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It's the beginning of a brand new year!!! Sending each of you best wishes for you and your family, of course including your dogs and cats. The French term for a pet is "animal de compagnie"; what a lovely term for a companion animal!!

With the new year of course comes the opportunity for some resolutions. Here are some of ours.

Wherever possible:

1. We resolve to find good homes for the dogs and cats in the Bancroft region looking for their forever families.
2. We resolve to care for the sick and injured animals who come into our rescue so that they can learn to experience life to their full potential.
3. We resolve to nurture those who need palliative homes so that they may live the rest of their lives in comfort, knowing that someone cares.
4. We resolve to ensure that the hurt, or neglected, or unwanted cats and dogs in our region know that not all humans are bad, and that we care.

Thank you for giving us the means and support to care. It means the world to us.

Hunter's Corner



Hunter's face says everything: "I don't care how cold it is outside, I want to go for a walk and I want to go NOW!". But is exercise during cold winter days a good idea?

The short answer is yes, absolutely. Dogs need physical activity or they might become bored, stressed and overweight. As long as your dog is in relatively good shape, there's no reason to continue with an exercise regime while factoring in some changes to accommodate the weather.

Make sure that your dog is kept warm during winter walks. Although they carry built-in fur coats, they may need a doggy jacket to keep them warm, particularly if they're older dogs or smaller breeds. You might also consider some dog booties, especially if you're walking in an area where people are using salt or de-icers. Hunter absolutely will NOT wear boots, so on bad days we put petroleum jelly to protect the pads of his feet.

There may be days when walking is not recommended, when it's just too cold to walk. If it's too cold for you, it's likely too cold for your dog. When it's too cold for Hunter, he holds a paw up and looks at me. I know then it's time to head back inside. Keep an eye on your dog and be attentive to visual cues that mean your dog is too cold.

If it's too cold to go for a long walk, there are ways to exercise and keep your dog engaged and active inside. Depending on the size of your home, you can play fetch or tug-of-war in a hallway. You can put together puzzles for your dog to complete. Coming up with alternative exercises will ensure that your dog doesn't rip apart the garbage because he's bored!!

Help put Home Again out of business!!!

In 2023, Home Again found new family homes for 122 cats and 130 dogs. The coordination that it takes to find loving homes for these animals is astronomical—they need fostering and vetting, and spaying and neutering if they're old enough. This kind of change for a cat or dog can profoundly impact their happiness and well-being at any stage of life.

How can you help? Spay or neuter your dog or cat. Prevent these unwanted litters and help your pet avoid some of the illnesses and aggression that may come from leaving your pet intact. Spaying or neutering may improve temperament, stop cats from spraying, and prevent pyometra which is a disease which may lead to a painful death for a female dog.

If you are looking for an affordable location for spaying or neutering your pet, check the spayneuterontario.com website. This is a clinic located between Belleville and Trenton, and spaying and neutering is the only service they provide. As such, their prices are more accessible for the public, and they are committed to reducing an unwanted pet population. They work as well with many rescues, including Home Again, as well as TNR and feral cat colonies.

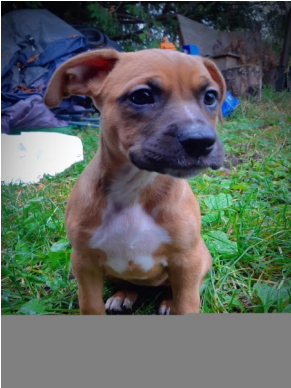
Help put us out of business. Do the responsible thing for your pet and spay or neuter your cat or dog!

Dogs and Puppies for Adoption



How can you resist this face? This is **Dudley**, one of the last available of our most recent Boxer/Malinois litters. Dudley's foster says the following: "Dudley is a good boy, who has a lot of energy. An active house would be best. I could see Dudley hiking for hours. He is great with the dogs, is good with the cat. No signs of any aggression. He is almost potty trained. He loves to cuddle, he will lie across you and sleep for hours. He is great on a leash, and just an all round good boy."

Dudley has been vet checked, microchipped, and his vaccinations are up to date. His adoption fee is \$650, and Home Again offers an adoption fee rebate upon receipt of proof of neutering when Dudley is old enough.



And now meet **Lola**, another available Boxer/Malinois mix. Lola, Dudley's littermate is a sweet little girl who is both curious and cautious. She loves to run, and has the personality and ability to fit any dog sport enthusiast dream!

Lola has been vet checked, microchipped, and her vaccinations are up to date. Her adoption fee is \$650, and Home Again offers an adoption fee rebate upon receipt of proof of neutering when she is old enough.



Please take another look at **Everest**, a 4 year old Husky/Australian shepherd cross. Everest is a unique boy, from the tip of his pointy-up ears to the tip of his bobbed tail, Everest is a joyful and smart puppy! He is expressive and sensitive—one look at his head tilts and you just know he's doing his best to understand you.

Everest would be best in a relatively quiet home. He's tremendously affection and gentle with his family, but cautious with new people. He can be a bit "full-on" with other dogs, and we're not sure how he is with cats.

Everest has been too long without a home to call his own. He is the ideal boy for husky-experienced people—you would find him to be a devoted, loving and happy companion.

Everest has been neutered and microchipped, and his vaccinations are up to date. His adoption fee is \$500.



And please take another look at **Dude**. Dude is a male Husky/Shepherd who is about 5 years old, and who has been without a home for too long. Dude is friendly, funny and affectionate—he's a real ladies man.

Dude has proper manners—he doesn't jump up, isn't destructive and could use a little more help with leash skills. But only a little to help with occasional pulling. He needs love, guidance and a yard to make him happy!

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

Meet the Hunger Games Crew—ready for adoption!!

Look at these beautiful dogs ready to step into your lives as tributes and honour you forever!! This is a litter of Akbash pups, about 3 months old and right now at approximately 40 lbs. There are five male and five female of these gorgeous dogs.

They were born in an outdoor shelter and raised with both parents as well as each of their siblings. They have been socialized with older children and have taken well to visitors. They are funny, playful and full of personality.

These dogs would be incredible companions and could also be working dogs like their parents, who are guardians of fowl, taking care of the property and the flock. They are very social and gentle dogs.

Happy Hunger Games and may the odds ever be in your favour. The families who adopt these beautiful dogs will be lucky indeed.

The pictures below represent the litter. For further information please see homeagainbancroft.ca. Each puppy has been vet checked, microchipped and vaccinated. Home Again offers a rebate upon receipt of proof of spay or neuter when the puppies are old enough. The adoption fee for each puppy is \$650.



Cats and Kittens Available for Adoption



Meet Bluebird, a calico, short-haired female born in 2022. **Bluebird** was living outside, dependent upon scraps that were being fed to her outside a Home Again foster's porch.

Bluebird began to trust, and got friendlier and friendlier until one day she ran into the kitchen and delivered two kittens! Aside from caring for her own kittens, she nursed another tiny abandoned kitten. She's a star, and will make a wonderful and loving pet.

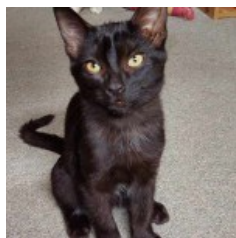
Home Again also has so many kittens available for adoption!! They are each loving, cuddly pets with some who are shy than others but all accepting of the love of a new household. Take another look at each of these kitties, and contact homeagainbancroft.ca if you're interested in adopting one of these sweethearts into your home and family.



Benji



Blossom



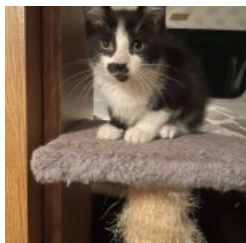
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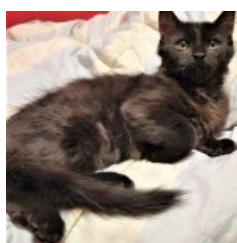
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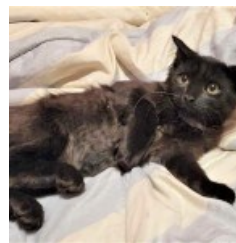
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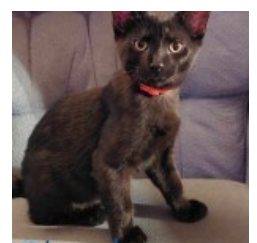
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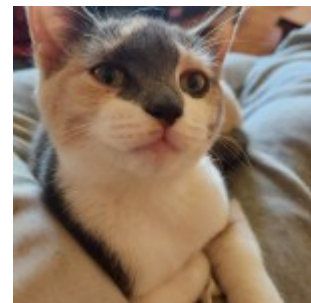
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