to the Open House on Dec 17th to get an idea of what was involved in volunteering.

My husband wanted to see Abbey after reading her story in the winter issue of the Tail-O-Gram that I brought home. He fell in love – I was not so sure. It bothered me that she had been in the shelter for such a long time – maybe she would have problems adjusting. My husband pointed out that we had the patience and the time (we are retired) to let her adjust at her own pace, even if it took months.

Well to our amazement, twenty minutes after arriving at her forever home; she was on the couch pressed up against Frank. Forty minutes later she was lying on his stomach. Three hours later – well here is her picture! ABBEY was HOME for CHRISTMAS!

The fact that she has such a loving nature after almost 18 months of not having her own home is due to the caring staff and volunteers at the shelter. Each one of you can be very proud of your accomplishments at the shelter – as you can see – it DOES MAKE a DIFFERENCE. I look forward to being part of that team in 2012. Frank and Florence



Abbey



Annabella

I just had to write to let everyone know the best news ever – I have found my forever home and am proud to say I was the first adoption of 2012! It looks like a very good year to me!

I spend my days resting on the soft furniture, playing with new toys and sitting on laps – my new people sometimes tell me their legs fall asleep! A few purrs and they forget their legs!

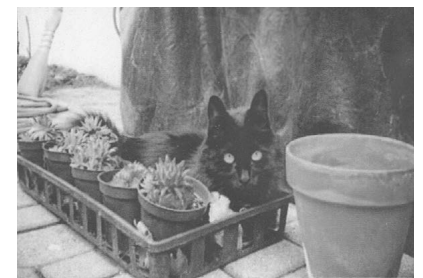
There is more good news – of the 15 featured cats in the last newsletter, only Myla is still waiting. It is so much fun having a new home that I really, really hope she goes home soon. I know everyone at BHS misses all of us, but a few pictures sent to them makes them happy! Love to all, Annabella

We adopted Prudence from Animal Aid (now Burlington Humane) in September 1993 along with her "cage mate" Tabitha (Tabby). Prudence was a small kitten with medium-length black fur and a very long body. The volunteer at Animal Aid stretched her out like an accordion in the shelter. She was all fur and she only grew to weigh 6 pounds.

Prudence was a real character. Shortly after we moved into a house, a new neighbour moved in next door. We heard from the neighbour that she had a skylight in her bathroom. One day, while relaxing in the bath, she looked up and screamed as she saw Prudence peering down at her from above. We don't know how Prudence got out or up on the roof but she would climb anything and everything.

In many ways she was more like a dog than a cat. Prudence would wait for us every day in the window. She would meet us at the front door whenever we came home and jump onto my lap almost before I could sit down. She would even hop up into the hammock with me in the summer.

She was a loving companion who purred the instant we touched her right up until her last day. We miss her but thank Burlington Humane for giving us 18 1/2 years with such a beautiful friend. Prudence was a real joy. Janice & David



Prudence

Prudence feels it's important to oversee her human when spring gardening starts. Janice Holden is the lucky human who shares her life with this beautiful kitty. Picture contest Prudence won from Iams in 2001 called "Signs of Spring".