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Harvey— A Giant Puppy at Heart

Harvey is a dog who came to the shelter with a love of toys, people, and making new friends... he just sometimes needs a minute (and maybe a treat or two) to feel confident when meeting someone new. Once he warms up, he's all wiggles and heart.

Harvey is a high-energy adventure buddy who needs both brain and body workouts. Long walks? Yes please. Puzzle toys? Even better. If there's something fun to do, Harvey wants in!

He plays beautifully with other dogs and is super friendly, but he doesn't always realize when his friends need a break—he's that kid at recess who never wants the game to end. To help him be his best self, with the generous donations from his GoFundMe page, Harvey is currently in training camp working on leash manners, impulse control, and learning how to settle down after exciting moments. He's a smart boy and is making great progress! He will soon be available for adoption and ready for his forever home.



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Happy New Year from the Board and Staff at Burlington Humane.

The Surprising (and Heartwarming!) Benefits of Dog DNA Testing

Just like people, dogs can get DNA tests too! While it's fun to learn what breeds make up your pup, these tests can also uncover valuable health and behavioral insights. Genetic testing helps identify potential health risks, guide preventive care, and even alert veterinarians to special needs like medication sensitivities.

But beyond science, DNA testing can deepen the bond you share with your dog — and sometimes lead to amazing surprises!

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President's Message

By Andrew Mack



Dear friends of Burlington Humane Society,
 As we close out 2025 it brings a smile to my face to think of all the animals that passed through the halls of Burlington Humane Society on their journey to their new loving family. The animals spending their first Christmas in their new home is something we as a community can all be proud of. The smell of baking and maybe a turkey in the oven giving them some new scents to explore. As we look forward to a new year our mission has not changed, to help care for and find

new homes for as many animals in our community as possible. From the staff to our volunteers and donors, this success would not be possible without you.

Some of the animals that pass through our door need quite extensive medical care and training to get that 2nd chance to make it to the adoption phase. So many of you have stepped up to contribute to these unique cases through our GoFundMe pages. It is that extra level of compassion for animals that would
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Wish List

- Durable Dog and Cat Toys*
- Cardboard Scratch Pads for Cats*
- 1/4 Measuring cups*
- 8.5 x 11 Printer Paper*
- Canada & U.S. Stamps*
- Wet Pate Style Kitten/Cat 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.

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not have this opportunity otherwise that make me take a pause and say wow there is nothing this group cant do when the need arises. With each note that a special case or long term residents found their forever home i feel such great happiness and the credit all goes to you.

I had hoped the progress on our new shelter expansion would have been further along as I write this but slow and steady wins the race as they say. A project of this scale has not been

without a few surprises but the team is moving forward and I hope when this letter finds you next holiday we will be celebrating the opening.

Enjoy a well deserved break over the holidays with friends, family and pets. We wish you all Happy Holidays from the BHS team.

Sincerely
Andrew Mack
President BHS

Executive Director's Message

By Doug Shirton



Every day, scared and abandoned dogs and cats arrive at **Burlington Humane**. Some are malnourished, some are sick, and some simply need a second chance at life. Our first priority is always their **health and wellbeing**. Every animal is **vaccinated, dewormed, and microchipped**, and if they need urgent medical attention, we take them to a veterinarian immediately – no waiting.

Some animals have special needs. If an animal requires a **raw food diet**, we provide it. If they need **probiotics or extra treatments**, we make sure they get them. Every choice we make is about helping them **heal, thrive, and be ready for a forever home**.

Too often, animals are surrendered because their families cannot afford medical care. Since we do not have a veterinarian on staff, we rely on local clinics, and even with discounts, **medical costs are our largest expense**.

Just this year alone, we've helped so many animals overcome incredible challenges: **Coal** had surgery to combat Happy Tail Syndrome - tail bashing; **Sunshine** had a leg amputation and is now on special iodine treatment for Thyroid disease; **Griffin** is living with Feline Leukemia - a contagious virus that weakens a cat's immune system; **Gato** needed a full mouth tooth extraction; **Merlin** had a painful mouth ulcer removed; **Pat** is bravely fighting Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP), a severe version of the corona virus; **Hugh** and **Skylar** both had ear surgery to remove polyps, growths causing chronic inflammation; **Einstein** and **Blinky** had entropion surgery to fix their ingrown eyelids;
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We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Furiosa



Furiosa came to Burlington Humane in May 2016 after being thrown from a moving vehicle. Just eight weeks old, he arrived with multiple scrapes and injuries, including a severely damaged front leg that required amputation. Despite his difficult start, Furiosa was adopted by a loving family who nursed him back to health and shared his journey with the world through his own Facebook page.

On Christmas Eve 2020, Furiosa collapsed and was diagnosed with congestive heart failure. Thanks to the love and care of his family, he continued to live a happy life for another five years before finally

succumbing to the illness on November 10.

Furiosa is survived by his devoted mom and dad, his two feline companions, and remembered fondly by more than 2,600 Facebook followers as well as his many friends here at Burlington Humane—friends who laughed at his antics and worried for him through his challenges.

We are deeply grateful to his family for giving him such a full, joyful life and for sharing his journey with us. His story remains beautifully chronicled on his Facebook page, *Furiosa – the Three-Legged Rescue Kitten*.

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The Attic

479 John Street

The Loft (At BHS)

740 Griffith Court



Start the new year off right with our 2026 Burlington Humane Calendar.

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Hermione

Take Hermione for example. She was mostly Great Pyrenees, however, was also part Border Collie, Labrador Retriever and Leonberger. We were hoping she was a pure bred, but not quite.

Then there's **Ellie** (formerly Godiva). We guessed Dalmatian mix, but her DNA results revealed something completely different:

- ▮ 38.9% American Pit Bull Terrier
- ▮ 21.6% Great Dane
- ▮ 15% Supermutt
- ▮ 10.4% Labrador Retriever

- ▮ 8.5% American Foxhound
- ▮ 5.6% German Shepherd

And the best part? Through her DNA test, Ellie's family discovered her **long-lost brother, Maverick!** He had been adopted from a shelter in Georgia and now lives in Utica, NY. The siblings share more than 50% of their DNA – and plans are underway for a reunion.

All thanks to a simple DNA test – a wonderful blend of fun, science, and heart.



Godiva

Expanding our Pet Therapy Program

A snuggle with a small pet, or a wet nose from a larger dog, are fond memories for a lot of people who live in retirement or nursing homes. Throughout the year members of the Pet Therapy team bring this comfort and joy to many residents throughout the region. Dogs and cats, and even a rabbit participate in the program, along with their owners, with endless rewards. for everyone.

Visits have expanded to include visits with children at summer camps, children's grief support and autism services. Halton Women's Place is another special place to welcome these beneficial visits. Most recently the program has expanded to include funeral homes. Participants train for these special visits at Burlington Humane's Kids club.

The program's success reflects the compassion, and teamwork of its volunteers. If you have a social pet, and feel you would enjoy the Pet Therapy program, visit our website and sign up for an orientation session, or call the shelter for more information. The warmth you will feel knowing you brought joy to others can truly be overwhelming.



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Stormy suffered from a rare skin condition that caused the skin on his face to fall off – but with care and love, he’s healing.

Paddington battled an upper respiratory infection and had to have one eye removed due to severe infection,

And **Terry** underwent **perineal urethrostomy (PU) surgery** to relieve a painful and life-threatening re-occurring urinary tract disease (FLUTD).

We rely 100% on donations from the public, as we receive no government funding – not federal, provincial, or municipal. Every dollar goes directly to helping animals heal, grow, and find loving homes, whom may be euthanized at other shelter.

When donations are made to Burlington Humane, it goes to more than medicine. It gives an animal a chance to recover, to feel safe, to be loved, and to walk out our doors healthy, happy, and ready for a family that will never let them go. The generous support from the community gives them hope, and for many, it’s a second chance at life.

Happy Tails

We’re proud to share a few of the many success stories from animals who, thanks to your support, have flourished in their new homes.

Sunshine

Sunshine, a resilient 9-year-old cat, spent 14 months in our shelter after losing a leg and surviving on his own. Now he faces a new challenge: hyperthyroidism. Daily pills and vet visits have been stressful, but a single special treatment could cure the condition and free him from medication for good.

Since moving into foster care, Sunshine has transformed. He races up and down stairs with ease and loves curling up in his foster’s lap for long naps. He’s thriving—and is ready for his forever home.



Trumpet and Molly



Molly is still a whirlwind of energy—chasing bugs, “helping” make the bed, and turning into a cuddlebug when she finally tires out. Trumpet has grown into a confident young cat who keeps an eye on her sister and even taps her human to remind them if Molly’s tail gets stepped on. Both girls are happy, playful, and very loved in their forever home.

In Memory Donations - October 2024 to October 2025

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

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In Memory of Cats

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 Annis
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 Arnold Shivajinagar
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 Baby
 Bandy
 Bart
 Beautiful Charlotte
 Ben Friday
 Benny
 Biscuit
 Braveheart
 Chance
 Chandler
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lington, while also providing top quality medical attention and shelter care. There are many ways to donate. Visit our website for more information.

You can also make a legacy bequest to Burlington Humane in your Will. This will ensure that your support lasts long into the future.

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