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Spruce – On the Mend



By Verena Schleich

Spruce is a 6 year old Shih Tzu mix who was found as a stray. He came to BHS with a laundry list of issues:

- Dryness in his left eye
- Greenish discharge
- Malnutrition
- Bone malformation
- Abnormal gait
- Muscle wasting
- Umbilical hernia
- Poor blood work

Despite being so unwell, and although he could barely lift his head, he clearly had determination and love to spare.

None of his bones or joints were quite where they should be, and at the beginning, it was unclear how much of his lack of mobility was from the physical deformities versus the

malnutrition. However, after several weeks of two nutritious meals a day, we repeated his blood work and it was normal! This told us that at least he had the potential to live a long and happy life, so that's what we began to work towards.

When they say it takes a village, that's what it is taking for this little guy. From the x-rays, we could tell that some of his deformities were congenital, but some were caused by abuse. Despite that, he's just the most hilarious and loving dog.

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

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President's Message

By Andrew Mack



Hello to all our supporters,

I would like to send warm wishes for the season to all our wonderful supporters, volunteers and staff. The success of Burlington Humane would not be what it is without you.

As we close out 2022 we have returned to normal operations and the number of animals we are helping and adopting is steadily increasing. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped to keep the shelter operating throughout the pandemic as it was invaluable to the welfare of animals in Burlington.

Our fundraising events have returned as things opened up throughout the summer. Some notable highlights are the annual Ruff Ride motorcycle event, and a Pooch Plunge in a City of Burlington pool where dogs can swim before the pools are closed for the season. This event was a great collaboration between the city and BHS to give some excitement to the dogs from our community. I hope that it will be an even bigger draw next year.

We hope that you, your families and pets will enjoy a quiet and safe end to 2022 and all the best wishes for 2023.

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We began doing physio, laser therapy, and hydrotherapy. We got him a wheelchair as he had to build the muscles he needed to use. We booked orthopaedic surgery with River Glen Veterinary Services, who ordered the hardware from the UK that Spruce needed for his knees. Finally, on October 20th he went in for his first surgery.

In one long afternoon, they repaired both of his hind knees, fixed his umbilical hernia, and neutered him. His recovery has been going slowly, but each day is a little better than the last. How much more surgery we do remains to be seen, but despite it all, he's an inspiration in resilience and is an incredibly special boy.

Executive Director's Message

By Doug Shirton



The past year has seen a lot of positive changes at Burlington Humane. In March, we hired Verena Schleich, who has a comprehensive knowledge base working with animals. We now have a kennel full of stray and surrendered dogs, and even moved some into foster care while we find their forever homes.

We have also been able to recruit many new foster volunteers for cats, which increases the number of cats we can take in. Regardless of how much care and attention the animals receive at the shelter, there is no substitute for a home environment.

As people returned to work after the pandemic, we received many additional requests for surrender of animals, especially dogs. This has increased our need for foster homes. It takes a lot to be a foster volunteer and it is emotionally demanding. The reward of course is seeing their foster thrive and find their forever home.

With numbers of animals climbing, and the shelter filling up, everyone has gone above

and beyond to ensure that each animal is happy and healthy. Thank you to all of our staff for taking such good care of our animals.

It takes a combined effort of volunteers to make the shelter and Burlington Humane run smoothly. The shelter alone requires many volunteers for feed and clean, dog walking, socializing animals, fostering, reception, transportation, and maintenance on a daily basis. Other volunteers for community outreach programs such as those who work at the second hand stores, pet therapy volunteers, education volunteers and fundraising volunteers all give generously of their time. A huge thank you goes out to everyone for all their efforts!

I also want to acknowledge our donors and supporters. We do not receive any government funding, so your support is vital. Thank you for continuing to believe in us and for supporting us so we can help hundreds of animals each year.

I want to wish everyone a happy holiday and a very healthy and prosperous New Year!

Sharing Parenting Responsibilities

By Doug Shirton

Burlington Humane recently helped out with a hoarding situation in which 40 cats were found in a house. Among the animals we helped rescue was a mother cat, Skylar, who came in with a litter of kittens. However she was so traumatised that she was not feeding them.

Skylar came into Burlington Humane with her fellow feline friend, Jessica. Jessica also had a litter of kittens, but unfortunately none of Jessica's kittens survived. Jessica was quite happy to help Skylar look after her kittens and even assisted with nursing. With Jessica by her side, Skylar was given a comforting reprieve and was happy to co-parent. We are delighted to report that all the kittens have now been adopted. Jessica has also found her forever home. Skylar is doing well and is now available for adoption. We are confident she will find her forever home soon!!



Jessica



Skylar

Dante—Happy & Healthy at Home

By Doug Shirton

As you may recall, Dante came to us with a huge growth on his lower jaw. It was so severe that Dante could not close his mouth and the skin was stretched to the max!

After two surgeries to remove the growth and reconstruct his lower jaw and lower lip, Dante was ready to find his forever home. However the surgeries resulted in excessive drooling and the tip of his tongue permanently showing. But that just made him that much more adorable.

Dante went to his foster-to-adopt home and then they fully adopted him. Congratulations Dante. We are very happy for you!!



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

Stocking Stuffer Ideas

Pet Gift Baskets, Catnip mice, Feliway Diffusers, In Memory or In Honour donation for that hard-to-buy for animal lover. Or purchase items from our second hand shops, the Loft and the Attic.



Thank you Emilie!!

By Jolene Regan

The Attic staff honoured Emilie Prue, one of BHS/Animal Aid's longest volunteers, at a luncheon in October on her retirement! Emilie started volunteering at the Attic in 1989. Along with working as staff, she helped organize off-site book sales, worked at garage sales, and crocheted thousands of catnip mice for the Attic, the shelter and the Loft. Emilie says she will miss the many friends she has made over the years, including many other volunteers and regular Attic customers.

At 91 years "young", Emilie will continue making catnip mice in her spare time!

Thank you, Emilie, for your many years as a dedicated volunteer and helping raise money for the care of the animals! Everyone will miss you! We wish you many happy years of enjoyable retirement!

There's no Place like home For the Holidays

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

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8.5 x 11 Printer Paper

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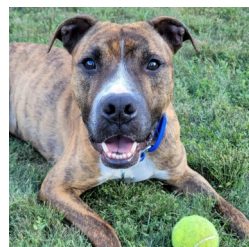
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We are a Royal Canin sponsored shelter and ideally like to feed all of our animals Royal Canin food. However, from time to time we get 'picky' cats and therefore like to have other options in case, such as: Purina Kitten Chow, PVD Kitten (canned),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

Here are some of our dogs waiting for their forever homes!! Check our website for all their latest info.



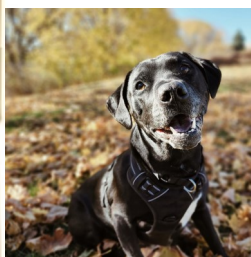
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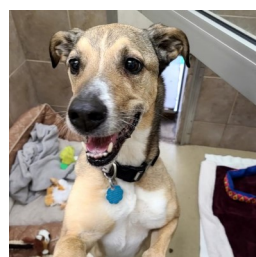
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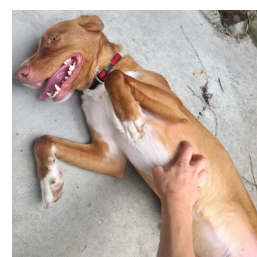
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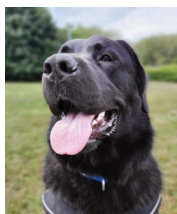
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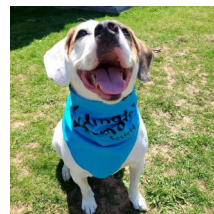
Pumpkin



Rafa



Sassafras



Tyson

Thank You Jackson Pond



Burlington Humane is proud to have a brand new water feature in our small dog walking playground. Our neighbors, Jackson Pond, donated a beautiful flowing water feature for our dogs to play in. They will also be maintaining it. Thank you so much, Jackson Pond, for your generosity. It is beautiful and our dogs love it!!



A New Era in Pet Therapy Post-Pandemic

by Silvia Patrizio

Since 1984, our volunteers have faithfully been visiting local retirement and nursing homes in the Burlington area with their dogs and cats, bringing joy and companionship to isolated seniors. That all changed in March 2020, when the Covid-19 pandemic brought mankind to a standstill, workplaces shut down; schools closed.

Nowhere was the lockdown order more profoundly felt than in retirement and nursing homes where seniors were confined to their rooms, unable to see their families and friends.

The BHS Pet Therapy Program, meanwhile, was suspended indefinitely. At BHS, our hearts



went out to the geriatric community, and we needed to change to remain relevant.

With the assistance of healthcare workers, BHS began offering virtual pet therapy visits. Some volunteers participated in window visits by visiting with their pets from outdoors at seniors' windows. It would be 1 1/2 years before therapy pets were again allowed back into retirement and nursing homes for in-person visits.

However, the number of volunteers started decreasing while demands for pet therapy services increased. Studies have shown the benefits of pet therapy and the positive effect on mental health, not only for seniors and the healthcare providers, but also at the workplace.

BHS has been recruiting new pet therapy volunteers to accommodate this increasing demand, offering frequent pet assessments with our professional animal behaviourist. If you have a gentle, sociable dog or cat at home, and can offer a couple of spare hours per month, we would really love to hear from you! Fill out an online volunteer application on our website.

In Memory Donations - October 2021 to October 2022



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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

Alan Nelson
Anna Kunz
Anne Barbu
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Audrey Jean Steele
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Yvette Vandenbreemen

In Memory of Dogs

Adie & Amy
Allie Cleply
Annie Hepburn
Bailey, Riley and Oliver
Barkley Mateljan
Bebe Fowler
Bentley Lamont
Boris & Jake

Button
Carly Hall
Charlie Griffith
Chloe
Chloe O'Neil
Chumley Tihanyi
Coco
Daisy Chambers
Daisy Decoste
Daisy Drinkwater
Daytona Norman
Didi Paradise
Emerson Williams
Frankie
Gizmo
Harley and Lanbeau
Holly White
Hugo Perrino
Hugo Sydoo
Isla Brady
Jake
Jeep Ingram
Jesse Howarth
Jilly Cox
Lacey Mifflin
Luna
Madison
Madison Lambie
Marvin & Charlie
Mollie Maranda
Molly Savrnach
Nixie Davies
Oscar Moore
Phoebe Mundy
Pilar Brannan

Riley Anderson
Rosco Smith
Roxi Raspopov
Rya Stuckey
Sadie Cavanaugh
Scarlet Rorscok
ShayShay Cooke
Sherman
Sophie Mercer
Stanley Gibson
Stella Corey
Teddy
Toffee Swirsky
Tucker McKnight
Tye Brown
Watson Shering
Willie Sheffield
Zeus Ireland
Ziggy

In memory of Cats

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Bobbi & Bennie
Brody Passmore
Charlie
Cruiser
Danza Marshall
Fast Eddie Vipond
Felix Halldorson
Felix Summers
Fredward J. Snugglesworth III
Frieda Zeijlmaker
Jakey Porter
Kitty

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Whittingstall
Lily Riordan
Lincoln Dicklson
Link Ehsan
Maggie Ingram
Maggie May
Marshall Mathers
Mini Ng
Misty Rolland
Moe & Family
Molly
Morris Routery
Morris, Lucky & Kitty
Nara Park-Smith
Neko
Pinto Keihler
Rocky Mitchell
Rufus
Sam Davies
Shiboh Kolade
Stardust Dymock
Sweet P Head
Tiger Lowe
Wuzzy & Lorenzo Vandermonlen



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.

Welcome Our New Staff!

Joining our team are Kristin Hulzinga, our new Animal Care Worker and Stephanie Laros, our new Adoption Counsellor. Please help us welcome them as they train and learn their new roles. Welcome!!



Kristin Hulzinga

Stephanie Laros



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Donating monthly is easy and convenient. You can set up pre-authorized bank withdrawals each month. Monthly donors

are very import to Burlington Humane as it provides an ongoing stable source of income. These funds help provide a safe place for stray and abandoned animals of Burlington, while also providing top quality medical attention and shelter care. There are many ways to donate. Visit our website for more information. If you would like to become a monthly donor through automatic bank withdrawals, please contact BHS at (905) 637-7325.

Fun Fact

Researchers found those puppy dog eyes are not a sign of guilt but fear. In fact it is just the way we interpret a dog's reaction to being scolded. If they eat every biscuit in the house, they may look ashamed but don't expect them to feel guilty as they don't experience these emotions.

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