

The Sensational & “Sneaky” Smokey!

By Adrienne Gosse

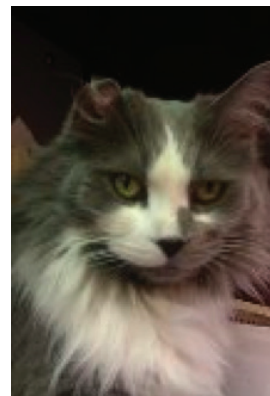
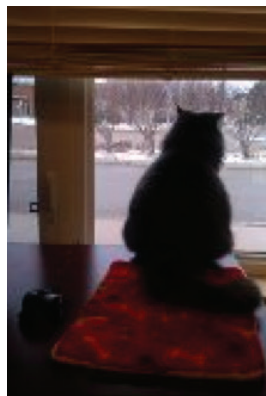
In April of 2012, a long haired grey and white cat was found wandering the streets, lost and without a home to call her own. Burlington Humane took her in, and affectionately called her Smokey because of her beautiful smokey gray coat. She had a very unique and crumpled ear which was thought to be a birth defect, but no one will ever know for sure. At the time, she was around 3 years old.

As the shelter volunteers and staff got to know our new resident it was immediately apparent she was an exceptional girl. Both clever and sassy, she demanded attention, and was not afraid to let you know what she wanted! She quickly earned a reputation for being a “drama queen”.

After many months of living in a cage at the shelter, we decided to let her move to an office to give her a bit more room and attention. No one could have predicted what would happen next. Curiosity can often get the better of cats, especially if there are new and exciting places to discover. Shortly after Smokey was moved into the office, people coming into the shelter for dog walking at 9 p.m. would find Smokey walking around in the lobby. A few days later, the alarm system went off during the night, bringing sleepy-eyed board members into the shelter to look into this mysterious occurrence. Initially it was thought Smokey's door had not been closed properly. Upon further investigation, though, the answer was obvious: a cat that could open doors, even locked (from the inside) doors! Now that Smokey was no longer in a cage, she could not be contained! This determined girl was out for an adventure and had a strong desire to explore. Our building director, Tim Regan, had to jimmy-rig the door just to keep her inside the office!

Smokey has now been at the shelter for a year, although she's been keeping busy working hard each day, eating, sleeping, strutting about the shelter, guarding the fish tank and shouting at the volunteers for more food. She's also known to put the other shelter cats in their place if they try to eat her food or sit in her favourite chair. But her most important job each day is to follow our Building Director around the shelter making sure he's diligent in keeping the shelter running at its best. She's often been heard yelling at him when he leaves her behind when he's servicing the dog kennels, or when he's in the maintenance or utility rooms.

If one thing could be said about our Smokey it is that she's a real unique gem. She is both a pleasure and a challenge to work with. As an animal behaviourist, I meet all sorts of animals, each of them with a personality that is so distinctive and special. However, it is not every day people can meet such a daring and rebellious cat that can outsmart and outwit the animal lovers at our shelter. Smokey is a girl that I truly respect and admire.



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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

The end of 2012 brought so many things for which we were thankful! At the December City Council meeting, Council passed a by-law exempting BHS from having to pay the assessed back taxes for 2010, 2011 and 2012 due to undue hardship. We were very relieved as almost \$45,000 would have left a huge deficit in our budget.

Council also directed staff to write an agreement so that BHS can be designated as a Municipal Capital Facility. This in no way changes our function as a charity or how we care for the animals. We already provide the best service possible to the stray animals in Burlington. For years we have worked closely with our City's Animal Services in reducing euthanasias by taking as many animals as possible from them during the busy months when they are full. This agreement will reinforce that commitment. In turn, we will be exempt from paying property taxes of over \$1500/month, a significant savings.

We were also thankful to all of you who were so generous with your donations during the Christmas season. It is always fun to read the many stories of animals adopted through the years. How lucky they were to have found such loving homes! And how thankful we were to have played a part in their lives, no matter how small or large!

We are always looking for other ways to save money. We recently learned that litter is going up \$2.40 for a 40 lb bag. Adrienne has looked at all suppliers but every one of them has increased prices. We do get some litter donated but it is a small amount when considering how much we need each year. It really is not an area we can cut back on use!

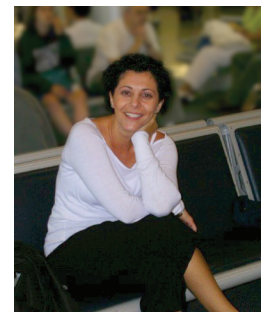
In looking at ways to cut back on non-essential purchases we are considering saving on postage and printing by cutting the newsletter back to two mailings per year. We will make better use of our website for updates and will be sending more out via e-blasts and e-mail. If you are not receiving e-blasts or have changed e-mail addresses in the past few years, please send us an update of your current address.

It's hard to believe we have been in our new shelter for five years! Now it is time for some major work and several volunteers have already started with painting! Everything is looking fresh and new again – thanks to all who helped out.

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and I want to recognize Maria Pellegrino, our Volunteer Director, for all her hard work and time she spends doing so many extras. Besides being the first contact with new volunteers, Maria organizes all the volunteers for events, and even plans some events - Pet Pics with Santa and the Easter Bunny have become real favourites. She makes up "feature" posters and pics for many of the animals and volunteers. In her "spare" time, and after her full time job, Maria screens dogs for Pet Therapy, dog-walks at 9 p.m. and then goes home and e-mails updates to volunteers. We are truly blessed to have such a vivacious and efficient Volunteer Director. Thank you, Maria!

In honour of all our volunteers, Maria has planned a Volunteer Appreciation BBQ in for April 28th. Come out for a burger and enjoy some good company with other animal lovers!

Please join us for our second annual "Arf"-Mazing Race on May 26. Bring your friends and family and don't forget your dogs for a day of interactive fun! Only you can make our fundraisers successful!



Maria

Adoptions Report

By Adrienne Gosse

While there is still snow on the ground as I write this, I am confident that Spring is really just around the corner! It was an extremely busy winter for the staff and volunteers at the shelter, no hibernation here! It is hard to believe in just a few short months, the shelter will once again be filled with pregnant cats and kittens. With the anticipation of the upcoming kitten season the shelter has embarked on the goal of updating and improving our current foster care system. The staff has been busy creating new kitten and puppy foster guidebooks for each foster family to take home. And what a great idea this was! Now our foster families can cuddle up with a cozy blanket and read-up on all the answers to common questions fosters usually have when taking care of pregnant moms and their babies. But be forewarned this guidebook is over 20 pages long! We have also created foster kits, each one containing all of the items you will need to foster one of our wonderful BHS cats or dogs. These kits will help ensure that all of our fosters take home the necessities for a successful and rewarding foster experience. And if anyone is considering joining our foster program, please speak with one of our adoption counsellors. We are always in need of more help!

As the end of winter draws near, and the slightest hint of spring appears, the staff and volunteers at Burlington Humane reflect on 2012. Our wonderful girl, Myla, finally found her forever home with the perfect family. Her new owner, Michelle, wrote us a short letter about how Myla is adjusting to her new home. (see Happy Endings pg 8) I am thrilled that Myla and Michelle have found their happy ending together.

The shelter also celebrated when most of our long-term residents went home in the month of December. Jackie, Clifford, Mario & Luigi, Molly and Q & Quinn, are just a few that were lucky to spend Christmas with their new families. We miss you all, but we are also so happy for each and every one of you!

The adoptions team is also super excited to welcome our new adoptions counsellor, Heather Ashcroft! Every day she goes above and beyond the call of duty to help our cats and dogs find their new home. We look forward to working with Heather for a long time to come.

Volunteer Report

By Maria Pellegrino & Adrienne Gosse

Where there is a Burlington Humane volunteer, there is an inevitable act of kindness and humanity. We see it every day without fail; volunteers who reflect the ideal human condition of compassion, caring, patience, and pure love. Every action they perform touches an animal's life here at the shelter. It amazes us just how much devotion and love this building is filled with each day. The animals at this shelter are lucky to have the love of so many good people.

We want to take a moment and highlight a few special volunteers that caught our eye these past few months.

As you all no doubt remember, on February 8th Southern Ontario was hit with a massive snow storm. While the shelter remained closed to the public, a dedicated group of feed and clean volunteers came in to take care of all of our cats. They braved the horrible weather to make sure all the animals stayed happy, clean and well fed. We cannot imagine shelter life without you all!

And who can forget one of our feed and clean volunteers, Jocelyn! This passionate volunteer came in with a broken foot, in a wheelchair and with crutches! Hobbling to and fro she insisted she stay to help out because the animals needed her. And do you know what? They do need you! And so does all the rest of the staff at BHS. Great job Jocelyn!

And last but not least – Aida Finch, one of our enthusiastic Directors, made a spectacular presentation to her company about what BHS does for the Burlington community. In return we received a large grant! We are so grateful, Aida, for all your hard work!

Thanks to all of our volunteers, no matter how large or small the job, the animals are the true benefactors of your dedication.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BBQ

Sunday, April 28th

4 p.m. at BHS

Join us for a juicy burger or sausage, or both, and visit with other volunteers!

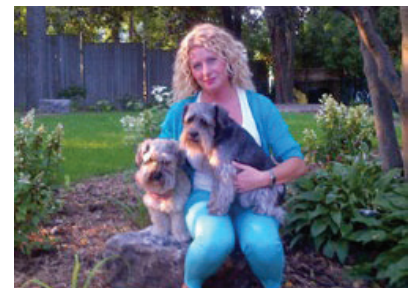
Volunteers are love in motion – Author unknown



Snow Day volunteers
Nicole Porier-Wyss, Colleen Tew, Sue Tilley, John Hadden,
Diane Villeneuve & Tim Regan (missing)



Jocelyn



Aida

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A Reserve-Fund study was prepared for us to determine how much money we need to set aside for future repairs and at what date we will need to provide this maintenance. Your donation to the Building Fund will be designated to that account and is very much appreciated.



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Donations in lieu of birthday presents

Christmas party donations

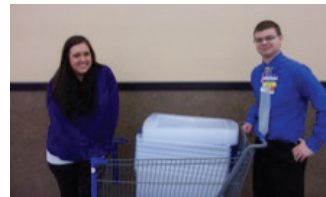
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 & Richard Howard
 Widex Canada
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 Coldwell Banker Canada
 Kaitlyn Hoels
 Elizabeth Wilson
 Sarah & Erica
 W.L. Carpenter Memorial Fund
 Erica & Sarah
 Maria Pellegrino
 Nilesch Patel
 Sue Tilley
 Julia DiPaolo
 Neil & Cindy

Special Thanks

Congratulations and Thanks!



Cathy Roberts was recognized by the TD Volunteer grant program for her volunteerism at BHS.



WalMart Fairview donated plastic bins to use for "foster" kits for pregnant and nursing moms and kittens.

Thanks to everyone who purchased "The Little Grape That Could"! We received a nice donation, so we know the wine has been a big hit with our supporters!

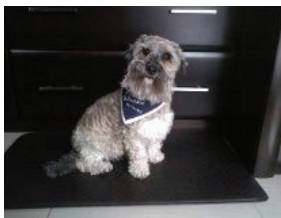


Jessica (on right) and friend! Again this year, Jessica asked for donations to the animals in lieu of birthday presents.

Thank you Jessica!



Adrienne accepts a cheque from John Parker of Budd's Motorad for donations from those attending motorcycle service school.



Pet Therapy Report

"My name is Charlie, I am a proud member of the BHS Pet Therapy team and I love my job!"

Animals - especially dogs - are being recognized as an important source of emotional and physical comfort, especially for the elderly and children. They have a calming and therapeutic effect and are known to have a positive force in the healing process. This isn't news to those of us lucky enough to have a loving pet as part of the family. Imagine one day you are no longer able to care for yourself or your pet... how devastated would you be? This is where Pet Therapy comes in, we visit residents at Long Term Care Facilities in the community, and bring them some comfort, joy and companionship. We hear endless heartwarming stories about the pets they used to have and how much they miss them. Could your four-legged friend be a potential therapy pet? Not all pets are fit for the job, they must possess certain traits - temperament is highly important, as well a friendly and non-aggressive manner. They must get along with children, men and women, and of course other animals. They should be patient, calm, confident and gentle. Does your pet fit the Pet Therapy profile? Typical visits with each Team (approximately 3 to 5 people) are one hour in length, once a month - you can, however, sign up for additional facility visits based on your own schedule. The program runs from September to May/June.

Pet therapy is fulfilling and rewarding for all those involved- the pet, the handler and the resident. Come and join our team and experience the joy and gratification of Pet Therapy! For more information please call 905-637-7325

The Attic & Loft Report

by Carole McArthur

What a great year for both The Attic and The Loft!

The Attic reported sales in 2012 of \$46,909, up over \$8000 from 2011 and Loft sales were \$49,664, up \$11,000 from 2011! The Loft has finally become a popular second hand store instead of a "well-kept" secret!

The Loft is awaiting approval of participation in the Halton Region Recycling program. A rebate will be given to BHS based on the weight of donations diverted from land-fills. When donating items to the Loft, the donor has to weigh and sign a sheet stating they have donated. This takes some extra time and space, and due to space constraints, the Attic will not be included yet.

Now that Spring and Summer are just around the corner, remember to stop by one or both stores for some great bargains.

Thanks to all the volunteers for a great 2012! A lot of hard work is involved in keeping the stores stocked and clean. All proceeds help the stray and abandoned animals in Burlington.

Remember: Every day is a sale day at The Attic and The Loft!

Fundraising Report

Thanks to all who volunteered their time during the busy Fall/Winter season helping with fundraising events. Pet Pics with Santa has become so popular and several volunteers spent most of those weekends working with "Santa". All events require a lot of behind-the-scenes effort of many volunteers.

The Arf-Mazing Race

This is the second year for Burlington Humane's NEWEST "FUN"draising event!

May 26 at Spencer Smith Park

Registration starts @ 9:30 a.m.

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

An Alumni Parade will also be held.

New this year: All participants will be able to start at their leisure, whether it is a "pack" or an Individual.

Become a Sponsor

Sponsorship packages are available online or by contacting Burlington Humane.

Become a Vendor

Connect with many families and individuals who are animal lovers!

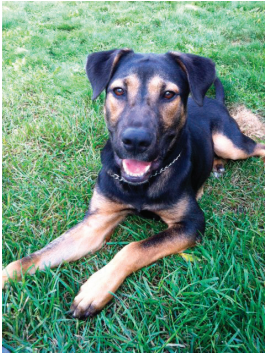
More info @ burlingtonhumane.ca



Thanks to our sponsors!



Happy Endings



Tucker

In October of 2012 I had the pleasure of meeting Tucker, formerly Darcy, on one of my dog walking shifts. Over the next few weeks I fell in love and knew I had to convince my husband and our other fur baby Jake to let him come live with us. He is such a sweet boy and brings us a lot of joy! Thank you BHS for helping us find our new baby, you are an amazing organization that I am proud to be a part of.

Luanne, Greg, Jake
& Tucker McKnight

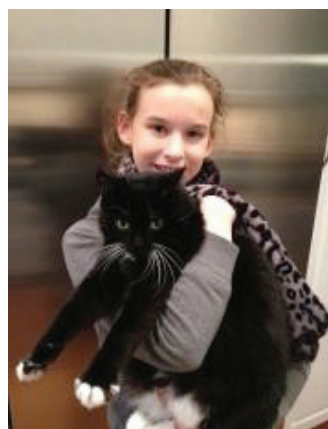
Harley & Darla continue to settle in very well! They love their yard and are doing very well integrating with Linus, their kitty brother! They have started a 5 week in-home training course and were fabulous with their first day! They sleep so well in their beds and love their squeaky toys, toy squirrels, kongs and nylabones. The stuffed 'hedgehogs' were quickly de-stuffed, which they enjoyed immensely.

Both are working on the 'retrieve' part. We feel so lucky to have them and are looking forward to longer walks. They really like car rides too!

Karen & Ian



Harley & Darla

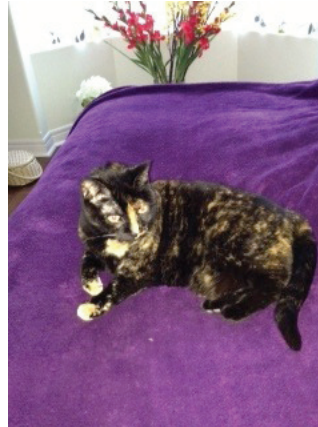


Molly

Just wanted to let you know we are adoring our new family member, Molly. We adopted this beautiful 3-1/2 year old black and white cat in early December 2012. She is such a sweetheart and bonded immediately with her new family.

Just wanted to say thanks and to let people know that black cats are great! Molly is the third black cat in our family. We obviously have lots of luck to have such a wonderful new addition to the family!

Sean, Becky, & Emma



Myla

Myla has been with me for a couple of months now and it feels like we have been friends forever. As soon as we got home she didn't miss a beat climbing up on my bed and claiming the bottom half as her own. Black cat and a white bed, hmmm... She loves to sit on the window sills and watch the squirrels in the trees or the buses going by from the kitchen window. We will often cuddle on the couch in the evening with the fire on and she just purrs like crazy. Myla

has a lot of say and isn't shy to let you know in the early hours that she really would like a snack and if we could do it soon that would really be appreciated. She will come to greet anyone who comes to the door and loves a good scratch behind the ears as a way to say hi. Myla is sweet, cuddly, talkative and a treasure to have as part of my family. Thank you all at the BHS for taking such good care of Myla until she chose me for her forever home

- Michelle

Happy Easter



The Easter bunny brought 400 bags of litter for the cats! Thanks to S. Wilson Bailiffs for their donation. Thanks to Tim Regan for picking it up and Chris, Mary Anne and Paul Edwards and Terry Pepler for helping with unloading.