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French Felines make Life-changing Journey

By Marsha Locke

"It's nice when rescues work together as a team for the sake of the animals,"



Burlington Humane has experienced a shortage of cats during the past winter and now early spring. Because of this, we have reached out to several overcrowded shelters and offered to take some of their animals. Luckily, there has been a transportation network available to bring them to Burlington.

Last November, four cats from Quebec arrived via a "freedom drive." What is a freedom drive, you ask? Well, it's a pretty amazing example of what a community can do when it works together. Eight volunteer drivers each took a portion of the eight-hour drive from Quebec to Burlington. They would meet up with a new driver after an hour, the cats would be transferred to another vehicle and eventually end up at BHS.

The first transfer brought three adorable kittens and one adult cat safely to BHS. After they were checked by a vet, they were ready for adoption to begin their new lives.

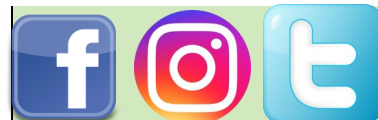
Later that November, nine cats and kittens made an extraordinary journey from two overcrowded animal shelters in Quebec.

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Burlington Humane is proud to be Ontario's premier no-kill shelter.

Check Out all our Great Programs!

Burlington Humane offers programs for children (P.A. Days, Kids Club) and families (Dog Walking Group, Clinics and Workshops).

Be sure to attend all of our events as well. Check out our website for all the latest.

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President's Message By Jenn Merritt

This year celebrates Burlington Humane's 45th anniversary of providing hope, care and a safe haven to cats and dogs in Burlington!

In 1974, Burlington Humane, then called Animal Aid, was founded by a dedicated group of volunteers who recognized that stray and abandoned animals needed help on their journey to a better life. There is no doubt that one of the most important factors in Burlington Humane's 45 years of success is our volunteers.

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and we would like to recognize our volunteers and highlight the wide variety of volunteer roles that they fulfil. Volunteering at BHS can involve direct contact with our animals, such as feed and clean, dog walking, transporting animals to veterinary appointments and fostering. Many more volunteer roles are just as important and support BHS without day to day contact with our animals. These volunteer roles include covering hours at our retail stores, The Loft and The Attic, providing a friendly face

to greet visitors at our reception desk, participating in our therapy dog/cat program, fundraising and events (great for those that suffer from allergies), education/outreach, and last but not least, serving on our board.

Burlington Humane is so fortunate to have many long term volunteers who contribute their time, energy and talents, many of whom have formed long lasting friendships. Thank you to all our volunteers for everything they do for Burlington Humane every day. We hope to see you all at our annual Volunteer BBQ in May.

What role can you play? There are always volunteer opportunities available. Please think about volunteering your time and talents to help Burlington Humane give more dogs and cats and families a happy ever after.

Executive Director's Report

By Doug Shirton

We are very proud of the contribution we are able to make to the animal welfare community.

We are also reaching people beyond our city limits through our podcast. You can listen to "Burlington Humane," the podcast of the Burlington Humane Society, from our website or you can subscribe on iTunes. Not only does our podcast inform listeners about Burlington Humane's news and events, but it also features stories and information about topics of interest to all pet owners. There is something for everyone so be sure to listen to our podcast "Burlington Humane".

As a non-profit organization, we rely solely on the generosity of the community. There are many ways that you can support Burlington Humane. You can donate in memory of a person or pet, designate your donations to one of our many funds, make monthly donations through our "Hearts of Humane" program or you can leave a legacy and ensure that your support for the animals continues long into the future with a planned gift in your will. All amounts are greatly appreciated and assist in the continuing care of our animals.

BHS Directors and Staff

President	Jenn Merritt
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The first snowstorm of the season severely impacted their arrival. What should have been an eight-hour drive ended up taking 18 hours! The nine cats and kittens finally arrived at BHS at 5:30pm, during the worst of the storm.

Surprisingly, all of the cats have had wonderful temperaments considering their long journeys. They are not able to eat or drink in their carriers, so they are really hungry when they arrived at BHS. Our first priority is to give them food, water and a litter pan. Now that they have arrived safely, they will never be

hungry or thirsty again.

Rescuing cats from Quebec that have been on the euthanasia list is not something BHS has ever done before. In Quebec, not all shelters are no-kill shelters. Rescue groups in Ontario, like BHS, are notified of available cats that would otherwise be euthanized.

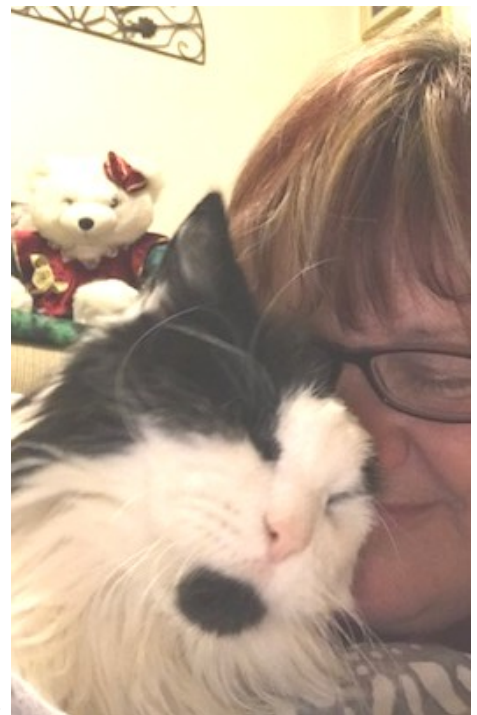
BHS has since rescued cats from Windsor, and from as far away as Texas. We will keep trying to help in any way we can to save more lives and give these wonderful cats a second chance at life.

Cali's Story – A Little Miracle

Back in 2015, a beautiful long-haired black and white cat came to Burlington Humane. Her name was Cali and she was memorable because she had the biggest yellow and green eyes. She was also memorable because she was "grumpy". Only staff were able to handle her. However, she quickly endeared herself to the staff and as a result, moved into one of the staff offices and even started roaming the shelter halls. At this point, she became more social and really blossomed. Although she still had a sassiness about her, she enjoyed sitting on laps! If she chose you, you were stuck there as she enjoyed the attention.

There is a family for every cat and the perfect family came along and adopted Cali! She went home with Norman, another cat that was residing at the shelter.

We recently had an update from Cali's adoptive family. To her family she is a little miracle. She unfortunately developed glaucoma in her eyes and in May of last year, had to have them removed. But even though she has no eyes, she knows exactly where everything is. When she came home from her eye surgery, she made herself very comfortable on the blankets and comforter on the floor. Cali had no intentions of moving and her Mom did not have the heart to move her. So both Cali and her Mom slept on the floor and she postponed making her bed until the next day. Cali makes her family's heart smile everyday. Norman has unfortunately passed away and they think of him everyday. His ashes are in a special place in their home. We are very happy that Cali is doing so well and is so content with her wonderful family.



Professional Activity Day Camp— April 12 & June 7

Registration is filling up quickly for our Professional Activity Day Camps on Friday, April 12 & June 7. Participants will learn about the important relationship we have with our pets and is suitable for children

between the ages of 6-8.

Registration is limited to 10 campers so reserve your spot today. Register by visiting our website at www.burlingtonhumane.ca/pa-camp-day.



Missing Kitty

We encourage all cat owners to keep their cats indoors at all times. This protects cats from getting hit by a car, running into Coyotes, or unnecessarily increasing the stray cat population. However, despite the best of intentions, your feline pet may get outside. If you have a “door jumper” escape from your home, what can you do to ensure their safe return? Your cat may probably be very near your home despite how long it has been missing. We have had many reports of lost cats and they have been right under their owners nose



the whole time. If your treasured pet has gone missing, definitely place posters around the community, let as many people and organizations as possible know.

Some tricks to try to bring your kitty home:

- placing the cat's litter box outside. The cat may be comforted by its own scent and come home.
- placing a motion sensor security camera on the porch.

The cat may come back at night and you might not always be awake to greet them. The motion sensor camera will let you know if you have evening visitors so you can be prepared the next time they visit.

- A baby monitor may also be helpful so you can see who comes around. Be aware that getting lost is a traumatizing situation. Your cat maybe very afraid and even though they are close to home, may still be too afraid to come into the house. Be ready to entice them with their favorite treats if you see them wander home.

There are several other strategies that you can use to help find your lost pet. One of our Burlington Humane Podcast episodes talks extensively on what you can do to find your lost pet. Listen to Episode 17 - an interview with Adoption Counsellor Kimberley Richards explains what to do if your pet goes missing.



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 CUP 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.



Amazon Wish List

You can purchase items from the Amazon website and have them delivered directly to BHS. During checkout, enter our address as the delivery location: 740 Griffith Court, Burlington, ON, L7L 5R9. This is great for our hard to find items, large pieces and things on our Burlington Humane Wish List that we use every day at the shelter. We appreciate every item purchased and donated!



Microchip and Rabies Clinic

Saturday, April 6

Microchips—\$25

Rabies shots—\$25

All microchips and rabies vaccines

will be given by a veterinarian.

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY AT 905-637-7325



Burlington Humane

Benefit Concert

Thurs., May 2, 7 pm

Burlington Central High School

www.BurlingtonHumane.ca

Tickets are \$15.00 and available online at Snapd Burlington;
<https://tinyurl.com/yxqvu9vz>





**“Love the Animals”
Lottery
Winner**



Thank You Budds' Motorrad !

Thank you to Budds' Motorrad in Oakville for their donation of \$2,850.00. Every Winter, Budds' holds service workshops. This year they held five Technical Seminars, showing their clients what goes into servicing their motorcycle. The entire registration fees for the workshops are donated to Burlington Humane. We are very appreciative of Budds' efforts.



Budds' Motorrad has been a constant friend of Burlington Humane for several years. They have raised thousands of dollars for us so that we can continue to find forever homes for stray and abandoned dogs and cats.

We also want to thank the motorcycle community for attending these workshops and we look forward to seeing them all at this year's Ruff Ride Motorcycle Poker Run in the Fall

Congratulations to Lee-Ann Hahn our “Love the Animals” lottery \$3,000 grand prize winner. Congratulations also to our early bird draw winner and all of our January daily draw winners. Thank you to all who purchased tickets. Our lottery was very successful thanks to your generous support.

Pet Therapy: A Program in High Demand



Burlington Humane has a wonderful Pet Therapy program, which is in high demand. People who meet our therapy cats and dogs look forward to their visits. They love interacting with the animals. For some people who have never had pets of their own, it may be one of the rare times that they have spent time with animals.

The people meeting the pets love asking the owners questions about their pet. They want to know what they eat, what they like, what their favorite toy is or what tricks they can do. The residents enjoy hearing about the pets that have come to visit. Our therapy pets accept everyone, regardless of a person's age or condition. The unconditional love of a visiting pet can help to alleviate nursing home residents' stress, anxiety, depression or feelings of loneliness and social isolation they may be experiencing.

Studies have shown that interacting with a pet can reduce blood pressure and improve overall cardiovascular health. It can also release endorphins that produce a calming effect. Even watching fish can ease tense muscles.

Our Pet Therapy program is very important. Do you have a pet who is very calm and loves to be around people? Would you like to spend time with your pet visiting others in the community? The Burlington Humane Pet Therapy program may be for you. Because our Pet Therapy program is so popular, opportunities for involvement are open now. You and your pet could bring joy and happiness to many people in our community. Become a Pet Therapy volunteer. Check our website for more information to see if you and your pet are a good fit.

Volunteer Recognition

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

5 Years

George Anodaliev

Kelsey Arnold

Nancy Atkinson

Tami Beckers

Sarah Blythe

Julie Brower

Rebecca Burnett

Olivia Carina

Charlotte Carpenter

Lyne Chamelot

Joanne Charbonneau

Carole Coles

Sue Cooley

Helen Culbertson

Donna D'Amelio

Deanna Dixon

Rebecca Deley

Nicole Deley

Maria Draak

Debbie Duncan

Karen Fowler

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Dominic Haas

Shari Hammill

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Jennifer Lipinski

Annick Lutes

Andrew MacDonald

Andrew Mack

Samantha Marchand

Katie Matesic

Jenn Merritt

Paula Mitton

Tara Mosey

Karen Newman

Brad Norris

Lauren Oliveira

Victoria Pagani

Susanne Ribble

Chelsea Rodrigues

Hannah Raczkowski

Pam Somers

Michelle Stock

Kendra Tielemans

Alexandra Treiber

Alicia Tuck

Sandra Veldman

Iwona Walasek

Joyce West

Eleanor Yarrow

Yilin Zhang

10 Years

Carol Kusch

Eleanor McNeil

15 Years

Darlene Elliot

20 Years

Martha Howard

Marna Smith

25 years

Emile Prue

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

Donations - December 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019

We really appreciate the wonderful support that we receive from the community. Thank you for honouring your relative, friend or pet with a memorial donation.



In Honour of People

Abigale & Jack Guy
Alexandria Schultz
Andrew Blake
Audrey Geady
Betty
Bill O'Brien
Bob and Anita Cadotte
Carmen and Julia Michetti
Chloe Samson
Coleen Panchyson
Connie Unrau
Cookieman, Rachele, Devin
Dan & Ruth Levack
Emily & Katie Sumpter
George Halcovitch
Jeff & Amy
Honeychurch
Judy McClain
Namenek
Karla Bradnam
Kevin Murray
Kim Arndt
Linda McCaig
Lindsey Sammut
Liz Durdan
Mara and Kate Lander
Mr & Mrs Calvin
Graham
Puck Bunnies Podcast

Sonja and Peter Moreira
Sophie
Spartacus and Maple
Susan and Fraser Petrick
The Cheyne Family-Gus and Doug
Vicki Markwick and Don Sayles
Vikki and Dawn
Yvonne

In Honour of Dogs

Chimo and Nukka
Daisy

In Honour of Cats

Bacardi
Koko and Pud
Marble

In Memory of People

Arlene Pallo
Bev Hardy
Brian Hutton
Brian Long Sr
Chris Ellerbeck
Christi
David Campbell
Denis Harrington
Dr. Stanley Dziurdzy
Duane Baltzer

Efimija Djordjevic
Ellen Catherine (Wallace) Graham
Florence Walker
Geoffrey Sharron
George Halcovitch
Harold Leach
Harvey Buck
Jean Galloway
John Grysak
John Martin Dudik
Julia McQuinn
Keenan Lang
Kirk David Ryan
Laura Graham
Louisa Newington
Margaret D. Vance
Mary Armstrong
Matt Thorsen
Mike Yager
Nancy Lancaster
Rod MacDonald
Sandra (Sandi) Rae Ferguson

In Memory of Cats

Angus
Brandy
Bunny and Fiver
Bunny, Charlie, Sam, Moose, Daisy, Callie
Diva
Gracie

Harley
Jack & Sam
Jade
Lucky
Misty
Mowgli & Calvin
Mr Spank
Norman
Nosey
Phantom
Princess Hester
Storm
Whiskey

In Memory of Dogs

Bauer
BJ & Monty
Charlie Samson
Cleo
Dylan Cardillo Jenkins
George
Hamish
Lucy Green
Lulu Listrom
Oliver
Paddie
Reise
Roxie
Rudy
Ryker
Galley/
Kluge



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

The Attic and The Loft *By Carole McArthur*

Getting ready for Spring? Be sure to visit the Loft and the Attic, Burlington Humane's second hand stores where you can find amazing deals, including clothing and gently used household items. Everything at both locations has been generously donated by

members of the community. If you have Spring fever, our Spring and Summer collections are now available.

If you are doing your spring cleaning and you find items that others would consider treasures, bring them

to the Loft and the Attic. The Loft is located at our shelter (740 Griffith Court) and the Attic is located in downtown Burlington at 479 John Street.



BHS Clothes Available for Purchase

Greet spring and summer in style with Burlington Humane t-shirts and hoodies. Purchase your clothing and let everyone know that you support the animals at Burlington Humane.



Junior Philanthropists

Burlington Humane has had a number of young people who have graciously collected donations on BHS' behalf. We are very thankful for their selfless efforts. Here are just some of the few junior philanthropists.



Mia

Sophie and Owen



Ella, Maggie, Claire, Gabby, Isabella, Layla and Leena

Brennen and Tyler



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A Special Thanks to Our Sponsors

