

Six Beautiful Reasons to Give *by Jolene Regan*

The phone call from the emergency clinic came into the shelter around 5:30 p.m. on Saturday Oct 4 – someone had found a litter of 6 kittens in their yard and had been watching for their mom, but she never arrived. Not knowing what to do with motherless kittens, they called the emergency clinic for help, the right thing to do as we were already closed for the day. Young kittens need special nourishment that is only provided with a high protein kitten milk replacement.

ters could be found on Monday.

The kittens arrived at the emergency clinic and they were dangerously cold and very hungry, but deemed otherwise healthy. They were determined to be about 10 days old and the largest of the litter had one eye almost open.

When Judy picked them up around 6 p.m., the waiting room at the emergency clinic

was quite full and everyone was very interested in the kittens and impressed that Burlington Humane was going to take on these kittens and not let them die.

Five were little fluffballs of orange and white and one was a little black/orange/white torti – whom I became immediately attached to!

And, we now found out that on Friday afternoon, an orange cat was seen dead in the

street by one of the finder's children. This meant that the kittens were on their own for at least 24 hours – a very long time for kittens of this age to go without nourishment and warmth.

No foster home could be found for the kittens, so now Judy and I became their permanent fosters – but, we had lots of help! We took them to the shelter almost every day and there was always someone to take over their feeding. They were growing quickly – and so adorable. In 5 days,



they all had their eyes open, however, the runt was not thriving. In spite of our efforts, we were devastated when it died.

If I thought getting up with them during the night was a lot of work when they were small, the weeks that followed were 10 times worse! As they grew, they become more and more messy – walking through food trying to eat, walking through their litter pan and learning to climb – our legs, chairs, whatever was available! But, they also became very loving and so much fun to watch as they rolled around in play-fighting.

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Judy Coney took the call and of course agreed to take them in knowing all our foster homes were full, especially those that would take kittens to hand-feed. The kittens were going to the emergency clinic to be checked out first. I was at the shelter at the time and Judy told me we needed foster homes – but, if none were available that she would take all 6 for the weekend. I knew that would be a daunting task, as kittens that young need feeding every 3 – 4 hours, and it would take a lot of time feeding 6 kittens and cleaning them up after. So, I told her I would take 3! Neither of us had fostered hand-feed's in several years, so it sounded like fun – after all, it was only for the weekend until new fos-



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Hours of Operation

Adoption Centre

740 Griffith
10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Monday — Saturday
Tel: 905-637-7325

The Loft

740 Griffith Court
10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Monday — Saturday
Tel: 905-633-8143

The Attic

479 John St
10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Monday — Saturday
Tel: 905-333-5885

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

President's Message — Jolene Regan

Looking back over the past year we have so many things for which to be thankful. Not only do we have our new shelter, but there have been so many great animals who have passed through our doors. Seeing the personalities of the dogs that are now with us has been a real bonus.

Unfortunately, during the past month, we have had three resignations from our Board. Belva Giles and Olwen Dews reluctantly resigned due to health reasons. And Colin Chapman, due to business commitments and the addition of a new baby to his household — a very sweet baby boy! We congratulate Colin and Rachael on their new baby, Jack.

Belva was a board member for over 10 years and served as Volunteer Director and later took over Pet Therapy. Belva did a great job in all of her positions. She was most delighted to be on the board for our Grand Opening.

Olwen was also a board member for over 10 years and served as Attic Director. Olwen worked very hard overseeing the store — a job that has now taken several to fill! I know everyone at The Attic misses her. We are very glad she was there for our Grand Opening also.

We miss all of you and wish Belva and Olwen improved health. We all appreciate your dedication and work in the past and know you will continue your support.



Grand Opening of the Adoption Centre

We are delighted to have a new director on our Board — Bob Baric. He has already fostered kittens over a long weekend and says he is ready to try again! Bob will take on some legal tasks for us, including taking on the role of Privacy Officer.

It's impossible to miss the mural painted on our building! Thanks to Valerie Jones, who took the rendering and made it into a reality with the help of Jim Remington and Rob Jones. Thanks also to Kevin Farquhar for providing the equipment to project the image onto the building. This was mostly a night-time project! The mural turned our already fabulous building into something fantastic!

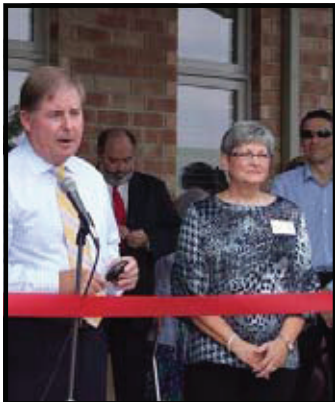
What fun our Grand Opening was on Sept. 14! We were all very proud to show off the new shelter and meet so many supporters and friends.

One of the tasks we wish to accomplish this coming year is to update our By-Laws. They are now 15 years old and requirements for our organization have changed over the years that are not covered in our present by-laws.

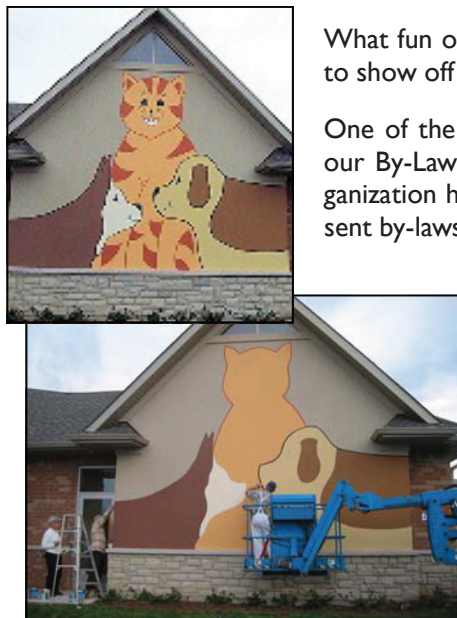
As always at this time of the year, with so many pleas and so many good causes asking for donations, make sure you know where your donation to the animals will go.

If you prefer your donation to go to the Building Fund, we are still in need of those donations. Pawprints on the Wall of Honour and naming opportunities are still available.

The Board of Directors wishes a safe and happy holiday season to you and your animals and thanks to all for your continued support! All the best to everyone in 2009!



**Mayor Cam Jackson at the
Grand Opening**



Adoptions Report — Judy Coney

I can hardly believe it has been a year since my last Christmas newsletter report. We were dreaming of the new building and having the dogs with us. Well, it has been 7 months that we have been able to have the dogs under our roof, and it has far exceeded my expectations. We have had the honour of having the greatest dogs. It is a joy getting to know them and bitter-sweet when they leave us for their forever homes. How many times have I heard, "If only I had room for one more", I must have heard it 100 times and 50 of them were me!

The only thing missing for the dogs was a fenced in play area where they could exercise and introduce them to another dog on a neutral space. We now have that area and it has been named in memory of Inez Mary Jean Stone, whose family very generously donated the money for this naming opportunity. Most of our dogs have been very energetic and we were always wishing for a safe place to run them off leash and to throw a ball or Frisbee.

Now that the dogs are well taken care of, we are in desperate need of some new cat cages. We would like to have cat condos that are larger and can be opened between the cages to accommodate litters and cats that come in together. Cages are very expensive - a bank of 4 is approximately \$4,000.

It has been a challenging year. Lots of changes. I want to thank the volunteers who have hung in there with us as we explored new protocols and procedures. There is definitely more work and responsibility in the new shelter. We noticed after our summer student Michael Cairns left, that we had been dependent on him to look after the dogs and fill in when volunteers were in short supply. To ensure the animals were taken care of in a timely manner, we hired an Animal Care Coordinator. Kelsey Arnold took on this position in October. Kelsey has been a very active volunteer for years, staying on long after her 40 hours of student volunteering had ended. Kelsey is working part time in the mornings and getting in early to attend to the dogs.

I would like to thank Eileen Harris for taking on the scheduling for the dog volunteers and dog walking. Scheduling is always difficult, but this is even more difficult because sometimes we do not have dogs and of course, once the schedule is set that is for sure when a dog will be adopted.

I also want to thank Mary Anne Edwards for another excellent year of dedication and keeping adoptions right on track. This year I had the privilege of working with Mary Anne. I have come to the conclusion that job sharing is difficult, but like all relationships hard work is the key. I have learned a lot from Mary Anne and I am very grateful for her guidance and patience. I also want to thank Julie Lucas for her care of the animals and for keeping up with the very busy demands of adoptions on Saturdays.

There is one thing I can ensure you that has not changed and never will and that is the animals are our first priority. Their happiness and safety and good health are our first concern each and every day.

Merry Christmas to you all and to all those companion animals who enrich your lives all year round.

Throwaway Animals

Lola, a sweet 6-9 yr old lab was found with cuts on her face and had just gone through a pregnancy or false pregnancy. She has found her forever home.



Elvis, an adorable 1 to 2 year old medium-haired male cat was found with a broken pelvis. Two surgeries were required and with lots of TLC, Elvis is healing well and eagerly awaiting his forever home.



Chance, a playful 4 to 5 month old medium-haired male orange tabby was found in very rough shape and spent several

days on an IV and some time recuperating at the vets before he came to the adoption centre and was adopted quickly.

Dawn, a beautiful 2 to 3 year old medium-haired brown tabby was found stray and untrusting of people after learning to be tough as a declawed cat on the streets. This sweet girl came around quickly while at BHS and has found her forever home.



Pewter, a sweet 9-month-old grey female was found with her tail so badly injured we had to amputate leaving just a stub. Pewter is now ready for adoption after her operation and some TLC.

Thanks for your support!

Donations August 2008 – October 2008

Agnes Kowalczyk
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Preslea, who celebrated her 9th Birthday by asking for donations to BHS in lieu of gifts is pictured here with baby Pixel, one of the kittens brought to BHS with 4 adults and 7 kittens.



Abigail, Emily & Melanie recently had a lemonade stand fundraiser with proceeds going to Burlington Humane. The girls are pictured here with Saffire, Twiggy and Ziggy.



When Caroline recently celebrated her 11th birthday, she collected \$160 in donations for BHS rather than gifts for herself. Caroline is pictured here with the lovely Saffire who was adopted the next morning.

Deloitte & Touche Impact Day brought a team to volunteer for the day. The Adoption Centre was cleaned top to bottom—even the outside windows! Thanks for a great job and thinking of the animals.



In Honour of ...

Marisa McMenamie

Ryan McMenamie

Alaina and Louis-Ross Prue

Janice Johnston

Anne & Duncan Robson's 40th Anniversary

Rick and Brenda Reader

Brian and Joan Kirkpatrick's

50th Wedding Anniversary

Bob and Janey Mann

Pat Douglas

Caroline O'Connor's 11th Birthday

Carrie Brooks-Joiner

Christine Jeffrey's volunteer work

Royal Bank of Canada

Greg and Leslie, for their wedding

and the birth of their son James

Liz Seger

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Preslea Lamb's 9th Birthday

Amanda Tripp

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 Geoff Hoyle and Joyce Maclaren, Helen McGregor,
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In Memory of Animals

Angel — Mo and Steve Crossman
Bandit — Gail Falkner
Brook — Ian and Judy Coney
Casey — Susan and Henry Edwards
Chaiya Munroe — Corinne Roos
Chimo — Paul and Mary Anne Edwards
Cola — "The Greek Girls"
Darla — Charlotte MacKay
Fergie and Duchess — Steve and Liz Allen
Freddie Randall — Marion Brown
Holly — Don Scott
Jody — Don Scott
Nuggett — Ian and Judy Coney
Oliver Harrington — Philp and Mary Strecker
Pugsley — Charlotte MacKay
Sadie — Donna Abbott
Sammy — Janice Farquhar
Simon — Christine Jeffrey
Tinker — Edward Walker
Toby — Erika Morton
Waggs — Reta White
Zappa — Wayne Nelson
Zoe — Mo and Steve Crossman

Flamboro Race Sponsors

Bay Cities Animal Hospital	MacKay's Animal Hospital
Burlington Animal Hospital	Headon Forest Animal Hospital
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And thanks to our balloon pop donors:

HBC Rewards	Jenn Odorico
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Employee Groups & Trusts

Our sincere gratitude to those who designated gifts to Burlington Humane through their respective workplace giving campaigns and family trusts throughout the year.

BMO Fountain of Hope	United Way—Ottawa
RBC Financial Group	United Way—Burlington &
Hydro One Pensioner's	Greater Hamilton
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United Way—Greater Toronto	Kathleen, Mary & Walter Barron
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In Memory of People

Brett Hodgson
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Special Donations

Ryan, Krysten, Rachel and Sydney
Bake Sale Proceeds
Caroline O'Connor — Donations in lieu of birthday gifts
Meredith Sykes — Donations in lieu of birthday gifts
Megan Edward, Joshua Edward and Avery Karch
Drink Stand donation
Jill Simpson — For grooming of Nuggett and Pita
Guelph/Humber University — Fundraising Raffle
Kevin and Lisa Visser — In Honour of the McCracken family who found their cat and ensured its safe return
Amy — Lemonade Stand
Abigayle Boocock, Melaine Soder, Emily Reesor
Lemonade Stand
"Loving Ladies" of St. Joan of Arc Catholic School
(Victoria Vescio, Emily Nicol, Dennise Soriano)
Popcorn Fundraiser
Linda Susanne Fox Memorial
Proceeds from Golf Tournament
Michael Griffith — Sale of house

Bequests

Irene Milada Falconer | Ethel Marie Griffith
Judith Marguerite Major

We are deeply honoured to be remembered by our friends in such a personal and significant way. These special gifts help ensure continued care for the animals who count on us for a second chance at life.

Fundraising Report — Patricia Howard

Following an active Fall season at the Adoption Centre we are now entering a period of even more activity as we head into Christmas. We enjoyed our Evening at the Races at Flamboro Downs back in September, and once again thank all our generous supporters for coming out to help raise funds for the animals at our shelter.

Mark your calendars now for PET PICS WITH SANTA! This year, for the first time, we are holding this at our new Adoption Centre, where Santa is making a special visit on two Saturdays in December, the 6th and 13th. He will be there from 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM, so why not bring your furry friend along to have his photo taken with the jolly old elf himself! Digital 4"x6" photos are just \$5 each.

Join the Burlington Humane group and walk in the Santa Claus Parade! The parade starts at the Burlington Mall parking lot on Sunday 7th December. Assemble at 1.00 o'clock at position #39 and walk with your dog along the parade route to show your support for Burlington's own humane society. Hope to see you there!

As always, our thanks go to our tireless volunteers who give their time to help us with our fundraising events, and who give their unstinting support to help us with our activities — we could not do it without you!

Check out our web site for updates about happenings at Burlington Humane in the next few months! Meanwhile, best wishes to you all for a safe and happy festive season!

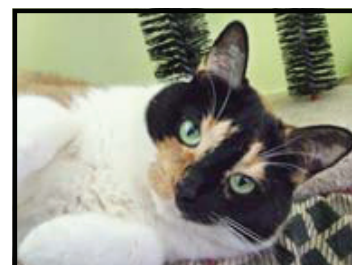
A Story of Hope...

In August, despite being full of kittens, BHS agreed to take in several cats and their kittens when their owner was taken to hospital. Little did we know just how special they would become. Lotus, Hope and the kittens were at the shelter while we found a foster home for them. These two beautiful girls shared the mothering of not only their seven kittens, but also took on four more orphaned kittens and cared for them like their own. These two mom's quickly found a place in each of our hearts. All of their kittens have been adopted; Lotus and Hope are still awaiting their forever homes. We still have lots of our momma cats waiting for their forever homes.



Jenna

Jenna came to us on Feb. 2, 2008 as a stray. A big girl at 30 lbs and approximately 4 years old, we immediately put her on a diet and she has now reduced to 19.5 lbs.! Jenna believes there is lots of her to love!



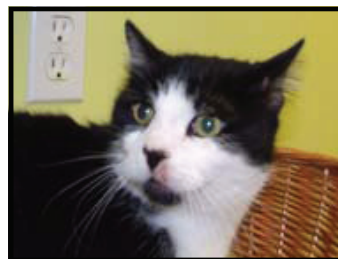
Jenna's personality lives up to her calico marking—somewhat stand-offish! More than once she had a chance to go home, but as the final decision was being made, she would become “snotty”, hissing and protesting at her new prospective owner.

Since moving to our new shelter, Jenna has adopted The Loft as her own space, spending hours just “hanging out” with the staff and greeting customers.

Although Jenna has been here so long and seems to be comfortable in her “home”, this is not the home we envision for her. Jenna deserves her own family and a forever home where she will most certainly be delightful and a happy ending for everyone!

Buster

At 12 years old, Buster was thrown into our front door and deserted by the people who had owned him since he was a kitten. Buster is very loving and will make anyone his new best friend that cares to spend a few minutes with him.



Buster still waits for that special person to give him the home he deserves.

Wish List

Cat Litter
Dish & Hand Soap
Laundry Detergent
Unscented Dryer Sheets
Computer Paper
Office Supplies
Cat & Dog Toys

Gift Certificates from pet stores, grocery stores or any store where we can buy much needed supplies as we need them.

We are a Hill's sponsored shelter and have an agreement to feed Hill's food products exclusively to our animals.

The Attic & The Loft Stores

The Attic staff are very sorry that Olwen Dews has been unable to continue her job as Attic Director. She is missed very much and we hope she is able to resume some of her work in the near future. Everyone is working very hard to fill Olwen's shoes!

The Attic needs new staff members. If anyone is interested in helping out, please call the adoption centre for more information.

With the addition of The Loft, both stores are now ready for Christmas sales - decorations and clothing are available, as well as some very nice gifts and books; and all at bargain prices!

With thoughts of Christmas uppermost in our mind, most of us think "turkey". We at Burlington Humane, however, are thinking "rabbits!" – PenDelfin rabbits to be exact! Why not check

out our wonderful selection of these charming ornaments that are now on sale at The Loft? They will make great stocking-stuffers or may be a great gift for the collector on your list. These ornaments were generously donated by a caring supporter to help us raise funds for the needy animals waiting to find their forever homes. Check it out!

Don't forget the furry friends on your gift list, too: we have a selection of gift baskets for sale at The Loft, at very reasonable prices!

The Loft carries a variety of Science Diet food and treats, and members receive a 10% discount on those products.

Thanks to all who donate items to the stores during the year, and especially to those who volunteer their time sorting, pricing and decorating! With everyone's help and cooperation, we are looking to a great year ahead!

Happy Tails



I adopted **Chris**, who I have renamed Charlie on July 10th, 2008 from Burlington Humane. He was there for some time, patiently waiting to be adopted. I knew of Charlie, but unfortunately had put my cat, Tammy, down and was not ready for another pet. As a few months passed, I kept thinking of Charlie and decided to adopt this sweet cat. Although he was born outside, he is a wonderful cat and only needed two days to adjust to his new environment, to me and to my other cat named Becki. I do wish more people could take a cat from the outside, with lots of love and a little patience and attention, they can make a great pet and dear companion.
— Ann

Just thought that I would update you on **Tilly**. She is doing very well and she and her big sister 'Emmy' are getting along fine. She loves to play, however, she has yet to learn to share toys - all are hers! She enjoys riding in the car, long walks and running in the yard with Emmy. We have little to no grass left, but they are enjoying the constant game of tag!
— The Mackays



We adopted **Tori** on August 30th, 2008. She has fit in perfectly. Her favourite toy is a pen. When we slide it across the floor she runs right after it, crashing into the nearest wall. She loves to be held and cuddled with in a nice warm blanket, but is always giving us our early morning wake up call. Her meows have gotten louder and she is not as light as she use to be but we enjoy watching her grow. She has only been here for a couple months and already she thinks she owns the place. She is the perfect cat for our family. — Jeff, Maria, Taylor, and Jordan



We adopted **Simba** about 3 years ago and were told he had previously been adopted but returned to Animal Aid a couple of times because of his size and his dominant nature. I just wanted to update you and let you know that Simba has been the perfect dog and a wonderful addition to our family. He did have a dominant nature when he arrived, but he quickly learned the pecking order. I've attached a picture of Simba and his girlfriend (the neighbours dog) running in the park behind our home. We have trained him to be outside and not chase every squirrel/cat/small child that runs by. He loves to laze on the front lawn in the summer; the neighbourhood kids all love him as does our son Jack. He sleeps with Jack every night— Jack gets about a square foot of the bed and Simba takes the rest. Jack loves to walk, groom and wrestle with Simba, the 2 are best friends. We would like to thank Animal Aid now the Humane Society, Simba's bad luck turned into our great luck.— Vivienne, Joe, Jack and Simba



Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar Now!

December 6 & 13—Pet Pics with Santa at our Adoption Centre from 11:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

December 7—Burlington Christmas Parade, 1:00 p.m. Meet on South side of Burlington Mall. #39

December 30—Last day to purchase an Entertainment Book at the Adoption Centre.

May 31, 2009— 16th Annual Pooch Promenade at Spencer Smith Park

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



Pet Pics with Santa

Pet Pics with Santa will this year be held at the Adoption Centre in our Christmas themed room on December 6 and 13 from 11:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. and will cost \$5 for a 4"x6" picture of your pet with Santa.



Six Reasons To Give

Continued

One of my own cats, Sampson, a long-haired orange furball who doesn't like other cats and hissed at them constantly when they were babies, now would sit and watch them, even seeming to want to join in the play.

I was growing more attached to the torti with thoughts that I might keep her – a replacement for my favourite torti that I lost a couple of years ago. However, one day a very cute 6 year old little girl and her mom came in looking for a kitten. As mom had volunteered before and fostered in the past, I showed her my kittens, and as soon as the little girl saw the torti, she fell in love with her. I knew she was going to a great home and would be so loved and cared for and everyone was very happy!

The other four kittens continue to grow and three are happily adopted. One is still small and will be ready for adoption soon.

It is very hard for me to think that these adorable kitten's mom – who obviously was a very good mom looking at the kitten's health when they came into our care – was let stray and get killed on the street. I hope she died immediately, because thinking that she might have lay in the street dying and unable to get to her kittens, is even more heart-wrenching.

Only 3 weeks later, we received another litter of 7 orphaned kittens, again because their mother was killed on the street.



Fostering kittens is so rewarding – even if they have their mom with them. They grow so quickly and a couple of days makes a big difference in their development and awareness. Yes, they are work – cleaning, washing bedding, cleaning litter pans, messy food dishes and all. But at only 3 weeks old, they start trying to play, attempt to wash their faces, fall over because they can't balance yet, and from that time on, they are also fun! All

our foster homes deserve a big thank-you for their dedication. Kittens stay in foster homes until they are eight weeks old and then given their health care and are ready for adoption.

Thankfully, Burlington Humane was there to save all of these adorable kittens. Please say you care with a donation to help us continue rescuing and saving all the animals that desperately need a safe haven when they are in distress.

