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There's a chill in the air, the leaves are spectacular, and it's time to give thanks for all that is good around us. We at Home Again are very thankful for each of you who have taken the time to care about the dogs and cats of our region who are looking for their forever homes. Enjoy your long weekend!!

### LAST CHANCE TO BUY QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS!!

# **QUILT RAFFLE 2023**



FIRST PRIZE



SPINNING BUTTERFLIES 66" X 80"

SECOND PRIZE



POLKA-DOTTY 46" X 49"

# THIRD PRIZE

HEARTS DESIRE 39" X 51"

#### TICKETS ARE \$2 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5

ALL QUILTS DONATED BY NORTH HASTINGS QUILT CLUB MEMBERS. DRAW TO BE HELD AT PETVALU, BANCROFT OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> AT NOON.

Don't forget about these three beautiful guilts, made and donated by the North Hastings Quilt Club! Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Tickets can be purchased at Alice's Pantry, Ashlie's Books. Coe Hill Collective. The Corner Café, Country North Faraday Animal Hospital, McG's Cakes, McMichael Jewelers, The Muse Gallery & Café, The Painted Lady Parlour,

Pet Valu, Posies, and Shear Style. The draw will be on **October 7th** at Pet Valu.

### **Hunter's Corner**



Hunter's home is now with us by the lake. He's happy here and happy sitting on the dock looking for fish and watching his empire.

Hunter will be going on his first sleepover away from us this week. He will be staying with a trusted friend who has boarding facilities, and who Hunter already knows and loves.

Regardless, there are steps that we will take and that you too can take to make sure that stays away from home are largely uneventful.

We're already looking forward to the reuniting!!

• If possible, bring your dog to their sleepaway camp for a test visit. This will enable them to become familiar with a new

environment. We will be leaving him when we're away for 10 days in November—the overnight this week is to assure him that we're not deserting him and that we'll be back.

- Make sure your dog has familiarity around him in an unfamiliar place. This includes:
- His regular food and treats in his normal dishes
- ♦ His dog bed
- His favourite toy (Waldo the Whale is also going on a sleepaway!)
- His blanket if he uses one
- Make sure that your doggie caregiver has information about your dog's routines when he eats and how much, when he's walked, how often he's allowed treats and so on.
- If your dog is on medication, make sure that they know what the dosage is and how frequently, and whether there are any associated side effects.

Remember that dogs don't have the same concept of time as humans. Your dog will adapt, and will be soooo happy to see you on your return!!

#### Did You Know?



We've all seen pictures of cats lapping from a saucer of milk. But did you know that cow's milk may actually be bad for them?

All kittens need to drink their mother's milk. But after a couple of months they should be weaned and drinking water.

Most cats are lactose intolerant as they don't have the proper enzymes to digest the sugar in milk. They can develop vomiting, stomach pain and diarrhea from drinking it!

Additionally, the fat content in milk can be very harmful, turning your svelte kitty into a tubby tabby.

Your cat needs access to clean water to keep them hydrated. Nothing else is necessary.

### A Reason for Thanksgiving

Many of you will have seen this article in the Bancroft Times written by Joan Phillips.

Adopting a cat isn't always rainbows and hearts. Sometimes it's a lot of hard work but oh! the payoff!!

Please see how Melissa the rescue cat learned to trust in her new home with Madelene. And consider adopting one of the amazing kittens on the new page so they too can experience some joy.

# A Reason for Thanksgiving

Not every animal Home Again rescues is easy to place. Melissa, a beautiful long haired tabby had been accustomed to a very quiet life with a senior. Unfortunately, when she was surrendered Melissa was attacked by the resident cats in her busy foster home. Although Melissa

was quickly segregated the damage had been done. She shut down. retreated under the bed and totally refused to engage with potential adopters. They all found her traumatised behaviour too challenging and adoption was out for Melissa. Melissa's foster let Melissa take



the time she
needed to adjust to her new surroundings. She became
accustomed to her foster's voice, then the routines of
feeding & play. With love, patience & encouragement
Melissa slowly began to come out of her shell.
Home Again then received an email from Madelene.
Was Melissa still available? She'd read about Melissa
and couldn't get the cat out of her mind. A meeting was

arranged and It was love at first sight. Although Melissa was still too shy to come out to meet a stranger, Madelene understood immediately and accepted Melissa as she was. She knew instinctively that given love, attention and security Melissa would blossom.

> Madelene wrote, "I'm telling everyone how amazing the Home Again adoption process was. You cared so much about finding the perfect home for Melissa. You convinced me Melissa would be an incredible cat once she relaxed and opened up. You were so right! Within a few days we developed a playful routine and she began to trust me. Melissa

is thriving and is much more outgoing now. She isn't fond of meeting people but if they are calm and give good head scratches she ends up loving them. At bedtime she follows me around giving little meows to tell me it's time to wind down. As Melissa & I look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving together I'm truly thankful for all that Home Again does.

## **Kittens Available for Adoption**

Our Home Again volunteers have never seen so many kittens available for adoption!! Please consider bringing one of these furry beasties into your home so that they can live the life of a pampered pet!!









Raven

Blue Collar

**Brown Collar** 

Marley









Teddy

White Precious Bonded kittens who need to be adopted together



Bandit



PorkChop

# More Kittens Available for Adoption

Yes, more!!!



Mittens

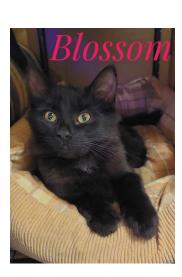


Canyon

**Blossom** If any of these beauties catch your eye, please go to our website at homeagainbancroft.ca for more information.



Branch





### **Dogs Available for Adoption**

### **Take Another Look at Dude**

Dude is a 4.5 year old male Husky/Shepherd who is 74 pounds. He is the full package of looks and personality — the best of both of his breeds!! He is friendly and affectionate and does favour women although will open up to men after a short while.

Dude gets along with other dogs, especially the girlies! We're not sure how he is with young children or cats. He's a good boy though—he doesn't jump up and isn't destructive. Dude could use more training so that his occasional leash pulling will improve.

Dude is a simple boy- give him love, guidance and a yard and he'll be a happy addition to your family.

Dude has been neutered, microchipped and his vaccinations are up to date. The adoption fee for Dude is \$500.







Available Soon! Cash



Meet Cash! Cash is a black lab cross who is about one year old. He is a friendly confident pup who loves people of all ages (kids? Yay!!!) and other dogs.

### Oliver



This is Oliver! Oliver is a hound cross who is about 6 years old. He is an old soul—calm and gentle. Oliver loves affection—he knows he is a good boy!

