



Sally

by Petra Hess (Sally's foster mom)

Sally was a sad little girl when she arrived. So sick and starved, she looked like one of those dogs on greeting cards with the big heads and tiny little bodies. It's a cute look until you remembered that her hard life on the streets had brought her this close to death.

She tried to be brave and was not the type to cower into corners even though she was clearly terrified by the many new torments in her life. For example, that first car ride and being forced through new doorways into a house she could hardly discern through her cloudy eyes. The TV in the room where the humans she liked sat with the other dogs appeared to her a dazzling box of horrors with men speaking sometimes loudly. The first time out in the fenced area, we could see her working out how she would escape and testing the possibilities, but she never tried to get away. She was a brave girl, taking her time to explore and choosing her resting spots for maximum observation but minimum traffic.

She missed her puppies, which were never found, so she comforted herself by taking anything soft that she found. Sheep skin slippers, a soft half knitted sweater with balls of wool attached, suede high heel shoes, all slipped into her mouth and were gone to the other room with her as she trotted past. She was as soft in manner and mouth as the things she loved to hoard. Nothing was destroyed and never a mistake was made.

She never made a fuss, but learned from the other dogs that coming when all the dogs were called meant treats for everyone, if you sit. She never tries to be first. She is not greedy.

She wants to love. Big Axel, our enormous but slightly goofy German shepherd, doesn't have many doggy friends. He starts relationships by acting like a tough guy and many friendships end right there. Sally, with her street smarts, has what it takes. She never cringed away from him, but when he came on strong she simply looked away and down submissively, and he lost interest in trying to lord it over her. The next moment she was sitting up and waving her paws at him saying in terms even humans could read, "Come and play with me some more." Big Axel was conquered in a matter of minutes and he shares his human mother's affection (but not his flying disc) willingly with Sally now.

For over two months Sally has had to be on a leash so that her movements can be controlled as she goes through the rigors of treatment for heart worm, parasites, and starvation. Over that time she has grown stocky and sleek. Still cute, her head now matches her body in size and her coat is lustrous and thick. During that time she has learned her basic obedience commands easily.

Just yesterday we had the ok to let her have the exercise she has been craving. It was exciting. Would she run until she exhausted herself? Would the call of the wild be too much for her and would she try to escape? Well, it was not very exciting. The leash was unsnapped. As usual she wanted to be first into the van for a ride. We went for a long walk as usual, she played with her baby Kong as usual, she rough-housed with Axel as usual, Sally came when her name was called as usual and got her usual treat with the other dogs. I guess all she really wants she has found here.

Sally is now a happy family dog, not so little anymore but a beautiful girl in every respect. She is home.



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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.

Presidents Message

By Jolene Regan

Every year we think it can't get better, but it does – and 2009 was no exception. Having more dogs with us means more work, but also brings the pleasure of meeting many great animal lovers.

Recently, we named Judy Coney as Shelter Manager, and more changes are on the way in the New Year. We also welcomed Maxine Foxall to the Board and she will be in charge of donations.

Just a reminder at this time of year, make sure you know where your donation to the animals will go. As you read through the newsletter, you will find many stories that will touch your heart and you can be sure that all your donations to Burlington Humane go directly to help the animals.

I want to thank all our volunteers and staff for a great job and all our supporters for believing in our cause. The Board and staff wish you and your animals all a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful 2010!

The Throwaway Animals



Bunny - 6 year old, spayed/declawed - found in a cat crate in a dumpster in June. Still waiting.



Angelina - 2 yrs old, female spayed - found with 5 kittens in April. All kittens adopted. Our longest resident, still waits patiently.



Bambi & Thumper - 1 yr old male neutered littermates who need to go home together. Waiting since May.

Three of 9 puppies, about 4 days old, found in a sack thrown from a truck with plans to be run over. One died due to trauma. Others healthy and will be ready for adoption in early Jan.



Nov 9



Nov 9



Nov 30



Happy - 3 month old, Border Collie X, found with gunshot wound in leg. Happily adopted.



Sheldon - Shelti X - found emaciated with many wounds, fur missing from legs and bleeding feet. He will be in a foster home for several months until he is restored to health and ready for adoption.

Your generous donations will help provide medical care, shelter and love until they find their forever homes.

Adoptions Report

By Judy Coney

BHS is getting busier and busier with each month. We are up more than 200 adoptions over last year in Nov. That is a lot of animals, just picture 200 animals in your house!

A first in adoptions – a mom, Lily, who has heartworm, gave birth to a litter of puppies at the shelter. We were not able to find a foster home for Lily, so this was the next best option and on Sept. 12, four adorable pups were born. It was very exciting to see them grow and develop personalities of their own. Lily was a great mom but was ready to see them adopted when they were 6-7 weeks old! Lily is now being fostered in her new home, but is undergoing heartworm treatments for the next 2 months.

Every year, many neglected animals come into our care. It is always hard for us to imagine anyone treating animals in such ways. Recently, a litter of 9, four day old puppies were brought in – they were found in a sack and we were told they were going to be run over. A plea went out for fosters, and within a few hours, all were placed in foster care!

Welcome to Leigh-Anna Brown who joined our Adoptions Team in October. We are delighted to have her.

Just a reminder: If you are taking your dog south for the winter, don't forget to discuss with your vet what heartworm treatment is appropriate during that time since mosquitoes are active year round in some climates.

Thank you so much for your donations that allow us in Adoptions to care for these animals as if they were our own and give them the very best care possible and the highest of standards. As you will see, the Sally Fund has been set up for the dogs we are taking from Southern Ontario.

We are having an Open House December 19th. I would love to meet you and give you a tour of the Centre and personally thank you for your support.

Sally Fund

The Sally Fund is a very specific charitable fund within the Burlington Humane Society. Its sole purpose is to cover medical costs of homeless dogs from Southern Ontario. Many people are well aware of problems in the US regarding homeless dogs, in particular the animal victims of hurricane Katrina. Sadly, most people are not aware or familiar with our very own homeless problems right here in our own backyard. Dogs in Southern Ontario are suffering from over-population and homelessness.

As a result, these dogs are malnourished, suffering from severe parasitism and are dying of heartworm and other preventable diseases.

"Sally", one of these dogs, is suffering from heartworm. Treatment for heartworm includes several painful injections at monthly intervals. Lily's treatment will also be paid for with this fund.

With the help of the Burlington Humane Society and the "Sally Fund" these dogs are now receiving appropriate veterinary care such as deworming, antibiotics, pain medication and vaccinations. Many homeless animals are adopted to forever homes within a week or two after arriving at the Burlington Humane Society. Unfortunately, some of these dogs suffer from very serious illness such as heartworm disease, old wounds and fractures and require foster care for weeks or even months before they can be placed for adoption.

The Sally Fund does not discriminate against medical conditions. As you can imagine, some conditions can be costly to treat. Foster parents donate their time, home, patience, and most importantly, love. Veterinarians donate their professional time. Would you please consider donating to this cause and save a life?

Several of these dogs desperately need foster homes to provide them with love and a safe haven while they are brought back to health. If you have room in your home and your heart, please contact us. In spite of their past treatment, they ask so little and give so much.



Lily and her Pups



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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There are many ways to provide a legacy for the animals. Gifts can be made in your will, a donation of stocks, life insurance, annuities and others. Please discuss this with your estate planner or financial advisor. If you would like further information on how Burlington Humane will use those funds, please do not hesitate to call.

IN HONOUR OF

Kiki & Sasha
Katerina Papadakis' 8th Birthday

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HOB0

Many volunteers were touched by Hobo over the years. Happily for Hobo, he had spent the last years of his life with the Edwards family.

On July 11/06 we were lucky enough to meet and fall in love with a little dog Hobo, a Burlington Humane rescue. He was thought to be about 13 years old with almost no hair, covered in fleas, starving and filthy – but what spirit. Hobo turned his back on his early life forgetting the horrible things that had happened to him. In his new life he treated each day as the best yet.

Hobo loved life, meeting people and coming to work at Burlington Humane. Everyone who met him fell instant victim to his entertaining behaviour, gentle spirit and his ability to put a smile on the face of anyone he met. This brave little guy taught us all SO much.

We often said how much respect we had for "our little guy" – he never ever gave up and I'm sure never felt sorry for himself (even after going blind). Hobo passed away Sept 23/09. Our hearts were broken, our time together was far too short.

Thank you Burlington Humane for the wonderful work you do caring for all the unwanted strays.

Mary Anne & Paul Edwards



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HAPPY ENDINGS



Gaffer (nee Puzzle)

I just wanted to let you guys know that Puzzle is doing great, I think we made a wonderful choice by adopting him. We have changed his name to Gaffer (eye patch wearing cat from the Muppet Show) His full name is Captin Gaffer Mullah Omar Fluffingtons.

He is totally shameless when it comes to attention and affection! He is very active and makes us laugh everyday. When not rolling around, begging for a belly rub, he is playing with his crochet mouse or chasing a ball.

Gaffer's scar is healing nicely and he eats like a champ, although I need to refill his water very frequently as he plays in it. He slaps his paw in it and sprays it everywhere. I thought cats didn't like water? We

trimmed his nails and he was very good. The patch of shorter fur on his back is barely noticeable now. You would never know he had the start to life that he did.

Thanks again for letting us adopt Gaffer, he is a truly wonderful cat and a great addition to our family. Although I am a bit upset that I am the only girl in a house with 4 boys! Paula



Bonny (nee Solitaire) & Mr. Magoo (nee Scrabble)

Solitaire and Scrabble (now Bonny and Mr. Magoo) are settling in wonderfully. They run around like maniacs, and then they crash and demand their cuddles. There is never a dull moment with those two! There have been no problems with the other cats, and I often see them curled up with a new brother or sister. I'm glad I adopted them both, and did not let them be separated. Bonny is coping just fine with one eye, and Mr. Magoo's eyesight

seems to be stable. Thanks to everyone who gave them and their brothers such love when they were in the isolation room and when Bonny had her operation. Sandra

Bosley (nee Charlie)

I just wanted to give you an update on Charlie (name is now Bosley) He is doing well. He is energetic and a lot to handle but is currently going through training and is learning. He has mastered sit and lie down and is getting better at coming when called. He gets along with everyone, and he loves children and plays very nicely with them. He and our cat are ok with each other, he wants to play but she puts him in his place. He is a work in progress but we love him and are happy we decided to make him a part of our family. Thanks again. Cheyenne & Jamie



Teddy (nee Binky Boo)

On August 28, we adopted Teddy (nee-Binky). Teddy was just 10 lbs the day he came home. Now, 3 weeks later he weighs 18lbs. He got his name because he looks like a little black bear with big bear paws. Teddy's a real character. He loves playing hide in seek in the gardens in his big back yard. He is very lovable and snuggly. Teddy loves meeting new people on our daily walks. He always greets us with a happy bark and a wagging tail! Carole



Sirius

1 yr old Roti X – head wounds from being hit with a baseball bat. Recovered and happily adopted.



Curtis

Beagle X – found with gunshot wound near eye. Now recovered and foster home adopted.

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!

FUNDRAISING REPORT

"RUFF" RIDE & OPEN HOUSE

It was a perfect day for a ride and as the riders began showing up, the atmosphere became electric with anticipation. Being our first "ride" event, seeing all the bikes and riders was very exciting.

Along with all who came for the open house, everyone enjoyed the barbecue, the raffle, and listening to the music of the band Prologic. Thanks to all who participated and the sponsors and prize donors for helping to make this event successful.

This ride will become an annual event with next year's scheduled Sept 19th.

We will have a booth at the North American International Motorcycle Supershow 2010 at the International Centre on Jan. 15 – 17.



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS OPEN HOUSE

Come and join us on Saturday December 19th as we open our doors to celebrate the holiday season:



Enjoy a tour of the facility, along with some festive treats.

Bring along a gift for an animal (cat or dog – no cat beds please).

Visit our "Tree of Hope" in the lobby and sponsor an animal.

Your donations will make Christmas Day at the shelter a special one for those animals not lucky enough to spend the holidays in their "forever home".

CANADA HELPS

This year, Canada Helps, our online donation account, is supporting Canadian Charities by offering an additional \$5,000 to their top fundraisers during Nov. 23 – Dec 20. We know our members are "the best" and when not giving generously of themselves, will pass on this challenge to friends and family. Make your donation online this year and we can work together to achieve this goal!

SALLY FUND RAFFLE

Purchase a ticket for a very nice gift basket (for yourself) donated by Baskets 'n' Bundles or a hand-made Winter scene picture donated by Sharlyn and Gerry Roden. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and available at the shelter and draw date is noon on Dec 23.

WISH LIST

Dog collars, leashes & harnesses (especially large sizes)
Dog & cat toys
Small ceramic bowls for cats & kittens
Dog brushes, combs & shampoo
Cat crates
Cat & dog treats
Office supplies
Unscented dryer sheets
Gift certificates from pet food stores or grocery stores



ATTIC & LOFT REPORT

Visit the Attic - 479 John Street

The Loft - at our shelter

Bargains, bargains, bargains! The first Super Santa Sale on Dec. 14 featured new and used decorations and gifts at unbelievable prices. With all the wonderful donations acquired during the year, this sale will most definitely become an annual event. Decorations and gifts are still available at both stores for those who missed the sale!

Congratulations to Attic volunteer, Kathryn Bennett and family, on the birth of a new baby girl!

Everyone at The Attic was saddened by the passing of long-time volunteer and supporter, Shirley Langton. Over the years, Shirley helped with sorting and pricing clothing, worked as sales staff and at bazaars and book sales. Shirley always had a smile for everyone and everyone will miss her.

Don't forget gifts for those special furry friends – gift baskets are available in The Loft at very reasonable prices. Both stores also have lots of warm clothing for your pet and yourself, and best of all, at bargain prices – stop by for a treat!

The Loft carries a variety of Science Diet products, and BHS members receive a 10% discount.

Thanks to all the volunteers who devote so much time to keep the stores up and running. Thanks also to all who donate items – your donations contribute directly to the success of both stores. In turn, the animals are the real winners, as all proceeds go to their vet care and keeping them safe while awaiting their new homes.

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



Safe at Last



It was a dark and dreary night on April 20..... indeed it was, when four 6-month old kittens were dumped at our front door at 3:36 a.m. By 8:30, when Judy arrived, the weather had turned more dreadful as a cold east wind was driving rain under the roof and onto the cat carrier holding the kittens. The kittens were not only wet, but covered in feces and urine.

They were sent immediately to a vet clinic where a note was discovered inside the carrier that said "please take care of these kittens, I am a farmer and people keep dumping cats and I can't afford to care for them".

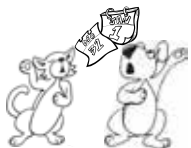
Their condition was shocking. Although all four kittens were normal size for their age, two had one eye missing, one had extremely weepy eyes and all had severe upper respiratory infections (URI). Upon examination, it was determined the missing eyes had ruptured due to the severity of the infection and having been left untreated. Only remnants of the eyes



remained. There was concern that one of the kittens with a missing eye was going blind in the other, but a specialist determined it was not, but needed to be monitored.

Both kittens with missing eyes required surgery to remove any remnants and permanently sew the eyes shut. One kitten, although he has both eyes, will have chronic URI and "weepy" eyes and require medication for life. All kittens will need monitoring for glaucoma.

In spite of their condition, which was most certainly very painful at some point, the kittens were so sweet and social and by mid-July, all were adopted to their forever homes.



UPCOMING EVENTS
Mark Your Calendar Now!

December 19 – Home for the Holidays Open House 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the shelter

December 23 – Draw for Raffle Prizes – NOON at the shelter

December 30 – Last day to purchase Entertainment Books at the shelter

January 15 – 17, 2010 – North American International Motorcycle Super Show at the International Centre in Mississauga.

May 30, 2010 – 17th Annual Pooch Promenade at Spencer Smith Park

Updates: Watch Pet of Week Ad in the Burlington Post or visit website at Burlingtonhumane.ca



Fast forward to June 11, dumped at 4 a.m. When Rosa Maria arrived at 8 a.m., she found two cat carriers at the door, one containing six, 5 to 6 week old kittens, and one containing a mom and six younger kittens. What a surprise it was to see the condition of the older kittens – four had an eye swollen to at least double their normal size – and they looked almost identical to the kittens from April.



A review of our video security tape showed the same man dropping off both sets of kittens. In spite of a CHCH news report, that person was never identified.

The kittens with the mom were normal but all had upper respiratory infection. The other six were not so lucky – two died within days, and two of the remaining had to have eyes surgically removed, as the condition was the same as the previous litter. Because they were being treated with medications, their eyes never ruptured.

Thankfully, the group with the mom (above) were relatively healthy and ready for adoption a few weeks later.

Who would believe – October 5, again dumped around 4 a.m..... Rosa again arrived and found another carrier with another five kittens – all looked the same as the others, but healthy! A check of the video surveillance showed the same man bringing this group – he even went back to his car to get a shirt to put over them.

We believe this person is most certainly caring and would very much like him to come forward to us so we can help him with the cats/kittens before they become ill. Almost all these kittens would have been euthanized immediately if they had not arrived at our door. Your donations helped save them and return them to health and now all have been adopted to new forever homes. (see Happy Endings)

