

Did he Fall – or was he Pushed?

By Patricia Howard



It is not often that we have to help an animal whose story really tugs at our heart-strings. However, Simba is just such a case, and it highlights what Burlington Humane is all about.

Simba was a 3 month old orange and white kitten, and was found seriously injured on a driveway in Burlington in September. His left hind leg had been severely crushed and at first it was assumed that he had been hit by a car. The person who found him notified BHS, and Simba was taken to a veterinary clinic for emergency surgery. We feared that his injured leg would need to be amputated, but thanks to the skill of the veterinarian, the leg was pinned and a plate was inserted instead.

Through the next month Simba suffered a great deal of pain while his leg began to heal. However his sweet personality and his will to survive touched us all. Despite being in considerable pain, he remained an affectionate and loving kitten, and seemed to sense that he was in good hands.

The pins in Simba's hind leg were removed on November 1st, and he was released into our care at Burlington Humane on November 3rd. He was on strict cage rest, but is now undergoing physiotherapy. We are trying to encourage this brave little cat to slowly begin to walk again, with 2 or 3 supervised walks a day. We must gradually strengthen his injured leg until he is able to walk without pain, and resume life as a healthy and active kitten.

The question remains about how Simba came to be in this sorry state. Because he had no "road burns", it is now thought that in fact he may not been hit by a vehicle. There are some high-rise apartments in the vicinity in which he was found, and it now seems more likely that he either fell - or was thrown - from a considerable height. He could also have been picked up by a "predator" bird and dropped, although there was no evidence of other injuries indicative of that. How he struggled to a nearby driveway with his serious injuries is a mystery. However, thanks to a caring citizen and the BHS Ariel Fund, this lucky kitten will hopefully live happily ever after.

Phoenix

Phoenix was found as a single puppy and came into our care on Friday, Oct. 21. Overnight, Phoenix became lethargic, so was sent to the emergency clinic for a check-up. Phoenix tested positive for parvo virus, a disease that would have meant certain euthanasia at most places.

Parvo is very contagious, starting with lack of appetite, lethargy, vomiting and uncontrolled diarrhea, and without treatment it can kill a puppy in a very short time.

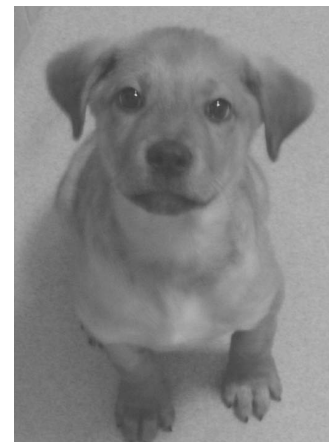
Over the weekend, Phoenix was put on IV fluids to replace the fluids he was losing as a result of the parvo, as well as strong IV antibiotics. Blood work was done several times. Despite all this invasive treatment, Phoenix remained happy to be in the company of people.

By Oct. 25, Phoenix had recovered enough to be brought back to BHS and put in isolation.

Parvo can be contagious for several weeks after the outward symptoms disappear, so Phoenix was kept in isolation until Nov. 18 when he was deemed healthy and ready for adoption.

Phoenix's treatment was very expensive, especially since he had to remain at the emergency clinic for over a week.

Thanks to those who donate to the Sally Fund, the cost of Phoenix's treatment was covered by their specific donations. If you would like your donation to be used for dogs who need extraordinary treatment, you may designate your donation to the Sally Fund.



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

President	Jolene Regan
Vice President	Jenn Odorico
Secretary	Patricia Howard
Treasurer	Karen Hunter
Adoptions	Sue Tilley
Donations	Melissa Mazza
Membership	Bianca Warkus
Volunteers	Maria Pellegrino
Community Relations	Mary Hopkins
Special Events	Melissa Hyslop
Pet Therapy	Sheila Morris
Stores Liaison	Carole McArthur
Director	Patricia Connell
Director	Tim Regan
Shelter Manager	Adrienne Gosse
Adoption Counsellor	Mary Anne Edwards
Adoption Counsellor	Kelly Turnbull

Directors and staff can be contacted at:
info@burlingtonhumane.ca

Hours of Operation

Adoption Centre

740 Griffith Court

10:00 am – 5:00 pm | Monday – Saturday

Noon – 3:00 pm | Sunday

905-637-7325

The Loft

740 Griffith Court

10:00 am – 5:00 pm | Monday – Saturday

905-633-8143

The Attic

479 John Street

10:00 am – 4:00 pm | Monday – Saturday

905-333-5885

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 the year brings time for reflection on the past year as well as the future. The Board of Directors has worked very hard this year putting into place some of the items promised at the AGM.

Most recently the Board approved procedures for Accessible Customer Service, in accordance with new Provincial guidelines. This ensures that there are reasonable efforts to provide goods and services in a manner that respects the dignity and independence of persons with disabilities.

In the Nov. 16, 2011 Toronto Star there were several articles on Ontario's top largest money-raising charities and how they raise and use their funds, as well as their lack of transparency. It was an eye-opener to learn that many of the charities listed spend up to 49% of the money raised by fundraising on administration. Most have a 3-year reserve fund which means if they didn't raise any more money for 3 years, they would still be viable.

It is easy for large charities to “partner” with large corporations for publicity. In recent years, many organizations and businesses who used to give us donations now only support one specific charity. This even precludes them from giving us small raffle prizes for events such as Pooch Promenade.

Needless to say, small charities such as BHS are suffering because of this. We cannot afford to hire professional fundraising firms, nor do we want to spend fundraising dollars in that way. Neither do we have a comfortable 3-year reserve fund to sustain us. With rising costs on almost everything we purchase, the added HST on all items, and a downward spiral of fundraising dollars due to larger, high profile events in the economy, we have had to dip into our past savings. Therefore, your donations are even more important to us now. I know people who will donate to a large charity, but when it comes to the animals even though they may be passionate about them, they feel a smaller amount is sufficient!

I do not want to imply that large charities are not worthy causes as all of us know without money for research, many cures for illnesses would never be discovered. Please do your homework and know that your hard-earned dollars are being used the way you intend.

When reviewing your yearly donations, please remember the animals need you. Perhaps you could consider a monthly donation which helps us with budgeting. And, don't forget to participate in our fundraising activities. The Love the Animals Lottery can be a Win/Win for both you and the animals! We do not spend money foolishly and if you have any questions regarding how we do spend our money, please call – there are no secrets at BHS!

The Board of Directors and staff extend a special thanks to all our volunteers and supporters for your dedication to the animals. It “takes a village” to keep our society running, both physically and financially. “Happy and safe holiday wishes” to you and your pets!



Legacy Gifts

New on our website is information regarding Legacy gifts. Legacy gifts allow you to make a future donation to Burlington Humane Society without affecting your current financial circumstances. Regardless of the size of your planned gift you can be sure that your gift will continue to make a lasting and important impact on the animals we care for. Giving options may even substantially reduce your taxes. Please contact us if you need more information.

Adoptions Report

By Sue Tilley

This has definitely been the 'year of the cat'! We have been and continue to be full to capacity with cats and kittens. With felines of every size and colour, we have been busy trying to find them all new homes.

Our kennels have also been at capacity with dogs and puppies over the last few months. We have found some wonderful homes for many and are hoping that the remainder will go home very soon.

Black was definitely back this year, with so many black felines coming into our care. In an effort to highlight our black beauties, we held our first "Black Cat Café" event. With an adoption starter kit for each black cat adopted, many of our cats and kittens went home.

With such a full house, we have been so thankful for all of the help of our volunteers. Our adoptions team has done an amazing job looking after everyone but could not have done so without the help of so many dedicated people. Thank you to our staff and volunteers, you have helped in so many ways.

We are always busy in adoptions trying to promote our great animals and encourage families to take a friend home. We compete against other shelters and pet stores and also places that offer animals for 'free'. We continue to try and educate those who come in to adopt that "free" can mean a big bill at the vet later. The price of a dog or cat adopted from BHS includes veterinarian check, vaccinations, spay/neuter, behaviour assessment, deworming, nail clipping and ear cleaning. The cost of all of these could be well over \$700 at a clinic. We hope that if the animal does not seal the deal with its own personality, knowing an adoption package from BHS is a much better value will convince our informed adopters.

A Special Thanks to ...

Check out others on our website!



Alice with "Fish" asked for donations to the animals instead of presents for her 9th birthday.



Maiya and Sophie sold their artwork to raise money for the animals.

Consider a BHS gift membership or donation in honour of that special friend that is so hard to please! We have special Christmas cards that we will send on your behalf or you can pick one up and mail it yourself.



UPCOMING EVENTS...

Mark your calendars now!

December 10

Pet Pictures with Santa – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the shelter.

December 12

Pet Pictures with Santa – Noon – 3 p.m. at the shelter.

December 17

Home for the Holiday's Open House – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the shelter.

January 1 – 30

Daily Love the Animals Lottery Draw for \$250/day

January 31

Grand Prize Love the Animals Lottery Draw for \$5,000

February

Puppy classes begin – 6 week course, maximum of 8 puppies

May 27

POOCH PROMENADE

Pet Therapy

by Richard Segee

Our Pet Therapy program is in full swing and always welcomes new volunteers to visit Retirement Homes, Nursing Homes, and Long Term Care Facilities. This is a fun and very rewarding program and the minimum commitment is only one visit per month for approximately one hour. Visits are scheduled during the day, some evenings, and Saturday morning.



Residents who have had to give up their loved pets are most grateful to everyone for a special visit. Although most participants bring their dogs, there is one particular cat that loves visiting at Mt. Nemo. "Ellie May" is pictured with

Charlotte and Raleigh. Raleigh loves riding around in his wheelchair with "Ellie May" on his lap!

If you would like more information on the Pet Therapy program, please call BHS or fill out the online volunteer application. All new participants are required to attend a screening process to be sure everyone is comfortable visiting in the chosen facility.



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

DONATIONS RECEIVED, AUGUST 2011 - OCTOBER 2011

Alice and Michael Scott	Eileen Cooper	Laura Roberts
Ally Credit Canada Ltd.	Elinor Smith	Laurie Bebb
Amanda Fernandes	Evelyn Robbins	Leslie Polci
Barbara Davies	Fariba Hossieni	Linda Matthews
Beatrice May Berry	Gay Powell	Marg Garey
Betty Paolini	Gene Kay	Maria Pellegrino
Beverly Vallis	Georgina Winfield-Paul	Mark Mitchell
C.B. Howe	Glenna King	Monty Allen
Carol Kusch	Gloria Gerrity	Ned Gombert
Cathy Evans	Gunter Walz	Patricia English
Christine McLeod	Hazel Sutton	Pet Valu
David Barnes	Helen Dodds	Rae & Marta Baker
Dawn Motosune	Helen McGregor	Ron and Faye Zsady
Debbie Danek	Inge Husemann	Scott Groves
Deborah Rust	Isobel Jane Goldstone	Theresa Merrill
Debra Clarke	J.K. Fiamelli	Thomas Hare
Denton and Janet Carter	Jenna Caeiro	Tish Shearer
Wright	Jenny McClung	Truist
Diane Elliott	Joanna Loveland	United Way of Oakville
Diane Ferns	John Thomas	United Way of Peel
Donald Speir	Joyce Horrax	Valerie Westman
Donna Campbell	Jude Levitt	Wendy Keyes
Doreen Craig	Judith Creighton	Wilma Friend
Douglas Smith	Julie Browner	

SPECIAL DONATIONS AND THANKS

Cassandra Ryan & Bob Wagner	In Lieu of Wedding Favours
Sinisha & Nicola Erceg	In Lieu of Wedding Favours
Curran Savoy	Raised Money for the Sally Fund by doing a Dog Wash
Hillary	Had a lemonade stand to raise money for BHS
Stephanie Bush	Donated PetSmart Gift Card

CAGE SPONSORSHIP

Julie Brower

BEQUESTS

Gertrude Sancton	Kathleen, Mary & Walter Barron Family Foundation
Gladys Louisa White	Marilyn Martin
Mary Reemeyer	David Sergeant



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.

IN HONOUR OF

FROM

Alice's 9th Birthday	Family and Friends
Hermione the Cat	Emma Cosgrove Thomas Arnold
Reesie's 6th Birthday	Tina Milutinovic
Hillary's 9th Birthday	Family and Friends
Madelyn's 9th Birthday	Richelle Bratuz
Anastasia's Birthday	Laura Cherubin Ali Almusawi Melanie Sabo Deborah Boland Eusario DiClaudio Karen Taylor Family and Friends
Emily Prue's Birthday	Bernadette Havarth & Friends

MONTHLY DONATIONS

Christel Creech	Connie Williams
Maragaret Smith	Johanna deBoer
Agnes Gaspic	Linda O'Sullivan
Carla Giancola	Brian Chire
Jamie Barron	Cathy Benoit
Sandra Lefebvre	Sandra Daniels
Gloria Gerrity	Margaret Bush
Karmel Sakran	Kathryn Bonham
Ann Marie Hammel	Sean & Carissa Gilbert

Monthly donors who give through their employer programs are not listed individually. If you would like your name listed, please contact us.

RUFF RIDE SPONSORS

Branthaven Homes	Stinger Trailer Canada
Co-Operator's Insurance	Bark & Fitz
Smith's Funeral Home	Stoney Creek Choppers
Eaton	Team-1 Academy
Better Bitters	Discovery Ford
Burlington Post	Zippy Print

Julie Brower

The Building Fund is now set up as a Reserve Fund for future and ongoing repairs and maintenance to the building.

BUILDING FUND

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.



In Memory of Pets

IN MEMORY OF

FROM

MITZI	J. Farquhar
AUTUMN RILEY	Richard Guenther Doug Smith Erin and Mike Malicki
MULLIGAN	Linda O'Sullivan
ISIS	Carole Pizzolante
MOLLY	Robert Osborne
FARLEY	Debbie Clarke
ABBEY	Alice and Michael Scott
JARVIS	Janice Farquhar
SMOKEY	Arlene Smith
TRIP	Peter and Linda Stone
NEWTON	Gay Powell Mrs. E De Quetteville
FIGO	Jolene and Tim Regan Bianca Warkus & John Chambers
KELLY CAMPBELL	Carolyn Petrie
BRUTUS	Allison & Nancy
SEAMUS AND SWEETIE	Carla Giancola
MACKENZIE	Anonymous
SAM	Dawn Mototsune
BOBO	Susan Robazza
CANDY	Maria Soares
MADDIE DAY	Nancy Podrebarac
COSMO	Michelle and Steve Hallmark
TRITON	Steve & Michelle Hallmark
LUCYXENASMITH	Michelle Hallmark
MOE	Leonard Wyss
CLOUGHLY	Eileen Farrell
NOGS	Julie Brower
TIGER	Kathleen Mangan

OLD DOG

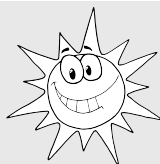
By Cathy Laing

My old dog
Lying in the sun
Hope there's time
Before we're done.

Such joy you show
When I arrive
I'm so grateful
We are both alive.

I love you more
Than I can say
I count as blessing
Each and every day.

When our daily
Walk is through
I hope in heaven
I'll see you.



IN MEMORY OF

FROM

BRETT HODGSON	Georgina Kovac
GRACE GUAY	Glenn Cochrane Jolene and Tim Regan Donna Terry
RUBY VIDICAN	Barbara King
MANGUS JOHN HARRISON	R.J. Koperwhats Martha Koperwhats Ed Bailey David Cormly & Melinda Pearce
SANDRA HORNE	Debra Kristianson Les & Gaye-Ann Pracovics
KEN KARULIKOSKI	Vera Birett
LIBBY MACDONALD	Barbara Davies Patricia and Richard Howard Johanna DeBoer
ALFRED TIEDGE	Virgina Minne Holger Tiedge
JOAN LISKA	Jolene & Tim Regan Christine Bachmeier Roger and Rebecca Holton C. Bachmeir Ally Credit Canada Ltd.
JOAN CURRY	Anonymous
PAULA MARIE MILLARD	Elaine & Frank Horvat Joyce Pflug
HERB HALLATT	John Barker
ARCHIE COUGLEY	Eileen Farrell
MARION HALLETT	Donna Lauzon Deborah Fleury
TOMMY GRANT	Gerry Roden
MORLEYN CARTWRIGHT	Tim & Louise Cooke
HEINRICH "HENRY" WILHELM VIELER	Anne Townsend
KAY YARRINGTON	Eileen Eldridge
TAFFY BROWN	Judy Porter & Ron Crawford
CHARLIE	Kathleen Mangan
KELLY CAMPBELL	Carolyn Petrie
TOMMY GRANT	Joanne Medley Gerry Roden
WILFRED CRITTERDEN	Don and Dianne Heard

EMPLOYEE GROUPS & TRUSTS

United Way of Oakville	United Way - Peel
United Way - Burlington	BMO Employee Charitable Foundation
Charitable Giving Foundation	Hamilton Community Foundation
TD Bank Financial Group	Ontario Power Generation
Manulife Financial	Truist
United Way - Toronto	

FUNDRAISING REPORT

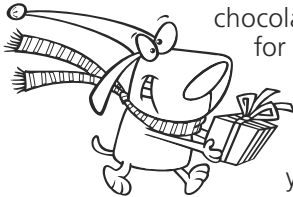
Pet Pictures with Santa

Bring your favourite pet for a visit with Santa on December 3, 4, 10 or 11. To avoid long waits, please call for an appointment. 905-637-7325. 10am-5pm Monday – Saturday.



Home for the Holidays Open House

Saturday, December 17 we invite everyone to stop by for a delicious homemade treat and cup of hot chocolate. Enjoy a visit with the animals for adoption.



Sponsor an animal on the Tree of Hope or bring a gift for the animals to enjoy throughout the year.

Your donation will help make the holidays a little more enjoyable for the animals not lucky enough to be in their “forever” homes.

Wish List

- Dog and cat toys
- Small ceramic bowls for cats and kittens
- Cat crates
- Cat and dog treats
- Science Diet kitten, cat, dog and puppy food
- Unscented only dryer sheets
- Gift certificates from pet food or grocery stores
- Liquid dish soap
- Hand soap in pump bottles
- Kuranda Beds (go to kuranda.com to order)



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



THINK RECYCLE

Environmental Fundraising – a program that rewards members for the collection of unwanted electronics.

Cell phones, inkjet cartridges, toner cartridges, digital cameras, iPods and Mp3 players are items you can now bring to BHS for recycling.

Help protect the environment and help the animals at the same time! Thank you!



GIFT BASKETS FOR YOUR PETS!

Don't forget your four-legged friends this Christmas! Shop early for the best selection of great gift baskets for cats and dogs! Your pet will thank you for a great gift, and you will be helping the shelter animals at the same time! Limited quantities, so stop in at the Adoption Centre or the Loft soon to avoid disappointment. Custom orders also accepted – please order early.



SMART BETTY



Smart Daily Deals that Give! Every time you shop at smartbetty.com with 50 – 90% off, 10% of SmartBetty's revenue share is donated to the charity of your choice. Sign up for valuable deals today at smartbetty.com and choose BHS as the recipient of your choice.

Love the Animals Lottery



Treat yourself to a lottery ticket and buy one for a loved one for a perfect stocking-stuffer.

Get yours early for the Early Bird Draw December 27th.

Daily draws for \$250 every day in January!

GRAND PRIZE \$5,000 ON JANUARY 31!

Order tickets by phone, in person or mail.

Details at burlingtonhumane.ca

All tickets are eligible for all draws!

CAN YOU HELP?

Fundraising is difficult at the best of times with so many worthy causes vying for money and donations. You can help in many ways:

Shopper's Drug Mart Rewards points – donate your points to Burlington Humane – this allows us to purchase items for fundraising. Go the shoppersdrugmart.ca/donate and select “donate your points”.

HBC Rewards points – Donate your HBC Rewards points- You can do this online at hbc.com or calling the Helpline at 1-800-844-8131. Enter or quote the BHS Community ID # is 6005568.

Canadian Tire money - helps us “purchase” prizes for the Ruff Ride silent auction and also helps us purchase items we need for maintenance.



Thank you to all our volunteers who help out at events and also to everyone who donates items for our events. The success of events depends on your generosity.

The ATTIC & LOFT Report

by Carole McArthur

The weekend of Nov. 11 & 12 brought many shoppers out to the third annual Super Santa Sale and record total sales of over \$1400! Congratulations to all at the Attic who worked on the sale and who work all year long sorting and pricing items for the Santa Sale!

Now that we have seen some snow flurries, the time has come to drop by the Attic or the Loft for bargains on gently used winter clothing, especially coats. You can even find winter clothing for your dog!

Both stores are also filled with Christmas "cheer" – great selections of decorations and even unique gifts for that special person who has everything! And best of all, you will get to save a bundle!

The Attic staff wishes to extend condolences to the family of Jean Beesley. Jean worked at The Attic for many years and was one of the earliest volunteers when the store opened in 1984.

At this time of year, I want to extend Happy Holiday Wishes to our stores' staff who work so hard making sure each location is stocked with bargains. Those who shop regularly are always finding treasures to take home!

Thanks to everyone who donates items to contribute to the stores' success and bring in much needed income for the care of the animals while awaiting their forever homes. Your loyalty is much appreciated by all.



LOOKING FOR HAPPY ENDINGS

www.burlingtonhumane.ca



Hi, its me Annabella again! You may wonder what I am doing on the Happy Endings page? I'm here because I still need a Happy Ending, even though I have been up for adoption since Nov. 9, 2009! When I was found, they thought I was pregnant – very embarrassing! I do love to eat, but PREGNANT, no way! I am now about 6 years old.

I am not unhappy here but I would love to have my own family who can accept me as their only pet. I love people who can accept me as I am as I don't like to share my space with other animals.

Please open your heart and home to me or to one of my other long-term "friends" still at the adoption centre waiting for our forever home.



Abbey has been at the shelter since July 5, 2010. She is a lot like me but in a different coat. She loves people but wants to be an only pet. Sometimes I have to stay in my room while she roams the shelter.

She loves to go into The Loft to visit and sleep in one of their cozy beds for sale. I much prefer greeting people at the door when they come in. Abbey is about 4 years old.



Tuxie joined us at the shelter on Nov. 24, 2010. Like me, they thought she was pregnant, but NO WAY! Tuxie keeps getting overlooked because she is not as outgoing as Abbey and me. But she doesn't mind other cats! She would be great with a quiet home, just like Abbey and me. Tuxie is about 2 years old now.



Tabitha arrived on Jan 17, 2011 – I know she hasn't been here a year, but it is still a long time. She is more like Abbey and me, but of course she is a female! She is quiet and some may think she is shy, but I am sure when she goes home she will make a great companion – just like the rest of us. She is only about 2 years old.

There are many others who have been here for over 6 months: Although they have not spent even one Christmas here, they still need to be in their forever homes too!

You may notice a pattern here – many of these sweeties are black and many people think black cats are scary. I can assure you they are not and many people think black cats are lucky. You would be the lucky one to take one home.



Midnight arrived March 1, 2011. She is about 8 years old, and is very quiet. She will love your company but doesn't like to be picked up. Like me, I think Midnight could lose a little weight. Sitting in a cage waiting for someone to love is very stressful and makes some of us eat!

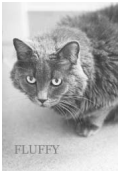
Nikki was found on Mar 8 with a cyst on her side that had burst, but she is healthy now and ready for a new home. Nikki loves to play but can get a little rough sometimes, so she needs to be in a home that understands this and can love her in spite of her little idiosyncrasies. She about 2 years old.



Darby was found on Apr. 5 and luckily for him, he had a microchip. The contact number was out of service but we finally located the owner who said he had ben missing for 3 months and she would pick him up. She never showed and did not respond to a registered letter. Darby is very friendly and laid back.

He is about 4 years old.

Continued...



Fluffy came in on Apr 30 and as you can see, he is solid grey. He also had a microchip but the phone numbers were no longer in service, so he could not be returned home. Fluffy loves attention and is very friendly. He would make anyone his favourite person very quickly. He is about 5 years old.



Oreo was found on May 3 with her head stuck in a fence. She was freed and brought to BHS for care. Like some of us, she loves to eat, so she has to be on a diet! Oreo is very friendly and is about 6 years old. She loves people and loves attention.



Middy is also very cuddly and friendly. She arrived on May 17 with 4 kittens who have all been adopted. Her human friend had died and she was alone. Now she waits for that perfect human who will take her home and love her like she deserves. She loves to cuddle, loves to be brushed and loves attention. She is about 3 years old.



Butch and Moose are littermates who came in together with 4 kittens! Yes, Butch and Moose are both males, yet they took care of the kittens and let the kittens beat up on them! All the

kittens were long ago adopted, but now Butch and Moose wait. They were given up on May 25 and would like to go home together as they are almost 3 years old and have always lived together. They are both shy, but sweet.



Piper came to BHS on May 26 with 3 kittens. All the kittens were adopted and now Piper waits. She is shy but comes around very quickly when someone takes the time to give her pets. At home, she would love to sit next to you and enjoy your attention. Piper is about 2 years old.

Dizzy another black beauty, was found on May 29. She is very playful and energetic and loves attention of any kind. Dizzy would make anyone a wonderful companion – she is about 2 yrs old.



Myla could be my sister! A beautiful, big torti, Myla was found in the Maplevue Mall parking lot on May 31. She loves to be petted and is very friendly, but does not like to be picked up. Surely she will lose a few pounds when she gets into her new home and gets more exercise. She is about 3 years old.

Gertie arrived with her mom and 4 8-week old littermates on June 14. All of her littermates have been adopted, but Gertie waits. WHY? She is very sweet and loves to cuddle. Now almost 6 months old, she has spent her kittenhood in a cage, never experiencing the fun of being with a family.



MissChief has not actually been at the shelter over 6 months, but has been in our care. A mom with 5 kittens, she raised them in a foster home and was ready for adoption in Sept. All her kittens were quickly adopted and now she waits. She is very friendly and talkative.

As you can see, all these “friends” of mine have been passed over, and there are several more coming up to their 6 month stay at BHS. I overheard the humans talking and the adoption prices have been reduced for those of us who have been here the longest – my “friends” and I who have been here over a year are now only \$85! The others who have been here over 6 months are now \$100. A small price to pay for all the love we have to give! Please consider one of us as an addition to your family. Sitting in a cage waiting is no fun and I have heard that Christmas at home is purrfectly wonderful!

Your friend, Annabella



The Throwaway Animals



Chumlee – this little one was one of a found litter. We unfortunately lost some of his siblings, but Chumlee fought hard. He was infested with fleas and maggots and had botulism. He is doing well in a foster home.

French Fry – this little one was found under a French Fry truck with what we first thought was burns but was a terrible skin condition. With eye infections and malnourished, French Fry has had a tough go but she is recovering and hopes to go up for adoption soon.



Lolly – one of 6 Persian cats taken in when their owner died. All were ill and one had to be euthanized. All the rest were adopted.



Skittles – a very cute pup was taken in at 3 months old with extreme demodex – a skin condition caused by mites. Skittles lived in a foster home for several months before being ready for adoption.

Choco – a sweet boy found wandering with a significant skin rash all over his body and a very thin coat. A hypoallergenic diet helped to clear up his skin condition and Choco was happy to go home soon after he was healthy and no longer itchy.

