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*Helping People &  
Animals Since 1974*

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### ***WOOF! WOOF! A kitten's life is Saved!***



In mid-October, a lady arrived at our door with a frightened young kitten. The lady and her two dogs had been out for a walk when the dogs started barking at a bush and would not leave the bush alone. Curious as to

what her dogs found so interesting, she parted the branches to find a kitten hiding in the bush. The kitten obviously needed help as it was badly injured and very frightened.

The kitten, a female about 4 months old, was limping on her left hind leg and she was very thin and very hungry. Nobody knows how long she had been hiding in the bush, suffering severe pain from her injury. It is uncertain how the injury had occurred, whether she was hit by a car or had had a serious fall.

The injury was just below the ball of the hip joint, in a place where a repair is not possible. The kitten needed Femoral Head Ostectomy surgery. The veterinary surgeon removed the round head of the hip bone by severing the slanted piece of bone that holds it to the femur (upper leg bone).

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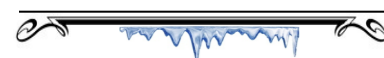
### ***Sweet Benji Seeing the World in a Whole new Light***

Benji, came to BHS as a transfer from another shelter which had received dogs from Northern Ontario. A small 2 year old Lab-mix, Benji endeared himself to everyone he met with his gentle and affectionate nature.

We quickly noticed Benji was having trouble with his left eye. He was going to need to see an Ophthalmology Specialist. The report included some very heart-wrenching news – Benji had likely received a sustained trauma to his eye, most likely from some type of blow from a blunt object. He had developed a cataract and scar tissue behind his eye, which prevented fluid from flowing into it.



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*Happy Holidays from the Board  
and Staff at Burlington Humane.*

**Where can you find  
Burlington Humane?**

**Our Website:  
[BurlingtonHumane.ca](http://BurlingtonHumane.ca)**

**Facebook:  
[Burlington  
Humane](https://www.facebook.com/BurlingtonHumane)**



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[@Burlington  
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**Twitter:  
[@BurlHumane](https://twitter.com/BurlHumane)**



**YouTube:  
[Burlington  
Humane](https://www.youtube.com/BurlingtonHumane)**



## President's Message

By Jenn Merritt

I can say without reservation that this was a year like no other for everyone, including Burlington Humane! Our shelter, our community, and our country faced extraordinary uncertainties due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Even with the unprecedented challenges, more than any other year, we have a tremendous amount to be thankful for.

As we all adapted to the "new normal" in our lives, our staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to keep our mission alive and well. As the pandemic responses changed on a day-to-day basis, so did our processes and procedures to keep safety a priority for everyone. Thanks to the steadfast leadership of our Executive Director Doug Shirton, Animal Care Supervisor Marsha Locke, and Board Member April Mraud, BHS has continued to provide compassionate care and adoptions throughout the pandemic. April also volunteers as a receptionist and, along with other visitors.

Doug has also been instrumental in extending the use of Social Media to promote the animals, which has directly resulted in stable adoption numbers. Some of our animals started having a following and Doug is now featuring those animals that have found their forever homes, as well as those for adoption. This has required us to open a separate YouTube channel "Burlington Humane Society", so it is easy to find a particular video. Check it out at YouTube.com

Recently Burlington Humane was profiled by Humane Canada who praised us for our effective use of social media to advertise animals available for adoption and celebrate those who have found their forever homes. A special thank you to Doug for his extra work in putting the animals first.

This has definitely been a year of bringing out the best in humanity. All our staff and volunteers have shown their dedication to the animals and to BHS. Some cut-backs have had to be made and everything

takes a bit longer, but no one complains. The community has proven they are grateful of our work by continuing to support us financially. We are sincerely thankful to all of you.

This holiday season, please consider donating to Burlington Humane. Remember, all donations are used for the care of the animals. We hope you can support our fundraising efforts during this very challenging time.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we wish you and your pets safety, health and happiness in the New Year, and forever homes for our animals!



### BHS Directors and Staff

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## Executive Director's Message

By Doug Shirton

The challenges of the last several months have been numerous and constant. However, Burlington Humane has continued to put the animals first while protecting the health and safety of all our volunteers, guests and staff.

Animal Shelters and Rescues around the country have been struggling to figure out how to best serve their population while still ensuring their animals are being cared for. Burlington Humane made the decision early to remain open, completely changing its protocols for adoptions and increasing our already stringent shelter disinfecting rules. This has ensured the safety of the public and allowed continuation of our adoption program. Our adoption numbers have remained strong and vibrant.

Over the months since March when the pandemic "hit" us, we have learned so much and are constantly updating our procedures to comply with government regulations regarding sanitization and masks.

### Social Media is our new best friend!

BHS has made good use of YouTube, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram platforms to keep the public informed about the animals and how to adopt. The website has pictures of all animals for adoption listed and a short personality description. Every day, we feature a different animal, complete with a video. We also feature a virtual room tour on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram each night. This is a lot more work, but the results have been so worthwhile.

This has given those interested in adopting the opportunity to choose several animals to visit and reduce time when they come to the shelter. An application is completed online, applicants are screened with a phone interview and given an appointment to visit the shelter. All guests must sign a Covid-19 waiver, wear a mask and practice physical distancing when in the shelter.

### Adoptions – An Encouraging Result

As a result of the need to change our procedures, we

## Even Shy Cats Make Great Pets



Blackie was an abandoned cat who had lost all of his trust in people. He found himself all alone in the middle of winter. After spending six months at the shelter gaining trust and confidence, he went home with a gentleman and has flourished. He hid for the first few weeks but in no time he was following his new Dad all around the home and sitting with him on the couch. They have become best friends. The next time you are looking to bring a furry feline into your home, please consider a shy cat who gets overlooked. Once you gain their trust and a bond is formed, shy cats will be your loyal companion.

have an 85% adoption rate. This is much higher than in pre-Covid times. Adoption numbers have remained strong – from 2020 January 1 – September 30 there are only 30 adoptions less than the same period in 2019.

It is only with the help and diligence of our volunteers and staff that we have continued to provide the same exceptional service to the community and our animals as we did pre-pandemic, albeit in a somewhat different fashion. We are very fortunate that we have the support of the Burlington community which allows us to provide the best care for our animals.





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### ("Woof", Continued from page 1)

This prevents bone-to-bone contact between the pelvis and the femur. Eventually, fibrous scar tissue forms, creating a new attachment. This attachment has considerably less strength and stability than the original hip joint, and after-care requires physical therapy. Although some loss of function can occur, full use of the leg often returns within two to three months.

This little kitten was originally named WOOF. This little kitten was originally named WOOF in honour of the two dogs who found her. Thankfully, her name has been changed to Arbor! Lesli, her foster mom, says Arbor is healing well and is very cuddly and wants to play.

It will likely be December before Arbor is available for adoption and she will need a special home where she will be able to thrive. Arbor's prognosis is very good for a full recovery, but as she ages she could develop some mobility issues.

What a lucky little kitten Arbor is! WOOF-WOOF! Saved by her two heroes and a caring passer-by who took the time to investigate!

It is thanks to the generosity of our community that Arbor's treatment was paid for by donations to the Ariel Fund, to put this delightful animals back on the road to recovery.

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## WISHING FOR A HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

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### Mr T - Resident for 5 months

Mr T is a handsome two year old brown tabby who was found abandoned. He arrived in mid-June and did not adjust very well to the shelter, and would hide in the back of his cage.

He was moved to a small room of his own where he could be out of a cage. This made Mr T more comfortable and he has come out of his shell. He will now approach people and ask for pets, but will swat if over-stimulated.

Mr T needs an experienced cat owner who can read his body language and respect his boundaries. He would do best in a home where he is loved and will never again be tossed away.



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### MARY - Resident for over 6 months

Mary was found with her newborn babies on a construction site. There was no shelter and no source of food. She and her babies were lucky to have been rescued and brought to Burlington Humane, from where they all went into a foster home.

Her babies have since been adopted and now it's Mary's turn to find a forever home. Although she is shy, she is living in one of our offices where she enjoys playing with toys, is content to be close by her human, loves looking out the window or taking a nap.

Mary is making significant strides and would make a great pet for someone who is patient and will allow her to blossom at her own pace.



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### EVE - OUR LONGEST RESIDENT- Over 8 Months

Eve was found living in a dilapidated garage beside a vacant home. The home owner had moved out and left their cats behind. It was the middle of an extremely cold winter. The garage was full of trash and did not provide much warmth because the door was removed. She was one of 23 cats removed from the garage by another cat rescue who asked other shelters for help. Eve has done remarkable well at the shelter. She readily accepts pets and enjoys attention. Eve readily accepts pets and would very much like to have a loving home with someone who loves her company.

*Do you have room in your heart and home for one of these cats? If the answer is yes then you can go online to our website ([BurlingtonHumane.ca](http://BurlingtonHumane.ca)) and fill out our online cat adoption application. Hopefully you are the right fit and can provide one of these beautiful cats a home for the holidays.*





Burlington Humane has new modified hours. We no longer take any walk in traffic. Guests can enter the shelter by appointment only. The hours that we are open for appointments are:

**Tuesday; 10 am - 5 pm**

**Thursday; 10 am – 5 pm**

**Saturday; 10 am - 5 pm**

**Please note:**

**We will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Saturday, December 26, 2020.**

## *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.

## **Burlington Humane 2021 Calendar *STARS***

**NOW AVAILABLE - \$20**

Start the New Year off right with a 2021 Burlington Humane Calendar featuring *STARS* for each month and 2 collages of the many beautiful animal photographs that were sent in as applicants.

Get your calendar early! Available at The Loft store located at the shelter.

Purchase online at the website [BurlingtonHumane.ca](http://BurlingtonHumane.ca) and follow the prompts.





## 2020 ONLINE HOLIDAY AUCTION

November 14 - 23

Hundreds of amazing items and gift certificates will be available in our holiday auction. Follow along on our BHS FACEBOOK page and get your bids in!

Winners may pick up their items at the shelter beginning November 26.



## KIDS CLUB GOES VIRTUAL



Starting in January 2021

Watch for registration info on our website [burlingtonhumane.ca](http://burlingtonhumane.ca) and social media.

Our popular BHS Kids Club will be coming back soon using ZOOM as the online platform. Available for kids 8-12 years old.

Learn about animals, complete craft projects, get virtual tours of the shelter, hear from amazing guest speakers, and more!



## SANTA IS COMING To BURLINGTON HUMANE

Santa always makes time for Burlington Humane during the busy holiday season. This year, due to COVID-19, he is sending a representative! You will be able to visit our outdoor display in front of the shelter, and take your own photos.

The display will be lit up at night for evening visits. Remember to maintain social distancing!

No appointment necessary. Donations are appreciated and can be made by visiting the website at [BurlingtonHumane.ca](http://BurlingtonHumane.ca).



## They're back! **CHRISTMAS BASKETS**

Now being sold at the BHS Loft store; prices starting at \$5 and up.  
Avoid disappointment by shopping early for best selection.



## New!! **CHRISTMAS CRACKERS**

Treat your pet to a traditional holiday fun surprise!  
Makes a great stocking stuffer for all your furry friends, at \$5 each.

# IN MEMORY AND HONOUR OF YOUR LOVED ONES

THANK YOU!

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**We are honoured to receive donations in memory of loved ones.**

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

## In Memory of People

Ardith Trapman  
Brian Carlisle  
Carol O'Hare  
Carrie E. Pineault  
Chantal Jackman  
Christopher Smith  
Claus Shonfeld  
Dana Varga  
Elizabeth French  
Ethel Milen  
Eve Kovacs  
Fred Rogan  
Frederick K. Stelling  
Gary Paul Cooke  
George Wickert  
Georgina Hayward  
Graham Dougan  
Harold Leach  
Harold Sanderson  
Harry Welch  
Jack Donald  
Jack Holden  
Jean Galloway  
Jenna Delong  
John Antymniuk  
John Engersbach  
June Partridge  
Keith Carpenter  
Larry Baker  
Lorraine Stevenson  
Margaret Hubay  
Marilyn Organ  
Marilynne Ann Hamre  
Marita Traeger  
Marleen Hoolboom  
Mary Patricia Neilson

Maryann Pedicone  
Matthew Fagan  
Olga Winter  
Patience Wright  
Patricia Trevelick  
Patrick Sereg  
Phillip Vanderburgh  
Richard Baruch  
Roy Singleton  
Roy Bundy  
Steve Smith and Jazz  
Teresa Tuck  
William Morrissey

## In Memory of Cats

Arizona Clark  
Boris Bayley  
Bosley  
Callie Thomson  
Charlie & Rory Clarke  
Domino  
George  
Gus Jovetic  
Harry  
Henry Goulin  
Henry Speed  
Holly  
Kratos & Dante  
Lexi  
Link Ehsan  
Morris Roury  
Pretty Jordan  
Scruffs Nelson  
Sophie Collins  
Toots & Toro Jordan  
Whisper  
Zack Durham

## In Memory of Dogs

Abby Minardi  
Anna  
Bear Litton  
Bella  
Briggs Weaver/Laycock  
Carter O'Brien  
Charlie  
Chelsea  
Clancy Ruter  
Cooper O'Shaughnessy  
Cuddles  
Daisy "Beebs" Lokun  
Gabby Samji  
Harley Williams  
Izzy Knapp  
King  
Lili Bryson  
Lola Leblanc  
Lucy  
Maggie  
Max

Maggie  
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Millie  
Neula  
Newman DoCarmo  
Odin Gustafson  
PJ Stephen  
Rocky  
Rocky Cargill  
Shelby Amendola  
Sophie  
Spartacus Brown  
Stella Mastronmauro  
Tizzy  
Toro  
Watson Blonde  
Wendell Vanderbeek  
Will Godfrey  
Winston Lake

## Christmas is Here

### at the *Loft* and the *Attic*

Everything you need to get ready for the season is right at your fingertips, and all at bargain prices!

Purchase a wide variety of gently used Christmas decorations. Bargains always available on candles, crockery and clothing, even warm coats for your pets.

#### The Attic

479 John Street

#### The Loft (At BHS)

740 Griffith Court

## Donations (Continued)

### In Honour of People

Aimee Aljas  
Barbara & Dick Harris  
BTL Grade 6 Class of  
2020  
Cora  
Dr. Derek Bowerman  
Erica Fiorillo  
Ethan's Birthday  
Jackson and Abigail  
Guy  
Kim Turow  
Kira Petten  
Marilynne Hamre  
Mary Lindo  
Maxime  
Nancy Davidson  
Noah Van Heerden  
Odette Borg  
Rhonda Mortell  
Stef Watmough  
Trish Hill

Valerie McCormick's  
birthday  
Tokyo Children Server

### In Honour of Cats

Bernadette French  
Charlie  
Cricket  
Fargo  
Max  
Misty  
Poppy (adopted from  
BHS July 2019)  
Thee  
Charlie Schaus  
Kitty  
Marble

### In Honour of Dogs

Artie Miller  
Maverick  
Chloe Roberts  
Ozzie

(Sweet Benji, continued)



*Benji with his new forever best friend, Bailey.*

If nothing was done, pressure would build up resulting in a lot of pain. Benji had not been able to see out of that eye for some time. Two options were discussed, removing some of the scar tissue with the hope it would relieve

pain, or remove the eye. Even with the first option, he would still not have sight in the eye, so removing the damaged eye would prevent any future complications.

Benji had the eye removed and doesn't miss it. This beautiful boy has been adopted and is now living his best life in his forever home with wonderful people who love him, and a bonus, another dog as a companion. They are all in love with Benji, as Benji is with them! Congratulations to Benji and his new family!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Sally fund, which allowed Benji to receive his life changing surgery. Thank you for all your care and compassion for Benji and other needy animals like him!



### **WE ARE PROUDLY INDEPENDENT!**

Burlington Humane is a member of Humane Canada.  
We are not associated with the Hamilton/Burlington SPCA.



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