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Fetching Pain Relief for A Puppy

By: Adrienne Maranduik

M eet our sweet little boy Templeton. He and his three beautiful siblings came into our care back in October. Even though there are many great families interested in adopting Templeton, the adoption was put on hold after he was diagnosed with a severe overbite. Although this does not sound like a serious condition, this malocclusion was causing him severe pain and discomfort. Each time Templeton opened and closed his mouth, his lower canines injured and punctured the roof (hard palate) of his mouth. Essentially he was biting himself when he tried to eat and he was forming holes in the roof of his mouth. If nothing was done, the teeth would create deeper and deeper damage to the palate and periodontal support for his upper canine teeth. In time (and it may not take long), the result could have been severe periodontal disease and/or oronasal fistulation (the loss of integrity of either the incisor, maxilla or palatine bones, resulting in a hole into his nasal cavity).

This poor puppy was in need of multiple surgeries to remove some of the teeth causing so much pain and damage to his mouth. His first surgery was completed only days after his diagnosis by our shelter veterinarian Dr. Tina Hall. Templeton went for a visit to Dr. Hale, a veterinary dental specialist in Guelph, where all of his “problem teeth” were removed.

Further surgeries will take place after he has matured, and his adult teeth have erupted. Templeton will require at least one more procedure to shorten any adult teeth making contact with his palate. Although the staff at Burlington Humane was saddened that Templeton’s adoption was delayed while all of his other siblings went



home. It only in fact took an extra few days for Templeton to go home with his new family. We were thrilled and greatly honoured to have provided him with the first step towards a healthy and pain-free life. This holiday season, please open your hearts and donate to the Sally Fund, so we can continue to help deserving dogs like Templeton live a happy life with a wonderful family.



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President's Message

By: Jolene Regan

As we turn our thoughts to the festive season and the jollity that makes our lives a little brighter at this time of year, it is also perhaps a time for reflection about the year in review.

At Burlington Humane we have enjoyed another successful year of adoptions, finding new forever homes for the animals that arrive at our shelter, often through no fault of their own. It is our great joy that we are able to do this and make Burlington a more humane place for all animals in need, and we must as always give thanks to our friends and supporters who make it all possible. With the dedication and respect that we have from our volunteers and indeed all those who help in our day to day activities, whether it is through fundraising, donations or the simple act of giving their time, you make it all possible and we say a heart-felt thank

you.

This year as we look back, we remember one of our long-standing volunteers and supporters, Johanna deBoer, who sadly passed away a few months ago. We will miss Johanna very much: she was indeed a friend to us all and most especially to the animals in need.

This Christmas when you are checking your list (twice!) please give serious thought before giving a pet as a gift. This is not always a wise decision, as we have seen from past years when so many unwanted "gifts" are handed over to us by owners who had not realised the commitment involved in adopting an animal, or because some well-meaning and well-intentioned friend or relative gave them a kitten or a puppy as a gift. If you are

contemplating such a gift for someone or even for yourself, please only do so with the full knowledge of the recipient, and the realisation of the long-term commitment such a gift entails. Animals need to be cared for not just at Christmas but all through the year. They give so much love, but they need a lot from their new owner as well.

To all our friends and supporters, thank you for a great year, and our best wishes to you all for a happy and safe festive season.

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Top 5 Christmas Tree Pet Hazards!

- Place your tree in a corner, or anchor it to the wall to help keep your tree from falling over if your cat or dog chooses to jump or knock over the tree, which could injure them.
- When a pet ingests tinsel, it can cause severe intestine damage or even a blockage as it winds it's way through your pet's stomach.
- Watch out for any signs that your cat or dog may be chewing on your Christmas lights. Your pet may be electrocuted if they bite through a wire.
- Tree water can be very poisonous to your pet. Be proactive and use a covered tree water dish just to be safe.
- Ornaments and hooks can be lethal if ingested. Avoid decorating the tree with edible ornaments (popcorn, candy canes, etc.), and glass decorations. You may also want to avoid decorating the lowest few rows of your tree to help prevent any unwanted "decoration eating" behaviour.





Tony & Jaxen: A *Positive* Outcome for 2 FIV Positive Cats

To understand an FIV cat, you must also understand FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus).

FIV is incurable virus found typically in stray cats. This is due to an increase of fighting and biting between tomcats (un-neutered males). This virus compromises a cat's immune system and makes them more susceptible to getting other illnesses. But with good healthcare and a proper diet, they can sometimes live as long as any other cat.



Jaxen and Tony both came into our icare back n April. Although they both tested positive for FIV, we knew these lovely boys would steal the hearts of a potential adopter!

Tony, a big beautiful black short-haired cat, loved to spend his days lounging in our outdoor enclosure, watching the wildlife and looking for a good snuggle from the volunteers.

Jaxen, a brown and white tabby, loved to give little nips to those of the staff and volunteers who left his room without giving him any attention.

Although it took some time before the right family came in to adopt them, we

are thrilled to announce that they were both went home in October...only two days apart from one another!

Here is a small update from Jaxen's (now Harvey) new family!

"Harvey is so loving: he likes to snuggle on the couch and gets right under the covers with me in bed! As a growing boy, Harvey needs to eat and his very vocal when he is hungry! He's also a bit of a sloppy eater, but he makes up for it by being so cute. We are having so much fun together and I'm so happy to have Harvey with me."

- Audra Petrusis



Mark your Calendar!

Get ready for our annual Open House and Holiday Bake Sale on December 12th from 11-3pm. Stroll through the shelter and meet our wonderful cats, dogs and shelter staff; Peruse our holiday silent auction items, and purchase some of our amazing festive treats for all of your holiday gatherings or a much deserved indulgence. And remember... for every \$10 spent at the bake sale, you can name a 2016 BHS animal!



Upcoming Events

December 23—Lottery Early Bird Draw

January 1-31—Lottery Daily Draws

January 31—Lottery Grand Prize Draw

Microchip & Rabies Clinic



We are always looking for ways to help the animals and their owners within our community. Responding to several calls and emails about assistance with rabies vaccinations, we sought permission from both the College of Veterinarians of Ontario (CVO) and Public Health to go ahead with a clinic. On October 24th we held our first low-cost microchip and rabies vaccination clinic from 10:00am until 3:00pm. On the day of the clinic 100% of our appointment slots were filled and we also managed to squeeze in a number of walk-in's.

Thank you to Dr. Tina Hall and Carley from Headon Forest Animal Hospital for helping out with this very important community event.





Fundraising Report

Ways to Give to BHS!

Have you ever wondered how you could support your local animal shelter without necessarily giving a donation? Well we have a variety of great ways you can help the cats and dogs at BHS, without breaking your holiday budget.



- **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. Visit the adoption centre for an amazing selection of affordable holiday gifts for Fluffy or Fido.
- **BHS Calendars** - Pick up your 2016 Burlington Humane calendar featuring shelter animals from 2015 along with inspirational quotes and sayings.
- **Love the Animals Lottery** - Our annual annual lottery is back! All funds raised support Burlington's stray and abandoned animals.. You can even buy your tickets over the phone – **just give us a call at 905-637-7325! Or cut out the order form provided on the back of this newsletter and mail it in!** Each ticket can win up to 32 times, and there are only 5000 tickets available to be sold!
- **Village Cigar Company** - Purchase their empty cigar boxes and proceeds are donated to BHS! www.villagecigarcompany.com
- **Smart Betty** - Every time you shop at smartbetty.com, 10% of their revenue is donated to a charity of your choice.

Shelter Wish List

Dog & cat toys

Dog treats

Canned pure pumpkin or sweet potato

Kitten formula and bottles

Royal Canin kitten, cat, dog & puppy food

Unscented dryer sheets

Gift certificates from pet food or grocery stores

Liquid dish soap

Canadian Tire money

Shopper's Drug Mart Reward Points

(go to shoppersdrugmart.ca/donate)

HBC Rewards Points

(Online at hbc.com or call the helpline at

1-800-844-8131. Enter or quote BHS

Community ID # 6005568)



Monthly Giving & Automatic Bank Withdrawals!

We've made donating to BHS even more convenient and easy to do! You can now set up pre-authorized bank withdrawals each month!

Monthly donors are very important to BHS as it provides us with a stable source of income for budgeting. Join our **Hearts of Humane** monthly giving program that helps provide a safe place for the stray and abandoned animals of Burlington, while also providing top quality medical attention and shelter care, including rehabilitation and socialization. Monthly donors receive exclusive invitations to meet special shelter animals and also receive inside information about the shelter and its residents. If you would like to become a monthly donor, please contact michelle@burlingtonhumane.ca or by phone at [905-637-7325](tel:905-637-7325).





A Special Holiday Message for Volunteers

By: Adrienne Maranduik

When you volunteer you are giving our organization the most precious thing you will ever own – your time and talent, and you give it without asking for anything in return.

You sacrifice time with your own furry family members so our shelter animals will feel so much love and compassion while they wait for their forever home.

The holiday season is especially busy for our volunteers. Our shelter continues to be filled with cats and dogs, and our receptionists are busy taking reports of found animals

needing assistance before the cold weather arrives. They also help with all our shelter events, such as Santa pictures, bake sales and our Open House. The list just goes on and on!

It is my privilege to express, on behalf of BHS my deep appreciation and gratitude to the amazing individuals who volunteer their time and expertise to help the abused, injured, lost, homeless and neglected cats and dogs cared for each year at our facility. It is through your compassion and commitment that over the years we

have been able to save thousands of animal lives and to create happy endings for Burlington's most vulnerable animals.



Magnificent Murdoch



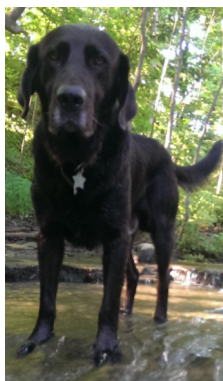
He was picked up walking along our city streets, a blind arthritic senior stray we affectionately named Murdoch. His blindness was caused by high blood pressure left untreated. No family came to claim him. He was left discarded and unloved.

Murdoch was put on medication to lower his blood pressure and was given one of the staff's offices to live in. Although every effort was made to keep him comfortable and stress free, shelter life was taking a toll on him. Due to his age, medical conditions and required medication, it was decided that Murdoch would be extremely difficult to re-home. No one wanted him to have to live out his days in our shelter -what he really needed was a home. Each year a small number of our animals become "chronic fosters". This means that Burlington Humane has determined their chances of adoption are unlikely or that their lifespan will be too short for someone to adopt them. They are placed in wonderful homes where we take care of all of their needs (food, medicine, etc.) until their time on this earth is over. After reaching out to our foster

families we finally found the perfect long-term retreat. The Den Besten family opened their hearts and their home to Murdoch where he now lives out his days in comfort. We are thrilled to provide you all with an update in his new home! Murdoch is doing extremely well and eating his food like a champ. He spends most of his time lounging in his bed, but likes to be on the bed at night and sleep with his new "mommy". He safely gets to explore the home and loves to discover their basement when the family is all downstairs watching TV. All of the children love to hang out with Murdoch, petting him and giving him cuddles.

An Update from Gunner

Remember me!? My name is Gunner and I was rescued by BHS after testing heartworm positive at a local animal control. They took me in, cared for me and found me a new wonderful home! I am happy to announce that I am now heartworm negative! It was a long process for me with many treatments and a lengthy time in foster care—but it was totally worth it! I am loving my new life with my new family. Thanks guys for all that you do! *Woof!!*





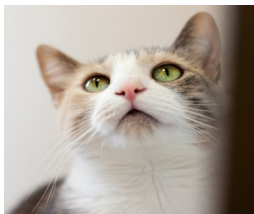
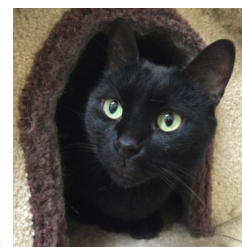
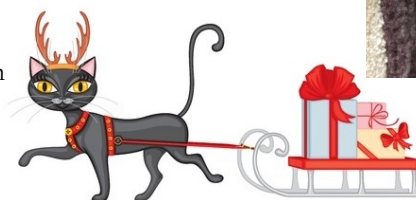
We all know about Santa's reindeer, but did you know about Burlington Humane's Rein-Kitties?

By: Megan DeGroot

Chip is our "Dasher" of the bunch. She's one of the fastest rein-kitties that BHS has. Chip is always ready to make a run for it. In her off-season she would excel at track and field but during the holidays you can find her helping out at the front desk!

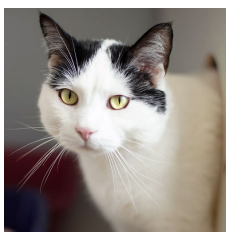


Barcode is our "Dancer" with his unique personality. He is a complete extrovert. When he's not helping with Feed & Clean, he's having dance parties. Barcode's dance moves will keep you on your toes at all times!



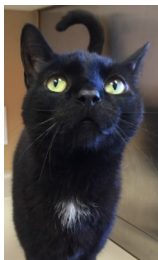
Nala the magical "Vixen" is always using her spells to get what she wants. If you do something she doesn't agree with, she will wave her paws at you. Unfortunately for her, she hasn't learnt the spell to find her forever home yet but she's working on it.

Pippa the "Prancer" enjoys admiring her reflection in the window. When you visit her, she will prance around the room like she owns the place (she basically does). Pippa knows special needs isn't a bad thing and isn't afraid to show it.



Look! A "Comet"! Nope, it's just Jacob getting out for a stretch. This handsome and easy-going rein-kitty would always have a smile on his face if he could. Jacob's laid-back and quiet personality helps keep all the other rein-kitties in check.

Candace is such a romantic and that is why she is our "Cupid". She is affectionate and kind and is always trying to spread the love. She reminds us to be warm and compassionate this holiday season.



The name "Donner" comes from the German word for 'thunder' and that's why Carter is our Donner. He's always noticed when entering his room because he's got a deep booming baritone voice. He loves to sing those low notes. His joyous renditions of "Santa Baby" make all the lady rein-kitties swoon.



Punkity is our "Blitzen" which comes from the German word for 'lightning'. You thought Dasher was quick, but wait until you see Punkity. She's fast, playful and like a lightning bolt when it comes to her roaming time.



How could we forget the star of the show - "Rudolph"! This most special and different rein-kitty is not a rein-kitty at all. She is a rein-doggy! Molly is our special girl who doesn't have a big red nose, but still shines as bright as ever. This happy girl can make anybody's day brighter with a simple wag of her tail. Molly wishes that all of the rein-kitties find their forever home this holiday season, but also that she finds a special family to take her home as well.



Donations August 1, 2015- October 31, 2015

THANK YOU!

Without all of your wonderful support for the homeless animals we could not do what we do. Knowing that our community cares so much about them is a true blessing. We hope to continue to make you all proud! **While every effort is made to ensure accuracy we apologize if omissions or errors have occurred.**

THANK YOU!

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In Memory of Person

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Brian Chisholm's 70th birthday
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Mary Paradis
Megan's 6th birthday
Rocky
Rolando and Elayne's wedding
Wendy MacPherson



A big thank you goes out to Susan and Karen who applied for Employee Volunteer Grants from RBC and TD Bank and chose BHS as the beneficiary! We are so lucky to have such wonderful volunteers here!

Junior Philanthropists

Our deepest gratitude goes out to both Reese and Megan. Reese hosted a bake sale to raise money for BHS., and Megan collected donations for the animals during her 6th birthday party! We are so very proud of you! Thank you for caring for all of the animals in need.

You are amazing!!





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 _____

Your tickets will be mailed to you.

For more information call 905-637-7325

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

Fun Feline Fact

If you're ever lost at sea or stranded on an island, don't drink the ocean water. The large amount of salt in the water dehydrates humans. Cats, on the other hand, can drink sea water in order to survive. Cats have amazing kidneys that filter out the salt from the water so they can re-hydrate themselves!



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