

## Moxie's Menagerie

By Megan DeGroot



lovely dog with a very sweet personality.

Moxie and her pups spent their first night on a big comfy and warm duvet at Headon Forest. After they were examined

Moxie and her 10 one-week-old puppies came into our care on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, a day when Burlington and surrounding areas were being drenched with 30mm-50mm of rain. Miss Moxie was a stray and was doing her best to keep her puppies safe and dry by moving them under a car, but they couldn't escape the rising puddles, putting the puppies in danger. Luckily, a kind stranger spotted Moxie and her pups and just had to help them out. Moxie was kind and cooperative with the stranger handling her pups, as if she knew they were being rescued to somewhere safe. She is a

the next morning, they came to BHS for a few days before being transferred to a foster home.

Bloodwork had been completed on Moxie at the clinic, and it showed she was positive for heartworm. She has also been exposed to Lyme disease, although she has no active disease at present. Heartworm is not transferred to puppies through birth and there is no evidence that Lyme disease is either.

Moxie's heartworm treatment starts after her puppies are weaned and adopted. Treatment is scheduled over a 6 month period at which time she

will be retested to ensure the treatment worked. Her treatment will be paid for from the Sally fund, a dedicated fund at BHS to treat dogs requiring specialized treatment.

With regular routine care, Moxie and her pups have a bright future.

Heartworm is passed to dogs through infected carrier mosquitoes and can be fatal if not treated.

Lyme disease is transferred through infected ticks. All dogs should be tested for heartworm in the spring. Your veterinarian will discuss prevention of heartworm, ticks and fleas to ensure your pet stays safe and healthy!



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## President's Message *By Bianca Chambers*

The best sign that a new season is upon us is the arrival of kittens, and this year, puppies. That first litter always seems to bring extra energy to the shelter – its like we haven't seen kittens or puppies in years!

April was Volunteer Appreciation Month and I want to belatedly send a HUGE thanks to all of our volunteers. It is a 365 day job keeping the animals cared for whether you are working with the animals, fundraising, outreach programs or administration. We very much appreciate every moment of the time you find to give to Burlington Humane.

April has brought some other changes also. Former Shelter Manager Adrienne Maranduik let us know she would not be returning from maternity leave, as she has chosen to stay home with her adorable little girl. We all wish her well!

We have welcomed Doug Shirton as our new Executive Director. Doug brings with him a wealth of knowledge of the Not-for-Profit sector, Fundraising and Team Building. Within days of starting, Doug and Megan (Animal Care Manager) attended the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies Annual Conference. The conference presents many seminars on shelter issues, management and leadership, and a chance to meet management teams from other shelters in Ontario. Megan was very fortunate to win a new bank of cages for the shelter – worth thousands of dollars!

We are excited to announce that the shelter will be open Thursday evenings from Noon – 7 p.m. This test opening is in line with other shelters in the area and will help accommodate commuters and allow even more families to choose Burlington Humane as their adoption centre.

Heartfelt thanks to all of our supporters who donated in 2016 to help support BHS. We love hearing stories of our much-loved alumni animals that often come with donations. That is our ultimate goal – providing quality care for each animal while it is awaiting its forever home, and we couldn't do that without all of you!

## Executive Director's Message

By Doug Shirton

I am very pleased to be joining the Burlington Humane Society. I began on April 3 and have been welcomed by everyone I have met. The first few weeks have been a whirlwind, meeting everyone, learning how everything works and attending the National Animal Welfare Conference in Ottawa. That was a great experience, where I learned just how vast the Animal Welfare field is. I was also able to network with animal welfare advocates from all over Canada. The highlight of the conference was attending the awards gala and listening to special guest speaker David Suzuki.

I come to Burlington Humane after working in the non-profit sector for over 20 years, mainly in the field of recreation and sport. I trust that my experience in guest service, event planning, training, and working with volunteers will serve me well in my new role. When you come to Burlington Humane, be sure to stop in and say hello, I would love to meet you.

## BHS Directors and Staff

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### Professional Activity Day Camp—June 2

Registration is filling up quickly for our Professional Activity Day Camp on Friday, June 2. Participants will learn about the important relationship we have with our pets. Suitable for children between the ages of 6-8, activities such as crafts, stories, videos, demonstration and outside play will focus on learning about having a safe summer with dogs and cats. Registration is limited to 10 campers so reserve your spot today. You can register by visiting our website at [www.burlingtonhumane.ca/pa-camp-day](http://www.burlingtonhumane.ca/pa-camp-day).



### Burlington Humane Kids Club



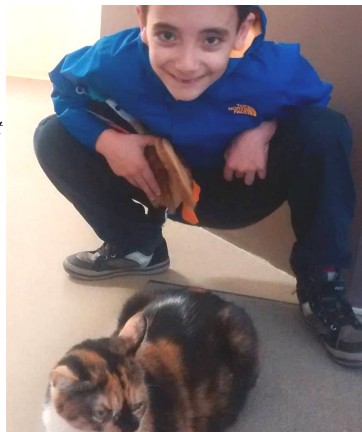
What better way to spend a summer than to be a member of the new Burlington Humane Kids Club. Our young animal enthusiasts will become animal experts during our 10 week session. Beginning in June, kids between the ages of 8-12 will come to Burlington Humane Society on Thursday evenings for an hour of animal education. Focussing on cats and dogs, our club members will participate in activities that will teach a variety of topics. Ranging from obedience, grooming, behaviour, medical conditions and much more, our club members will also become junior philanthropists, planning fundraising activities for Burlington Humane.

Our summer session begins on June 22 for 10 weeks. The club meets at Burlington Humane at 7p.m. for one hour each week. Our Fall session begins on September 21 through to November 23. Each session is limited to 12 participants so be sure to sign up early to avoid disappointment. Registration information is on our website at [www.burlingtonhumane.ca/burlington-humane-kids-club](http://www.burlingtonhumane.ca/burlington-humane-kids-club).

### Junior Philanthropists



*Penelope had a puppy themed 1st birthday party and raised money for BHS. Thank you!*



*Aaron asked for donations for BHS for his birthday and surprised the animals at the shelter with tons of toys and treats! Fantastic! Aaron!*



*Here are Elyssa (left), Mackenzie (middle) and Angela (right) who brought BHS a donation in honour of Mackenzie's birthday. Way to go!*

## Puddy Pudding *By Patricia Howard*



As kitten season rolls around again, the counsellors and staff at Burlington Humane are gearing up for another busy few months. It is always exciting to see so many young cats and kittens come into the shelter and then see them go home with their new forever

families, to hopefully live a long and happy life where they are loved and cherished.

Whether simply going to work every day, or going on vacation once a year, we must consider the welfare of our four-legged family as much as those with two legs. Whatever we are doing, whatever our plans, our pets depend upon us completely for their well-being, and must be a part of the planning process.

As always whenever we take a new animal into our homes, whether that is a puppy or a dog, a cat or a kitten, it is a long-term commitment to care for that animal, to make it an integral part of our lives and daily activities. Little did we know, back in 2005 when we adopted Puddy Pudding, that he would be a part of our life for so long. This is his story.

Puddy Pudding had a bit of a rocky start. His original owner had to move to a nursing home and was unable to take her four cats. They were given into the care of BHS, who promptly found homes for three of them. Puddy alone remained, but he was eleven years old at that point, and considered to be an older cat. He was also competing for a new home with a shelter full of kittens as it was 'that time of the year' again.

To give Puddy more exposure and a greater chance at finding the right person, he was taken to a local pet store where he would meet many more people than those visiting the shelter. It was hoped that a customer would fall in love with him, and then contact BHS to complete the adoption process. The road to true love never runs smoothly, and one person did indeed 'fall' for this handsome cat, but for all the wrong reasons. The customer became very demanding of the store, and then even more so at BHS, insisting that Puddy be given to her at no charge because he was an elderly cat and therefore, in her opinion, not worth anything. Puddy was put into 'protective custody' and had to spend the next couple of weeks out of the public eye back at the shelter until the clamour died down. This certainly did not improve his chances for a speedy adoption.

Sometime after this, I met Puddy on one of my visits to the

shelter. My husband, Richard, was certainly not in favour of adopting another cat, pointing out that we already had two. However, I persuaded him to come to BHS just for a visit. Against Richard's better judgment, Puddy was adopted and came home with us.

Puddy was a wonderful black-and-white short-haired cat, larger than most, and had the most amazing, long white whiskers. These whiskers stood out in stark contrast to his black face and deep green eyes. He was very even-tempered, not easily ruffled and seemed to take everything in his stride, including our other two cats and our Bouvier des Flandres, who wisely gave him a wide berth. Before many weeks had passed, Puddy and Richard were joined at the hip, and Puddy took every opportunity to sit with Richard whenever he could. Richard was finally sold on our new cat, and the two were bonded!

Things were settling into a normal family routine when the unthinkable happened: Puddy was startled and made a bolt through the open door to the deck, where he dropped down into the garden and disappeared into the ravine behind. We were beside ourselves with worry as we knew there were coyotes out there and Puddy was, after all, an elderly cat. Fortunately for Puddy, the weather was hot and he found his way to a local pond where neighbours would sometimes see him stalking mice or grasshoppers.

We set out humane traps but our elderly cat was too smart for that; it wasn't until the cold and wet weather of November arrived that he realized he was in for a tougher time, and presented himself to a neighbour. This gentleman took him in and contacted BHS. It was through his microchip that Puddy was finally reunited with us. He was thinner, but otherwise a complete check by the vet showed that Puddy had suffered no ill effects from his Bohemian summer. However, I don't think my nerves have been the same since!

After that fling in the great outdoors, Puddy never showed any inclination or wish to venture outside. He became a cat that relished his creature comforts, and all the love we could lavish upon him. As the years stretched on, Puddy slowed down and was content to watch the world from the window, safe from harm. Cuddles became an important part of his day.

Puddy Pudding finally passed away at almost twenty-three years of age, in November 2016. It was so hard to say goodbye, but his race was run. He had had a long and we hope happy life with us. Kittens are fluffy and cute, but there is still something to be said for considering adopting an older cat.

# Doggie Bow-Wow Walk-a-Thon



Help make a boy's dream come true. Twelve year old Jackson has organized the Doggie Bow-Wow Walk-a-Thon for his school project and all the proceeds will go to the Burlington Humane Society and the Royal Botanical Gardens. Jackson explains, "For school this year I had to create an Action Plan to help a local or world issue. Animals and nature are important to me so I decided to create an Action Plan that would support two local causes - the Burlington Humane Society and the Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG). I love taking my dogs for walks on these trails and I consider the RBG to be my backyard. It is important to me that

animals are treated properly and that they have good homes to live in. It's also important for me that people enjoy the beauty of the nature that surrounds us, like the hiking trails the RBG offers to us."

Jackson approached the Burlington Humane Society and together we are holding the Doggie Bow-Wow Walk-a-Thon. We will be sharing Jackson's dream of making this event a success. "My fundraiser is asking you to make a donation to either one or both of these organizations. Any amount will do and I thank you in advance for your donation," said Jackson.

Be sure to join us on Saturday, May 27th at 10 a.m. at the Royal Botanical Gardens at the Cherry Hill Gate Parking Lot. You DO NOT need to have a dog to come to the event. It is a WALK-A-THON for dogs and people!

Donations can be made in person or online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/pages/doggie-bow-wow-walk-a-thon>.

Happy walking!

## Adoption Report

By Janet Cappus and Chelsea Rodrigues



The first few months of 2017 have come and gone and our adoption numbers are up from 2016 which is great news! The number of cats in our care has decreased since last year but we continue to have more adoptions which means our cats are finding their forever homes more quickly. We still have many cats in our care that are looking for their forever homes, and our foster homes are full with pregnant moms, kittens, and puppies.

### Bonzi

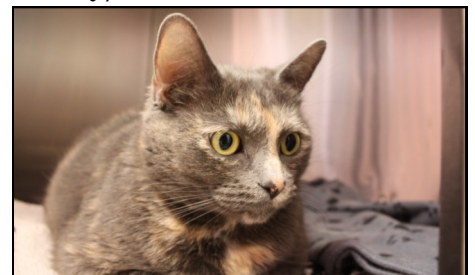
Bonzi is a loving Siamese-orange tabby mix waiting for his forever family. Bonzi tends to believe he is secretly a turtle as he spends most of his day snuggled under his bed feeling content. This 12 year old boy is very affectionate and returns your love with purring and head nuzzles. When given the chance he often cuddles into your arms and kneads softly. Ideally his human family will be understanding of his shy



nature, and aware of his great potential to one day become a wonderful lap cat.

### Jynx

Jynx is a lively 3 year old girl who is fond of playing fetch with her human friends as she roams the hallways looking for new adventures.



Jynx is a lap cat that gives licks and nibbles to nearly anyone who will give her attention. We feel she would do well in a home that can keep her busy and make sure she is reminded daily how much she is loved. Jynx is working on her summer body and hopes to have a home in time for the sunny weather.



# Pet Therapy – A Special Thank You

By Mary Anne Edwards



Helga, Mary and Phil

The end of another season is drawing closer for the Pet Therapy teams who enthusiastically offer their time and compassion to brighten the day of all the residents they visit. Thank you, Team!

Two of our long-serving Pet Therapy team members have recently decided to retire from the program and I want to recognize both of them. **Helga Blamauer** has volunteered at BHS since 1993 as a Feed and Clean volunteer, and the Pet Therapy program. Helga and her dog made almost **500** visits to Burloak Long Term Care Centre and Lakeshore Place Retirement Centre.

**Mary Strecker** has been a Pet Therapy volunteer since 1994. During that time she has made almost **600** visits to various nursing homes and retirement residences, as well as to Jo Brant Hospital. Mary's husband, Phil, also accompanied Mary on many visits until he retired some years ago. Mary and

Phil and their dogs often visited Joseph Brant hospital on Christmas Day to bring cheer to many who were alone for the holiday, demonstrating their true community spirit and caring.

Helga, Mary and Phil, your dedication and compassion shown to the people you visited over the years is what helps make Burlington Humane's Pet Therapy program such a great success. Thank you all!

## Burlington Humane Podcast



This just in, we have started a podcast! As you may know, a podcast is an audio show that you can listen to from your computer, iPhone, iPod, or tablet. We will periodically be producing shows which you will be able to find on our website.

Our first episode focussed on a bit of history of Burlington Humane and volunteer appreciation week. Happy listening!

## Wish List

If you would like to donate items to BHS, these are a great way to help our cats and dogs:

- Newspapers/Puppy pads
- Healthy Treats
- Cat Crates/ Carriers
- 1/4 cup Measuring Cups
- Facial Tissue
- Unscented Dryer Sheets
- Canada and US Stamps
- Canadian Tire Money
- Shoppers Optimum points

Check our website for a full list. We appreciate all donations. Thank you!

## Monthly Giving



We have 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. These funds help 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. There are many ways to donate. Visit our website for more info. If you would like to become a monthly donor through Automatic Bank Withdrawal, please contact [doug@burlingtonhumane.ca](mailto:doug@burlingtonhumane.ca) or by phone at 905-637-7325.

## 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 bequest 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. For more information please contact Doug at [doug@burlingtonhumane.ca](mailto:doug@burlingtonhumane.ca).

# Donations - November 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017

We really appreciate the wonderful support that we receive from the community. Thank you so much for all your generosity. While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, we apologize if omissions or errors have occurred.

## In Memory of

Cat Amy	Jean Morrissey
André Muro Vega	Dog Joanna
Ann Presti	Johanna deBoer
Cat Anniis	John Mathews
Audrey Selby	Joseph Babel
Cat Baby	Dog Kenny
Dog Bella	Kim Oesterle
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Cat Diesel	Dog Maxwell
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Dog Tomoko  
Cat Travis  
Cat Twizzle  
Verna Thorpe  
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Dog Winston  
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Adele Hann  
  
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Cat James Bond  
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Kiki Grant's Birthday  
Konnor Vendel  
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Kitty  
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Mrs. McKenzie  
Cat Nala  
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Cat Panda  
Patrick and Audrey Opalchuk  
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Rick Aldred  
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Cat Smokey  
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Cat Stormy  
Susan Gagnon  
Cat Sushi  
Terry Pepler  
Vicki & Don Markwick  
Wilma Friend  
Zoë Thorndale

## The Attic and The Loft

By Carole McArthur



At last, its time to say good-bye to those heavy winter coats and sweaters and slip into something cooler and more comfortable! Need an update to your wardrobe?

There is no better place for selection and price than The Attic or The Loft! Both stores are glowing with brightly coloured clothing and other gently used household items to "dress" yourself, your table or home. Perhaps you want to just lie

around outdoors and read – there is a solution for that also – a large selection of paperbacks just ready to take you away to another world.

Thanks to our tireless and dedicated volunteers, the stores had record sales again last year! That means a lot of work was put into the job of sorting, displaying and selling items. Both stores continue to be

a valuable source of revenue for BHS.

Please remember the animals when you choose where to donate your gently used treasures.

The Loft is located at the shelter – 740 Griffith Court

The Animal Aid Attic is located at 479 John Street in downtown Burlington.

## New BHS Clothes Available for Purchase

Greet summer in style with Burlington Humane hats, t-shirts, blouses and hoodies. Visit the stores and browse through our large assortment of clothing.



All proceeds go toward helping the BHS animals.

## Volunteer Recognition

Thank you for your years of service! Burlington Humane would like to recognize the following volunteers.

### 5 Year

Donna Adam

Nancy Davidson

Brian Duffin

Susan Foley

Sonja Kohlberger

Wayne Kohlberger

Edward Lamb

Mia Manson

Emma Mitchell

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Coleen Tew

Cathy Trivett

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### 15 Years

Carolyn Bottoms

### 20 Years

Natalie Haun

### 30 Years

Mary Strecker



This list has been created based on our records. If you believe your name has been missed on this list, please contact us at [volunteer@burlingtonhumane.ca](mailto:volunteer@burlingtonhumane.ca)

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