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A Second Chance at a First-rate Life

here are a few times each year when an animal comes into staffs' life here at the shelter that make an imprint on our heart that lasts a lifetime.

On July 22nd two Burlington Humane staff members were visiting an animal control in a nearby community, and that's when we met her.

Molly (affectionately called "Miss Molly") a sad-faced five year old shepherd/collie cross was in a terrible state.

Severe untreated allergies prior to her surrender had left her with very thick, swollen and incredibly painful and completely closed ear canals. Her paws were all very sore and she itched all the time.

Put on a very high dose of steroids, Molly was also incontinent and had urine scalding on her body.

With limited resources at the facility; Molly's options were few.

So...Molly came home to BHS!

One of our amazing volunteers, Joe, made her an elevated bed so she would not have to sit in her urine.

After many weeks of veterinary care provided by our shelter vet, Dr. Tina Hall, and a hypoallergenic diet, and Molly is a new girl!

You can always see her either relaxing in her kennel or playing out in one of our playgrounds.

Molly handles her daily medical treatment like a champ! But we always sweeten the deal with a few hypoallergenic treats and

nice belly rubs.

Her skin and ears have healed, and her ear canals are almost completely open. As we wean her off her steroids, we are hopeful her incontinence issue will also one day resolve.

Now, Molly is healthy and full of joy! And wouldn't you be too—being brought to the shelter allowed Molly to have the second chance at a long and happy life.

Molly is now ready for adoption!

If you would like to help dogs like Molly, please donate to our shelter or become one of our amazing volunteers.



Molly at a local animal control with closed ear canals

By: Adrienne Maranduik

President's Message

By: Jolene Regan

The inevitable has happened, September arrived along with a busy Fall season at BHS! Ruff Ride, adoption events, the new Black Cat Masquerade, Pet Pics with Santa and the Home for the Holidays Open House are all scheduled from Sept through Dec. Its also time for the Love the Animals Lottery with one lucky person winning the \$3000 Grand Prize draw on Jan 31, 2016!

At our AGM in June, we welcomed three new board members, Jenn Merritt, Andrew Mack and Dave Rosati. That meant we said goodbye to three others, Sue Tilley, Tim Regan and Wayne Kohlberger – all of whom are still volunteering in many areas. Thanks to all of you for your dedication through the years!

We are still pondering the question of e-newsletters vs mail. We will endeavour to print three regular newsletters per year and a shorter e-newsletter will go out to those on our e-blast list on those months in between. We have determined that sending out newsletters via e-mail only results in less people actually opening the newsletter. If we have fundraising items included, it makes a

big difference in the success of some of those events. It is a dilemma for which we have to compromise and send out newsletters by mail occasionally. If you aren't on the e-blast list, please sign up at the website at

Burlingtonhumane.ca. I hope you enjoy all of our newsletters!

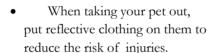


Please consider attending our events. The volunteers and staff work very hard planning events and hopefully there is something for everyone throughout the year! Please pass this newsletter along to your friends who love animals!

We're now on Pinterest!

Fall Pet Safety Tips

Have you done your research?



- Keep an eye on the candy. Chocolate can be deadly to pets!
- The time of year for holiday and family gatherings can be stressful for pets that are shy, especially cats. Keep them in a room that is relatively quiet and where they can have access to hiding places and a litter box until the guests are gone.
- Fall marks the return of children to school. That means crayons, markers, pencils, glue, and other school supplies strewn about the house. Make sure that these supplies are not in places where your pet can reach them.

Certain types of markers and glue can be toxic to pets, and there is always the possibility of choking on small objects.

BHS Directors & Staff

	President	Jolene Regan		
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		Justine Stephan		
	Animal Care Workers	Gilda Theurer Julia Dickson		
		Chelsea Rodrigues Melissa Lowe		

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Membership with the CFHS!

We recently became a member of the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies (CFHS). The CFHS is the largest animal welfare organisation in Canada, striving to end animal cruelty, improve animal protection and promote the humane treatment of and respect for all animals.



Canadian Federation of Humane Societies

Fédération des sociétés canadiennes d'assistance aux animaux This is very exciting news for the shelter as we strive to better the lives of animals. Burlington Humane now has the opportunity to help facilitate positive change for animals on a national level



Mark your Calendar!

Saturday November 14 - Santa Pictures (11-4pm)

Saturday November 21 - Santa Pictures (11-4pm)

Saturday November 28 - Santa Pictures (11-4pm)

Thursday December 3 - Santa Pictures (4-8pm)

Saturday December 12 - Open House & Holiday Bake Sale



Junior Philanthropists



Mary proves that are you are never too young to raise money for the animals at the shelter! With the help of her big sister Isla, Mary collected donations for her first birthday!

Way to go Mary!!

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New BHS Partnership!

We welcome Skedaddle Humane Wildlife Control as a new sponsor! We look forward to working with them!!



Want to get more involved?

A BHS membership allows you to keep up to date on our news and upcoming events, voice your opinion and have the right to vote at our annual general meeting. Your input is very important to us! Be assured that your donation dollars go directly to help with all the needs of the animals that come into our care. Please visit our website for our membership application and fee list. Together we can make a difference. **JOIN TODAY!**

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The Joys of Fostering By: Mallory McEachern

After volunteering with Burlington Humane for a few years, I decided to try fostering upon hearing there was an urgent need. Fostering sounded like the perfect fit for me; not only do I love cats and caring for them, but it was a way I could help from home and share the experience with my husband. I have now been fostering for three years and have cared

for 37 cats and kittens in my home. The majority of our fosters are moms and their kittens in need of a safe, quiet place to grow outside of the shelter environment. Aside from playing with adorable kittens (perhaps the most obvious perk of fostering), my favourite part comes later when we hear that our fosters have been adopted. A nice surprise is seeing an adoption update on the BHS Facebook page. I would recommend to

anyone thinking about fostering to try it at least once. People have said things to me like, "I couldn't foster. I wouldn't be able to give them up." I can attest that the first time is the

hardest (after all, we went into the experience with one cat and came

out with three), but after that it continues to get easier. I know that as long as foster

Meet a few of Mallory's fosters...all grown up! Simba (was Giles), the orange tabby loves to snuggle with his toys, and Milo (was Sheldon) is learning to walk on leash with his new harness!

homes are available, BHS can continue to care for some of the most vulnerable cats and kittens, and that is what encourages me to continue.



Illuminati: the all-seeing kitty cat!

No one will ever know her story. Was she abandoned by her family or was she a lonely stray found by a good Samaritan? Unfortunately, we will never know. What we do know is that she was left in the overnight "drop-off" bin at the city's animal control to be found by staff.

Illuminati's right eye was badly damaged by a serious infection that was left untreated.

Unfortunately, her eye could not be saved by any medical intervention, and ultimately needed to be removed. She was also very skinny, dirty and hadn't had a meal in some time.

She is a very sweet 8 month old medium haired cutie-pie, who loved all the attention given to her by staff and volunteers.

Although missing an eye— Illuminati could clearly see the many wonderful and kind people living within our community.

We are happy to report that

Illuminati was adopted by the Young family only days after she became available for adoption!



"She is doing amazingly well!

She is the sweetest cat I have
ever met we love her sooo

much! She loves to cuddle and
sleeps with us every night!"
The Young Family



A Look Back: Pet Therapy Report By: Sheila Lacey

Years later and loving what I do...

28 years ago, I along with my family returned to Animal Aid, now Burlington Humane Society (BHS), looking for a second family cat. I was hooked on the shelter and began volunteering providing companionship, love and care for those cats waiting to be adopted. After 20 plus years of volunteering I recently received my 20 year certificate and now participate in the BHS Pet Therapy program. This program, like many, is needed and a wonderful service. It is the joy in the eyes and the smile on people's faces that we visit that makes it all worthwhile. After 20 years of volunteering, I am now a Team Leader for an amazing group of individuals who participate in all sorts of weather, meeting and greeting residents within their homes. The wagging tails, the wet nose kisses and the sparkle in the eyes of our pets brighten and enrich the lives of each person we visit. Whether you have a dog of your own or take someone else's, years later I continue to love what I do.

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Fall for an animal at BHS!

By: Megan DeGroote



Sydney is a 9 year old Bengal cross. This gorgeous lady was returned to the shelter as she seemed easily stressed by the visiting family and young children. This fancy senior is now back at the shelter and looking for a quiet home; ideally one without kids

or other pets. She is friendly, chatty and loves attention. Her grey and peach coloured coat is quite unique and eye-catching. As a mature cat Sydney tends to be passed by, we are hoping to find someone who will give her the second chance that she deserves.

Tony is a 3 year old handsome black 'panther'! Tony is **SUPER** friendly and FIV+. He loves attention and especially loves to play! He keeps the staff and volunteers quite entertained at BHS with his goofy antics. Tony spends a lot of time on a window sill basking in the sun. Anyone who meets him is bound to fall in love! Tony has already had a dental check-up, neuter, microchip, vaccines, deworming, and Revolution flea treatment while at BHS. Talk about the full package!



Jaxen is a 3 year old brown and white tabby and is FIV+. He is a feisty fellow with a lazy side. This guy is mostly found laying on his fluffy bed by the window, but he is ready to play in an instant! Jaxen will make sure to keep you on your toes. He is on a hypoallergenic diet. Jaxen has been neutered, microchipped, vaccinated, dewormed, and has received Revolution flea treatment.



high blood pressure, which was left untreated and made him temporarily blind. The vet thinks his medication may one day give him his eyesight back. This wonderful boy is looking for a home to live out his classic senior years with kindness.



Nala is a gorgeous 4 year-old dilute calico who has been under BHS care since March 17th. She is an independent kitty who enjoys her space, sitting by a window and having a good nap. She would prefer to be the only pet in the household as she is not too fond of other felines. Nala is looking for a patient home that will give her time to warm up and get comfortable.

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Fundraising Report By: Alex Zych

We're excited to announce our newest event for 2015, the

Black Cat Masquerade!

We are partnering with Ren's Pets Depot to bring you this glamourous evening of mystery, elegance and extravagance complete with gourmet hors d'oeuvres, music, cash bar and incredible silent auction featuring fine art by local artists!

Join us on October 29th for Black Cat Masquerade!

Tickets will be available online soon at BurlingtonHumane.ca





We hope you can make it out to our 7th annual **RUFF Ride** Motorcycle Fundraiser Sunday, September 20th!

Enjoy a 2 hour scenic poker run, delicious BBQ, live music courtesy of **Corduroy Road**, open house tours and a great silent auction!

We are also having an adoption event featuring reduced adoption fees for black and black/white cats and kittens!

Register online! \$25 per rider (includes BBQ lunch)

Rrready to Ride!?

Happy Endings By: Adrienne Maranduik

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Found as a stray, our dear Cali lived at BHS for well over a year. Her unique and sometimes "purr"fectly sassy behaviour unfortunately kept many adopters at bay. It was well-known that she chose who she liked, and turned her tail to the rest of us! But Cali had charm too and formed a very close bond with her office buddy, our Administrative Assistant Megan. We all wondered when her time would come for someone to taker her home...we patiently waited.

And then there was Norman. Dumped at our front door at the age of 13; severely matted and in need of a good dental. As luck would have it both Cali and Norman found a great home in August...and they went together! We couldn't be happier for these deserving seniors. Here is their adopter with an update:

"Cali and Norman have transitioned nicely into their new home. Cali took some convincing, but she is coming around. Norman took to the house immediately—he explored every room, every chair, every bed, every inch of the house. He has claimed the house as his throne and is very content. Cali was a touch more



cautious but is now exploring the house, grooming herself and purring. Norman is so relaxed that all he is missing is a smoking jacket and a glass of scotch! BUT they are both MY snuggle buddies and adopting them was the best decision I made. I wish you could hear the synchronized purring — it would melt your heart!!"

-Anne-Marie Ritcher





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Donations April 1, 2015- July 31, 2015

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

THANK YOU!

Without all of your wonderful support for the homeless animals we could not do what we do. Knowing the our community cares so much about them is a true blessing. We hope that we continue to make you all proud!

While every effort is made to ensure accuracy we apologize if omissions or errors have occurred.

In Memory of

Berna-Anne Neugent

Brian

Carol Smith

Catherine Davies

Don Drury

Erika Lamb

Eva Pattison

Frances O'Grady

Georgina Kovac

Gunter E. Walz

Jack Bailey

Janet Anne Lunn

Jordyn Hastings

Lois R. T. Rafuse

Lorne Liddycoat

Marla Baher

Mavis

Muriel Jean Youngs

Neita Lee

Rachael Skinner

Ray Skinner

Ross McKenzie

Trevor Hatch

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Wilma Sawell

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Cat Amy Ingram

Cat Anderly & Dog Bromley

Cat Lucy

Cat Tinsel LePlanke

Cat Winston Cowan

Conan Vermeulen

Dog Ares

Dog Blue Hatton

Dog Blue Hatton

Dog Boston

Dog Flynn Okens

Dog Indy White

Dog Kali Casey

Dog Lula Berc

Dog Maggie Howard

Dog Petrie Falzarano

Dog Rocco

Dog Rusty

Dog Sasha Northwood

Dog Sonny Paines

Dog Spritzer Haslam

Dog Treacle

Dog Whiskey

Gracie Tyers

Jack Collins

Josie

Mickey Jackson & Hooper

Hearn

Muriel Jean Youngs

Precious

Rory

Titus Beattie

In Honour of

Abby Gauthier's birthday

Blake Calder

Camille's Birthday

Cat Furiosa

Cat Illuminati

Cat Merida

Dog Oakley

Don & Annette

Hailey Parent

Helen Doberstein

Jane Ross' Retirement

Judy Porter

K.D.

Kayla Lutes Birthday

Mary Lindo

Mary Paradis

Oscar's 5th Birthday

Retiring Vets at Bay Cities

Animal Hospital

Rolando and Elayne's wedding

Shirley Crawford

Sydney Clawsby

Terry Pepler

The late Muriel Jean Youngs

Wendy MacPherson' birthday

Wilma Friend

More Junior Philanthropists

Look at all the ways these kids are getting out into our community in order to help the animals! Lemonade stands, selling snow cones, and donations in lieu of birthday presents are just some of the many ways kids are working to improve the lives of so many homeless cats and dogs.

Amazing work everyone!



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ORDER FORM- Love the Animals Raffle

I would like to purchase one ticket for \$5 I would like to purchase five tickets for \$20 I would like to purchase ____tickets for ___

ORDER INFORMATION

City & Province:____

Contact Number:

Your tickets will be mailed to you.

For more information call 905-637-7325 or visit www.burlingtonhumane.ca

PAYMENT METHOD

\square_{Visa} $\square_{\text{Mastercard}}$	\Box Cash	\Box Cheque

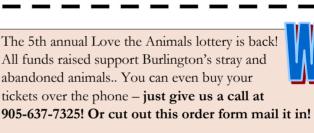
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May we contact you regarding other Burlington Humane Society Events? YES/NO

Name:____ Address:

Email:

Postal Code:



Each ticket can win up to 32 times, and there are only 5000 tickets available to be sold! \$3,000.00 grand prize!

Animal Fun Fact!

Dogs chase their tails for a variety of reasons: curiosity, exercise, anxiety, predatory instinct or, they might have fleas!

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

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