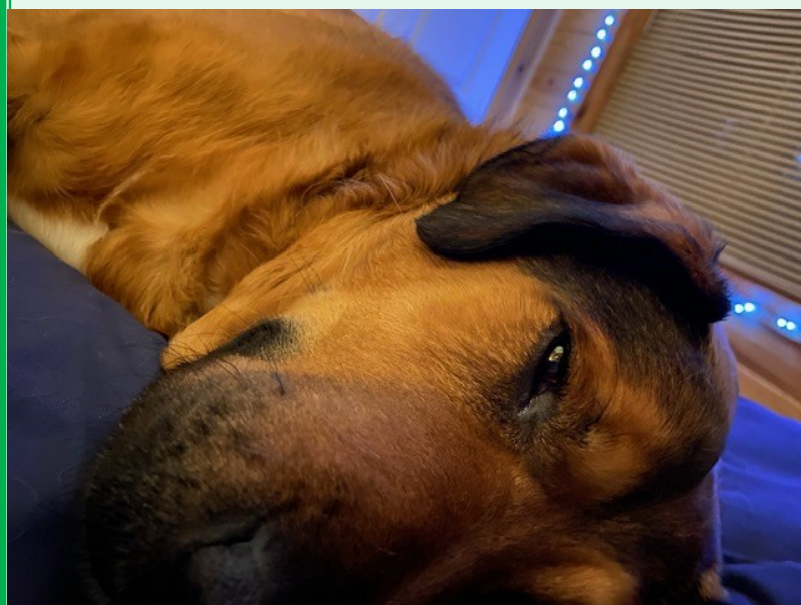


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Hunter's Corner

One of the things we've noticed the most since Hunter has been given a clean bill of health is how much happier he seems to be. He has always been a bit reactive to other large dogs, but seems to be mellowing—he notices the beasties barking at him but mostly gives them a dirty look and a huff and then walks on by. He is also bounding over to the people he knows, tail wagging. A great contrast to the serious dog who would say hello if he had to, but would really prefer not.



And he's playing! Squeaks Waldo the Whale who we had to hide during heartworm treatment because he couldn't have anything around that might raise his heartrate. Danced in the snow in the beginning of April and skimmed it like he was a basking shark, and then got the zoomies. Tore off after our neighbourhood bunny. Is smelling the new buds and grass as though they were fine wine, nibbling at the ones that are especially tasty.

At the risk of being a nag, please make sure your dog

has been given preventative medication for heartworm and fleas/ticks. It shouldn't be necessary to note the huge changes you see in your dog—they should always just be happy dogs who delight in the rural life!

Hunter even has a girlfriend—Miss Katie from next door!



Walking in the Rain



Looking at the forecast for the next couple of weeks, there are a number of soggy days. While we're looking forward to the upcoming flowers, walking your dog in the rain can be a bit of a struggle. Here are some tips to make it easier for both you and your dog!

If you can avoid a downpour, stay at home until the rain lets up! There's some level of danger walking in a thunder and lightening storm, and they may frighten your dog into bolting.

If you can get your dog to wear one, invest in a proper fitting raincoat. This will decrease the amount of time you spend with

wet towels and wet dog smell. Not all dogs will wear a raincoat (hello Hunter, I'm talking to you!!), but if they will their comfort will be improved on blustery, rainy days.

In addition to raincoats, try to have your dog wear rainboots. Think about how nice it will be to avoid wiping up muddy pawprints all over the house!! Rainboots will protect your dog's paws from whatever might be on the ground or on the road.

Make sure that both you and your dog are wearing items that are reflective. It's difficult to see in the rain, and here in Bancroft many of our roads are not paved and do not have sidewalks (don't even get me started on the potholes!) and so a pedestrian and dog may be unexpected and hard to see.

Try to prevent your dog from drinking rainwater. Although not as bad as in the city, rainwater may have bacteria in it that would be harmful to your dog.

Lastly, there's no rule that says a walk with your dog has to be the same length every day. Maybe on these miserable rainy days it's better to have several shorter walks rather than one long one. As long as your dog is getting some exercise and the opportunity to complete bodily functions, there are some days when less is more. Walks should be fun, and an hour in the cold and wet may not be!



Dogs Available for Adoption!!

Tank



Look at this big goofball!! Tank is a 1.5 year old male mastiff who weighs 85 lbs. He wants to be friends with absolutely everyone — if it has legs and maybe a tail, come meet me!!

Tank is an outdoors man. He loves swimming, running off-leash, hiking, playing tug and fetch and with all of his toys, but he's also a marshmallow and loves cuddling with anyone who will give him the time for a snuggle.

Tank has been learning some training skills and knows many basic commands. He is excellent off-leash, but has a tendency to pull when leashed. He's a big boy and will need a strong handler to continue his leash training.

This creampuff is mostly confident and easygoing, but he does have some separation anxiety. When he is in his crate he will bark and cry but eventually

settles down. After an extended period of time he may chew or tear things around his crate.

Tank had a heavy hookworm load upon arrival, and his digestive system has been a bit fussy. He is currently on a gastrointestinal recovery plan involving special food and medication. This plan is soon done, and we hope Tank will be back to normal. If his digestive system is still fussy, he will need to carry on with his food and an inexpensive medication.

Tank's ideal home would be with an active family who will give him lots of exercise and stimulation. He is eager to please, and maybe a tad rambunctious but a quick reminder to calm down helps him to settle.



Tank's foster family said the following about a recent social visit:

"Tank got to attend a bonfire party...and he did AMAZING. He was offleash in a new space, interacting with 30+ people and three new dogs who were all bigger than him and he loved it. He met everyone and quickly figured out how each person was willing to engage with him...he figured out how far away he needed to stay without much input from us. And, during all that, he was still coming when we called and listening to commands from whoever he was hanging out with. I'm beyond impressed."

This dog is an absolute gem. Tank has been neutered, microchipped, and his vaccinations are up to date. The adoption fee for Tank is \$600.

Happy Dog Tail!!!

BamBam!



BamBam is a 7 year old Coton de Tulear dog who was used for breeding his whole life. You would think this might make him an unhappy pup, but quite the contrary. He has a sweet and loving personality and loves to be cuddled and loved.

BamBam will be living the high life now!! He's moving to Wasaga Beach to enjoy long walks by the lake and a life free from being a breeder! Good luck Bam-Bam!

On a separate note, in a few weeks Home Again will be receiving BamBam's son, who will be placed up for adoption soon as well!



Available Kittens



This is Boots. Boots is a female Tuxedo kitty in her gangly days at 8 months old. She has been spayed.

Boots is an indoor cat. She was born and raised in a house with many other kitties and so would likely be fine with a companion cat.

Boots is loving and affectionate.

The adoption fee for Boots is \$200.

This is Miss Chloe. Chloe is a female short haired calico who is about 8 months old. Chloe has been spayed.

Chloe is also an indoor cat, raised with other kitties. She is an absolute sweetheart, who is loving and friendly.

The adoption fee for Chloe is \$200.



Adoptable Kittens—Take Another Look!



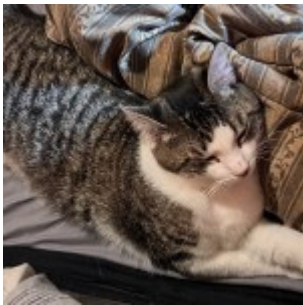
Harley is a black neutered male who is under one year old.

Harley was understandably skittish after being dumped at 6 months, but has made huge strides in becoming a loving happy kitty. He loves pets and cuddles and toys and treats and anything that shows him some love.

Harley may be shy with new people and so should be given his own safe space until he gets used to his new home and humans.

The adoption fee for Harley is \$200 which includes neutering when he is old enough.

Oden



Oden is a neutered male grey and white tabby with short hair who is about one year old. He is blind in his right eye, but this does not slow him down one bit!

Oden loves toys and laser pointers and is very food motivated. He prefers not to be picked up, but can be approached on the left so he can see you. He can be skittish at times with strangers and needs an owner who is patient and understanding—he should be given his own safe space by himself until he is comfortable with his new home and the people in it.

Despite being skittish, Oden loves to snuggle beside you, loves his ears scratched and his belly rubbed. He has a loud, beautiful purr. The adoption fee for Oden is \$200.

Patch



Patch is a black and white neutered tuxedo kitty who has medium hair. He was found outside at about 10 weeks old, and has a unique grey tabby tail.

Patch is looking for a home with someone patient and kind, preferably with another cat in residence. He will require slow introductions until he feels comfortable.

Patch does not like to be held and cuddled, but he loves to snuggle next to you and wants pats and belly rubs after he trusts you. He loves his play toys and cat tree.

The adoption fee for Patch is \$200.

Coming Soon—Sometimes Love is Not Enough

Home Again became aware of a situation when 22 pets were found in a single apartment, and stepped up to take a nursing mother cat and her 6 week kittens. The kittens and their long-suffering mother will soon be available for adoption—watch the Home Again website!

And remember! Bringing a pet into your home can be expensive—food and veterinary care are both necessary and can be costly. Sometimes love, although essential, just isn't enough.