

Home Again Animal Rescue Newsletter



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Happy Valentine's Day to each of you and to the furred friends who are part of your family!

And thank you so much to those of you who participated in this year's Betty White Challenge. Thanks to your generosity and support Home Again received over \$1200 in donations. This is truly a testament to Betty White's legacy and we like to think that she is watching over us, happy at the impact that she made to the community of animals and animal lovers that was so important to her.

We even received a donation from a young lady who wanted part of her birthday money to help the animals at Home Again!! Thank you to everyone!



Hunter's Corner

Rescue dogs can be unusual beasts. Hunter has been part of our family for almost two years but still displays quirks that we think will always be part of Hunter's personality. Because we don't know anything about his first few years (he's a rescue from northern Manitoba), we can only guess what the root cause is for certain behaviours.



Hunter loves going for car rides. Loves them. But to get him into the car is a battle each and every time. Coaxing doesn't work, leading him in doesn't work and in general all we can do is wait until he deems it safe enough to jump into the car.

Hunter HATES grey sedan cars. And red ones. And small motorized 4 wheelers or snow mobiles. And bicycles. I have to ensure that I have an iron grip on his leash or he will attempt to lunge. We suspect that he has bad memories from his early life with cars and motorized vehicles but we'll never be sure. All we can be is patient and loving and hope at some time he will realize he is completely and totally safe.

If It's Too Cold For You...



Aside from having so much snow that there's no place to put the plowed white stuff, this winter hasn't been exceptionally cold. However, with frigid temperatures in the forecast over the next few weeks, here are some more tips on keeping your dog properly exercised and happy when the weather isn't cooperating with your regular routine.

On cold days, take several short walks rather than longer walks. Hunter has a regular route that he takes in order to do his business—in severely cold days we are chauffeured half-way so that we're not out too long.

Make sure your dog is equipped for going outside — if it's too cold for you to be outside without a coat, it may be too cold for your dog! Make sure you keep an eye on visual cues — if your dog is looking at you and holding up a paw, that's him telling you that it's too cold for him to be out.

Dog boots are great if your dog will wear them. Hunter looks at them with disdain and then convinces me that he doesn't want them. If like Hunter your dog is too macho to wear booties, make sure that you check periodically to make sure snow isn't packing up between the toes. You might want to consider a wax balm to protect from snow and ice.

Lastly, make sure that you clean your dog's paws when you come back inside, particularly if your dog has been walking anywhere there might have been salt or chemicals on the walkways. You don't want your dog to ingest anything that could be toxic! And consider moisturizing your dog's pads with a non-toxic moisturizer. Like our skin, a dog's paw can dry out making it rough and cracked. There's a greater risk of introducing a "hot spot" if your dog is excessively paw-licking because the skin is irritated.

Adoptable Dog



Meet Rojo, a 1.5 year old male Blue Tick Hound who weighs 95 lbs. Rojo is a big, goofy do who is loveable and gentle with a puppy-like attitude. He is a bit reserved when meeting new people, preferred to be on his own turf and getting to know them in his own time.

Rojo isn't the fastest learner, but he does learn. He knows his basic commands, and has been e-collar trained, house trained and crate trained.

Rojo is good with children, dogs and small animals. No resource guarding for this boy, either food or toys! He will whine or whine when he is really excited or unhappy.

Rojo loves being outside and is really good off-leash, although he has beautiful leash manners. He's a great dog.

Rojo has been neutered and microchipped and his vaccinations are up to date. His adoption fee is \$600.00.

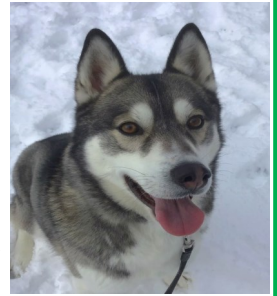
Dogs Available for Adoption



Everest!!

Meet Everest, a 4 year old male who is a Husky/Australian mix of 45 pounds of delight!

Everest has the best combination of attributes from each breed. He is playful and joyful Huskiness mixed with the quick-learning ability of the Aussie. He's fun and playful and energetic without being hyper. Everest is a bobtail, but he is an expressive and sensitive dog—you won't need his wagging tail to know when he's a happy boy!



Like many dogs, Everest is affectionate and gentle with his own humans, but needs time to let new people into his circle of trust. He has been known to bite in situations when he couldn't move away from unfamiliar people (being seat-belted with a stranger, and being muzzled by someone he didn't know). No biting at the vet, and no biting in his foster home—he is a completely trusted doggo.

Everest plays gently with people—he loves belly rubs and will give hugs and kisses. He is quite rambunctious playing with other dogs, and an only pet home with adults or dog-savvy teenagers would be best. Although his recall is good, Everest needs a fenced area, and loves going for walks. He is obedient and willing to learn.

Everest would be ideal for Husky-experienced people. He would be devoted, loving and happy. Everest has been neutered, microchipped and his vaccinations are up to date. His adoption fee is \$500.

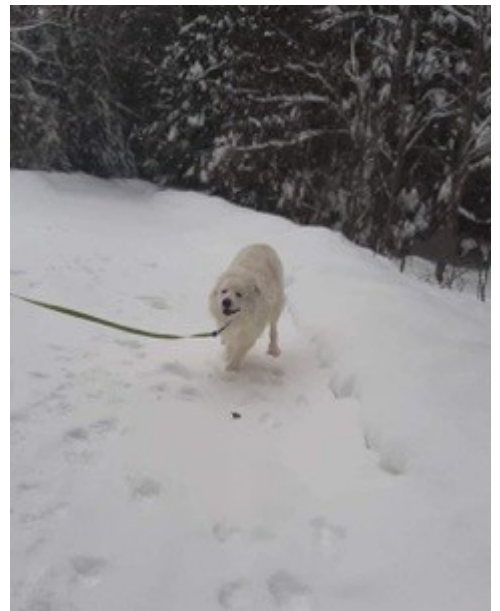
Foster News!

January was a very busy month for dogs needing fosters in advance of adoption to their own homes. Here is an update on three special doggos who had exceptional fosters step up so that they have a chance to find their own humans soon.

Buddy

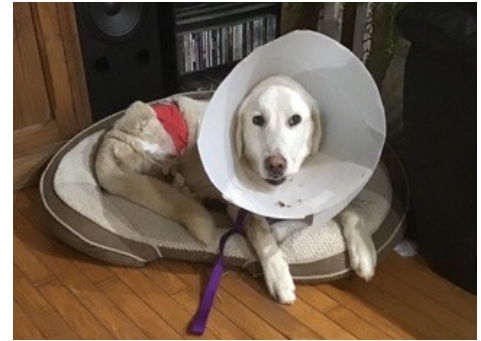


Meet Buddy. Buddy has been living in the Eganville pound for almost 2 years!! Eganville has been moving towards closing the pound, and it was possible that this beautiful dog would have been euthanized. A brilliant foster stepped up, and he will be vaccinated and neutered and available for adoption at the end of the month.



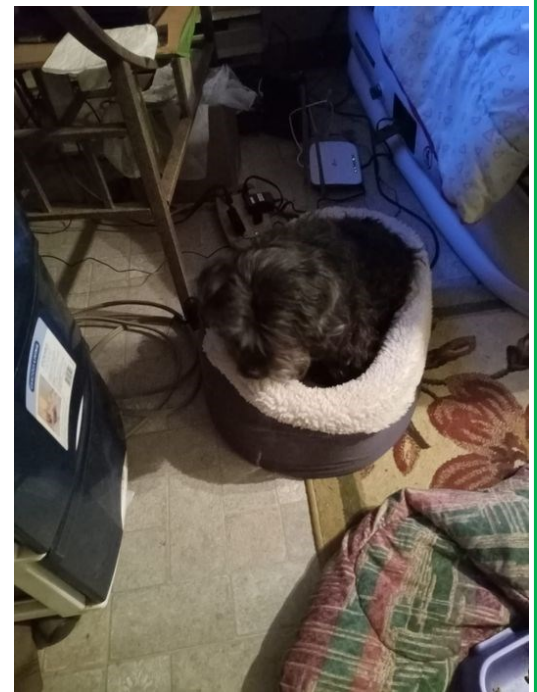
More Foster News!

Laurie



This is sweet Laurie. Laurie came to Home Again with a leg so badly broken that it needed to be amputated. Two weeks after she had the leg amputated she was back to the vet to have her stitches and staples removed and to be spayed. This lovely girl has been in a cone for a month, but has recovered remarkably well from such a dangerous injury. Watch Home Again for the date when she will be ready for adoption!

Maggie



And this is Maggie. Maggie was found seriously matted and with an eye injury. She was taken to the vet and also had an infection in her ears and skin. She was found to be 14 or 15 years old, and has found her forever home with her foster.

Home Again can't thank fosters enough for the work they do. It's hard work, it's rewarding work, and the more people who are kind enough to foster, the more dogs in the Bancroft region we can help find forever homes!

Cats for Adoption

Patch



Patch is a 7 month old black and white tuxedo cat with medium hair.

Patch is looking for a forever, loving home with a kind and patient human. He gets along well with other cats and dogs, but needs time to trust new people. Patch, like all cats, would benefit from a slow introduction to other pets and humans so that he can learn to trust and to not be frightened.

Patch's optimal food is either a chicken and rice kibble, or something grain-free.

Although Patch loves to cuddle beside you, he does not like to be held. Once he has trust, he loves pets and belly rubs. He loves toys, and is even a bit of a mouser!

Pepsi



Pepsi is a 9 month old spayed black and white female.

Pepsi is laid-back and sweet, but again, like all cats, needs time to feel secure in her new home.

She is a beautiful short-haired cat waiting for the right family to make her own.

Making Your New Cat Comfortable (adapted from article published in the Ban-croft newspaper)

Think of the last time you changed residences. Broke up with a significant other. Changed jobs. Remember how stressful it was? Now imagine that you're thrown into a new environment, with new people, and you can't even really communicate with them! How stressed would you be?

Moving to a new home with new people is very upsetting for cats. They need time to adjust and this time may be a few hours to days. Be kind to your new family member, and patient as he becomes more confident. Remember the following:

After 3 days

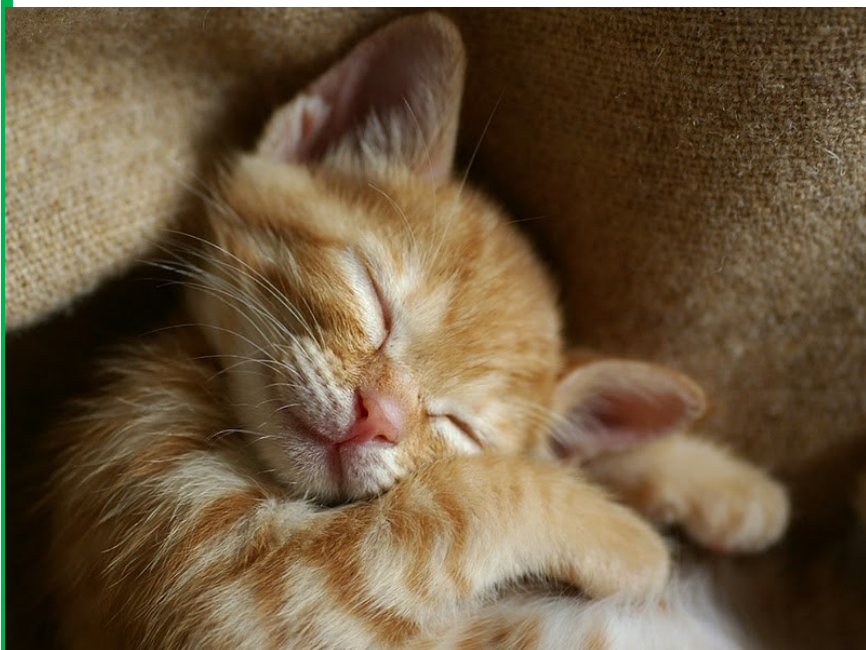
Your new cat is feeling distressed. He is unsure about his new home, and unsure about whether it's safe to eat or drink. Escape will be top of mind. You can help him by doing the following:

- Confine him to a sanctuary room. This is CRITICAL!! Use a calm voice with lots of treats and praise and establish a routine including scheduled meals. Don't pressure him or insist; give him lots of space in his sanctuary location.

After 3 weeks

Your new cat is beginning to settle in. He is more at ease, starting to relax and trust his routine. He is beginning to understand that this is his new home, and should be starting to show his personality.

- Let him explore his new home. Begin to introduce other pets (under supervision) and reinforce good behaviours. Play with your new cat at least twice a day.



After 3 months

Your new cat is likely now comfortable in his new home. He is beginning to bond and trust his family, gaining a sense of security.

- He may now have complete access to his home, exploring and learning. Maintain routines at this time and limit any change or chaos. Give him lots of attention, love and praise.

Following these guidelines will help your new cat settle in to his new home so that he can be the loving and caring addition you want him to be!