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Peach—Averting Tragedy



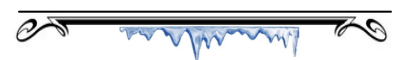
Peach was living as a stray with her four kittens until the beginning of May. She was likely hunting for food and being fed by different people in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, one night she and her kittens were attacked by a raccoon, resulting in all of the kittens being injured, and one died as a result of the attack. Mom and the other three kittens were brought to Burlington Humane in the morning and then sent over to the Burlington Veterinary Emergency and

Referral Hospital for care. Peach was luckily unharmed from the attack but her three surviving kittens were all in rough shape.

Schnapps

(kitten number one), had a bite to his spine that was so severe that his back end was limp. He was not thriving and was unable to walk so he was euthanized that afternoon. Sparkle (kitten number two) had a moderately severe injury to her back leg, a fracture and large wound. The clinic cleaned and stabilized the leg and started her on antibiotics and pain medication right away. We were happy to hear

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Happy Holidays from the Board and Staff at Burlington Humane.



December is [Home for the Holidays](#) month. We will be open on the first three Mondays in December. We will be closed Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.



President's Message

By Jenn Merritt



With the holidays approaching, it is a wonderful time of year to reflect on all the animals that Burlington Humane has helped in 2018. It takes a village to provide care and comfort to every feline and canine that comes through our doors, regardless of age or breed or need. We've accomplished so much this year because of our hard working staff, our dedicated volunteers, and our generous supporters. You all play a vital role in each animal's path to a better life, but your efforts also impact the lives of the families that adopt.

In April, my family lost our beloved shepherd Royal to a stroke. His death came so suddenly and only eight months after losing our other dog Bernie to a rare form of cardiac cancer. Royal was an immeasurable part of my personal and professional life for 10 years and his loss has been especially intense for me, one of the most difficult losses of my life.

What has brought me the most comfort has been talking to others and realizing that having an intense

period of loss after losing an animal companion is normal. It is part of sharing our lives with these unique and extraordinary beings. It proves how completely our animal companions impact our day to day lives: the joys they bring, the sense of well-being and love, and the routines we relish together.

As a bit of time has passed, I now feel immense gratitude that I was able to share my life with Royal. For all the joy that he gave me, I have planted a dogwood tree for him in our backyard, I made a scrapbook of his photos, and most importantly, I made a donation to Burlington Humane in Royal's memory. What better gift can I give than helping another cat or dog to begin a new life together with a lucky person/family.

In closing, I'd like to acknowledge the hard work, dedication and generosity of all the members of the Burlington Humane "village": our staff, volunteers, donors and supporters. Thank you!! Please have a safe and spectacular holiday season and new year!



Start the new year off right with our 2019 Burlington Humane Calendar.

Makes a great gift.

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Executive Director's Message

By Doug Shirton



We have had a number of staff changes and everyone is settling into their new roles. I want to welcome all our new staff. When you see them introduce yourself and say hello.

I also want to congratulate Alex Zych who is on maternity leave from her Volunteer/Event Coordinator role. She gave birth to a happy healthy baby boy in June. Carson Zych arrived ten days overdue but he and family are doing well.

The number of adoptions at Burlington Humane are right on track with last year's numbers. As usual, the summer brought in many litters of kittens. Fortunately, kittens never seem to stay very long at our shelter and they are finding their forever homes quickly.

Burlington Humane has started a Dog Walking

Group. Members of the community can come together every Sunday morning at 9:30 am at Lions Club Park in Burlington. Please ensure your dog enjoys other people and dogs, their vaccinations and licences are up to date and you respect the wishes of other dog owners. Together we walk our dogs while enjoying everyone's company.

I am continually impressed with our team of volunteers. They go above and beyond time and time again to ensure the smooth running of the shelter and the best care for our animals. I often feel that "thank you" is not enough for all they do for us. We truly appreciate all their time, effort and sacrifice.

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that she perked up after about 12 hours on medications and started feeding from mom. Spritz (kitten number three) only had a wound on his back leg and was otherwise fine. He continued to nurse from mom after being taken to the clinic. This little family was eventually moved to another veterinary clinic for continued monitoring and care.

Peach and her two surviving kittens were sent to the loving care of one of our foster parents. Their wounds continued to be treated and they continued to receive medication. Happily, each kitten recovered and was adopted to caring homes. Peach was spayed and has also been adopted to a wonderful home.

Thankfully this story has a happy ending. Peach probably began life as someone's pet and the owners were careless and let her outside, where she became a stray.

It is very important to keep your cat indoors. Not only is it a by-law in Burlington that all pets (cats as well as dogs) need to remain on their owner's property, but it also ensures the safety and wellbeing of the pet. All cats deserve to be safe and this is the responsibility of the owner. Be sure to be a responsible pet owner.



Peach Update:

Peach has been adopted by a loving family and is starting to trust again. She is allowing her owners to pet her and is starting to purr with contentment. She loves her new cat bed and is starting to make herself at home.

Pet Therapy: Fern, the Therapy Cat

By Kelsey Arnold

Fern was not a kitten that you would think would become a therapy cat. She was very fearful - afraid of everything, including people, and spent most of her time hiding. But she also had an insatiable curiosity and couldn't seem to keep herself out of mischief. She quickly figured out the world wasn't as scary as she thought and blossomed into a confident, cheeky cat. She still wasn't what most people would think of when they think of "therapy pets". She steals food, she jumps on our older cats, eats the dog's food if the dog doesn't get there fast enough, tries to dash out the door whenever it's opened, and more. But she's incredibly sweet-natured and cute enough to get away with anything. That, along with the fact that she loves being in her harness, made me think "why not?" when I saw Burlington Humane's plea for therapy cats. She passed her assessment with flying colours and off we went to our first visit. I'd never been to a long-term care facility, but Fern acted as if this is what she had been doing her whole life. While she's affectionate at home, she's not a 'lap cat'. At Hampton Terrace, she's the world's best lap cat. She'll sit with people for as long as they want, letting them stroke her to their heart's content. I've seen people who look lost in their own world brighten up when they see her and suddenly they're chatting away about the pets they had when they were growing up and everything and anything else. She brings happiness and comfort to people who are unable to have pets of their own anymore, and that brings me great happiness and comfort. Not bad for a tiny stray.



The Loft and The Attic

Burlington Humane's second hand stores.

Purchase a wide variety of gently used Christmas decorations, table centre pieces, candles, crockery and clothing ; everything you need to get ready for the season.

The Attic
479 John Street

The Loft (At BHS)
740 Griffith Court

BHS Clothes Available

Greet the winter holidays in style with our t-shirts, hoodies and hats.
Available at the shelter.



Open House

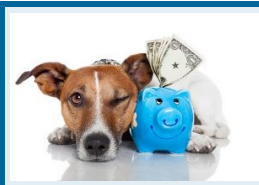
December 8th 2018

Open House: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Gift Baskets, Bake Sale, Silent Auction

Visit our shelter to meet our cats, dogs and staff!
Purchase our delicious goodies and buy some great gifts for your furry friends.

Stocking Stuffer Ideas

Lottery Tickets, Catnip mice, Feliway Diffusers, Gift Membership or In Honour donation for that hard-to-buy for animal lover. Also items from our second hand shops, the Loft and the Attic.



Love the Animals Lottery

Early Bird Draw: \$500, Dec. 21, 2018

Daily Draws : \$100, Jan 1–Jan 30, 2019

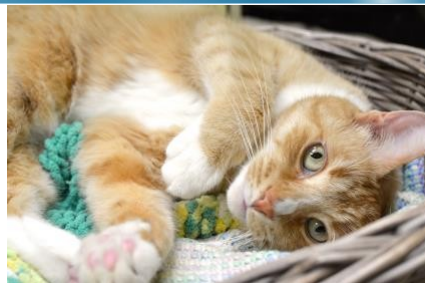
Grand Prize Draw: \$3,000, January 31, 2019

*Tickets are \$5.00
each or 5 for \$20.00*

*“Love the
Animals” Lottery
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Today!*

There's no Place like home For the Holidays

Meet Some of our Longer Term Residents



MacIntosh

Can you make my Christmas wish come true? My name is MacIntosh, and I am a sweet and quiet boy. I am rather shy but I do warm up with people who are prepared to spend some time with me and gain my trust. I had a few health issues when I was found but the wonderful people at BHS have worked hard to put me on my feet again, and now I am ready to find my forever home. I will need to go home with a

special diet, but I am worth it for the love I will give you in return. Please come to visit me and perhaps you will find it in your heart to take me home, not just for the holidays but to be your special cat to love and be a cherished member of your family.

Moscato

Moscato is my name...but I will also respond to “Princess”, “Your Majesty” or “the most beautiful cat in the world”. I am a one of a kind sassy Persian girl. I am ready for my peasant humans to be at my beck and call. I do best outside of a cage, that’s when I let you brush me. I have different moods between friendly/loving, quiet/shy and grumpy/demanding. I clearly do not belong among the regular short hair kitties. I am the best cat you will ever find and cannot wait to be treated as such.



Teagan

My name is Teagan and as you can see, I am a beautiful girl. I’ve just celebrated my first birthday, but my early life has been far from easy as I was found as a stray kitten with a broken hip. My injury has taken a long time to heal. The staff at BHS helped me to get better, and also took the time to help me to regain my confidence and trust. Now that I am fully healed, I am ready to find that special forever home where I will be safe and loved. I will need a little time to settle in but with a lot of patience I will soon be asking for head scratches and be willing to love you in return. Please will you take a chance on me, and make my Christmas wish come true by giving me my first happy home where I can trust and be loved?

“Burlington Humane”

The Podcast of the Burlington Humane Society.

Available from our website or subscribe on iTunes. Keep up with all the latest Burlington Humane News, Events and stories related to pet care.



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Burlington Humane Kids Club

Thursdays, 7pm – 8pm, 10 Week Sessions
For 8-12 year old animal enthusiasts.



Professional Activity Day Camps

Perfect for children ages 6-8 years old.

For more information, visit our website at:

www.burlingtonhumane.ca

Ways to Help



Have you ever wondered how you could support your local shelter without necessarily giving a donation?

- **Gift Baskets for your pet** - Don't forget your four-legged friends this Christmas. Shop early for the best selection of great gift baskets for cats and dogs. Available at BHS.
- **BHS Calendars** - Purchase your 2019 Burlington Humane calendar featuring shelter animals from 2018.
- **Love the Animals Lottery** - Our annual lottery is back! All funds raised support Burlington's stray and abandoned animals. Orders can be placed by phone, 905-637-7325, by mail (Order form on back of newsletter) or email order form to lottery@burlingtonhumane.ca.
- **BHS Christmas Cards** - Purchase your Christmas cards at the shelter. All proceeds go toward food, housing, and medical care for the animals.

Burlington Humane Wish List

Durable Dog and Cat Toys

Cat Crates/Carriers

Cardboard Scratch Pads for Cats

Facial Tissues

Healthy Cat and Dog Treats

1/4 Measuring cups

Canadian Tire Money

8.5 x 11 Printer Paper

Canada & U.S. Stamps

Gift Certificates from Pet Food or Grocery Stores

Royal Canin Kitten/Cat and Puppy/Dog Food

We are a Royal Canin sponsored shelter and ideally like to feed all of our animals Royal Canin food. However, from time to time we get 'picky' cats and therefore like to have other options in case such as: Purina Kitten Chow, PVD Kitten (canned), Hills Science Diet Pate, Friskies, Whiskas & Snappy Tom.

Donations - March 2018 to October 2018



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Thank you everyone for all of your wonderful support! With your generosity we can continue to provide aid and care to homeless and abandoned animals. Knowing that our community cares is a true blessing. We hope to continue to make you all proud!

In Memory of People

Barbara Davies
Bill Patterson
Bob McNichol
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Bruce Goddard
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Diane Stoodley
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Margaret Kokeman
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Steve

Susanne Zankowski
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In Memory of Pets

Cats

Ania Farquhar
Annie Gibbs
Buddy
Calvin
Cleo Bennett
Emily, Vincent & Bentley
Fishcat
Gigi
Gonk Anderson
Henrietta
Jack Prokopchuk Baratto
Jack & Sam
Kheldar Garton
Lovey
Maurice Powrie
Pepper Davies
Petrie
Romeo
Roxy Zomer
Sampson Regan
Sophie
Ziggy

Dogs

Benji Connor
Bob Faulkner
Catou

Clancy
Coco Evfremidis
Diego Kirby
Dodger
Ella Mazza
Elmo
Emma
Frosty
Ginger
Gordon Carpenter
Hannah Rejrut
Heidi
Kegger Treleaven
L'il Richie
Lily
Mandy Kading
Max Semeniuk
Nikki
Poppy
Qinn
Riley Goes

Rusty Woods
Savannah Battersby
Shirley Pickard
Shorty Shering
Theo McCauley
Titi & Tuggy
Tucker
Tyson
Zoe
Zoe Sullivan

In Honour of People:

Matthew
Barbara Bradbury
Christine Ng
Diane Stoodley
Efimkia Djordjevic
Filip Veljkovic's 9th Birthday

Gerald Mullen
Hans 6th Birthday
James Patterson
Jodie and Kevin
John Grysak
Liam Moore
Luke Powell
McKay's Animal Hospital Staff
Rachel Roach
Rebecca
Terri Raza
The Groom's Wedding

Dogs

Ellie Nelson
Ricki Brammer
Sandy Bear Irvings

Burlington Humane Dog Walking Group

Meets
Sunday
Mornings
9:30 am
Lion's Park,
Burlington



ORDER FORM - Love the Animals Raffle

Your tickets will be mailed to you.

For more information call 905-637-7325
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- ☐ I would like to purchase one ticket for \$5
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- ☐ I would like to purchase _____ tickets for _____
- ☐ Please email my tickets to the email address indicated.
- ☐ Email order form to lottery@burlingtonhumane.ca

ORDER INFORMATION

PAYMENT METHOD

- ☐ Visa
- ☐ Mastercard
- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Cheque
- ☐ Debit (in shelter only)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

Credit Card #:

----- Exp: ____/____/____ Signature: _____

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

Fun Fact

Dogs and cats both slurp water the same way. Both dogs and cats bend the tip of their tongue and raise liquid in a column up to their mouths.

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