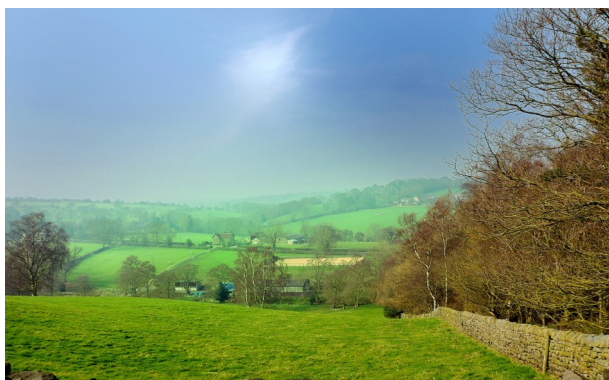




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Thank you!!!

Thanks to each of you who baked or bought, our annual bake sale was a huge success!! Thank you also to The Village Playhouse who hosted our sale again!

All funds raised will go to helping the animals in our community, either towards straight rescues or the spaying and neutering of feral cats. The more you help the more we can help!



Our Next Fundraiser!! Bottle Drive!!!



Our friends at the Beer Store are sponsoring a bottle drive — time to return all those bottles that you've stored up over the winter!!

The drive will be from April 15th to 28th.

Drink up and let your empties help our animals in need!

Hunter's Corner



It has been three years less a day since Hunter became such an important part of our family. There have been many changes and he has settled into a sweet, friendly funny boy. Aside from his experiences with heartworm, we never thought that Hunter would be able to spend nights away from home. However, the socialization he receives when away at “camp” has paid off tremendously.

Dogs are naturally social animals. They typically enjoy the company of other dogs and learn traits (both good and bad) from their doggo friends. Dogs who are socialized are less likely to exhibit behavioural problems, including fear and aggression. This socialization also has benefits for their interactions with their humans, resulting in positive social behaviours and interactions.

Hunter was tremendously fearful when he came to Bancroft from norther Manitoba. He was fine with us—loving and gentle, but he had episodes of nipping others, typically men. As an aside, he still exhibits the odd behavioural issue — he backs out when he’s in your way rather than turning around, and although he loves car rides, it’s the devil to actually get him into the car. We suspect he was hurt by someone in his previous life, and it breaks our heart.

In October, we took him for an overnight visit to stay away from us in a home with other dogs. He loved it! In November he went to camp for a week and loved it again (there was a slight incident when he came down the stairs with a cat in his mouth—he was just helping it from one place to another!).

Socialization, which we thought might be impossible with Hunter, has added tremendously to his quality of life. He’s happy with other dogs and loves them all except maybe those that are bigger than him. Given that he’s a 100 pound lump right now, that’s not a problem. And he’s happy without other dogs as well.

Socialization enables a dog to learn how to react in other environments and with other people and animals. And it gives them the confidence to approach new situations, which in turn will reduce anxiety and stress in unfamiliar situations.

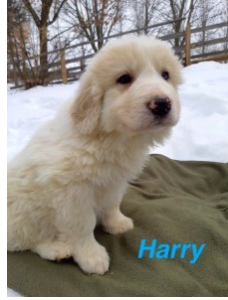
We’ve seen it first hand in Hunter who is happier and even more of a snuggle bunny now that he knows that it’s not always bad news to meet other dogs. But the jury is still out on the German Shepard down the street...

Dogs and Puppies for Adoption

Home Again has recently been finding homes for large litters of LGDs (livestock guarding dogs). These dogs have jobs to do — they guard their flocks from predators and are independent in thought and action. But they can also be fantastic family dogs who can form very strong bonds with their families. Here are the Akbash and Pyrenees (Pyr) dogs available for adoption:



Primrose
7 month Akbash



Harry
14 wk male Pyr



Lupin
14 wk male Pyr



Katy
14 wk female Pyr



Molly
14 wk female Pyr



Cho
14 wk female Pyr



Alicia
14 wk female Pyr

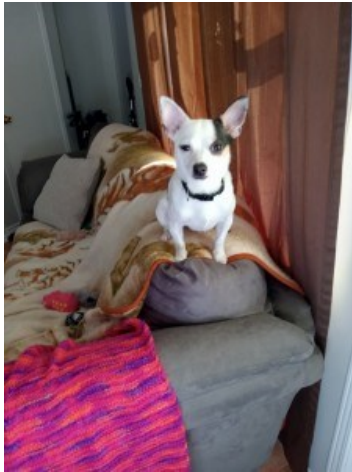


Rue
7 month female Akbash



Haymitch
7 month male Akbash

Dogs and Puppies for Adoption



Take another look at **Tucker**, a male chihuahua who is 8.5 pounds and 1.5 years old.

Tucker is very playful but also loves to cuddle. He has such a funny habit of hiding his treats — you'll always be able to find them because he constantly checks on them! And he's an organizer—toys are arranged on the bed or on the sofa.

Tucker has been leash and house trained. He has been taken to the local dog park where he played with other dogs. People visiting Tucker's home give him a reason to bark, and bark, kind of a lot. He would do well with older children and in a home with plenty of play and exercise time.

Another Tucker-quirk. He HATES the vacuum cleaner. Actually any noisy household tools, and will complain loudly.

Tucker has been neutered, his vaccinations are up to date and he has been microchipped. The adoption fee for Tucker is \$600.



Meet **Pebbles!** Pebbles is a female Australian Cattle Dog/Bulldog mix who is 1 year old and 50 lbs.

Pebbles was shy and withdrawn upon arrival, but she has become a social butterfly, loving all humans, new or not! She also loves playing with her dog friends and is happy to meet a new pooch! She plays nicely and enjoys running around with them. She is a smart and loving girl who picks things up quickly and wants to please.

Pebbles is house and crate trained, and walks well on leash with few reminders.

Pebbles is an all round nice cuddle monster!! She has been spayed, microchipped and her vaccinations are up to date. The adoption fee for Pebbles is \$600.



This is **Raina**, a female yellow lab who is 20 months old and 60 pounds.

Raina's foster parents say that whoever is lucky enough to adopt Raina will get the bestest dog ever! She is well trained and very affectionate. She learns quickly, knows most commands, and will even watch your home!

Raina comes, does perfect sit/stays, fetches and is good with children. She loves belly rubs and her humans (she loves her humans even more than she loves her toys!).

Raina of course has small things that she could improve. She fetches but absolutely, positivity doesn't want to give the ball back. She is not perfect on leash yet, and would really prefer to be the only dog in the house.

Raina is vet check, up to date on her vaccinations, spayed and microchipped. The adoption fee for Raina is \$600.

To see any of the dogs available for adoption, please go to homeagainbancroft.ca. You may find a gem of a dog that hasn't been showcased in the newsletter!

Cats and Kittens Available for Adoption



Whisky is a male black short-haired cat born in 2021.

Whisky is a very affectionate beastie who loves dogs. A home with other cats or small children is not recommended. He was surrendered from a family with a new baby, and Whisky would get into the crib and swat the baby. He truly just wants to play!

The adoption fee for Whisky is \$150. He is up to date with vaccinations and has been neutered.



Meet **Willow**. Willow is a male black and grey tabby with short hair who was born in 2019. He wants to be your everything, and so Willow must be the only cat in the household.

Willow is a gentle giant weighing in at 10 pounds. He loves people. No, he **LOVES** people—he can't get enough petting or love!! Willow is up to date with his vaccinations and his adoption fee is \$150.



Marley and **Raven** are brothers, although they can be adopted separately. They were born in May of 2023, and are friendly and playful kitties who have fun with the cats and dogs in their current home.



Meet **Frankie** and **Dali**. Frankie was born in 2023, and he's a super cute mischievous soul who loves to be cuddled. He lives with Dali, a black medium haired kitty who was born in 2021. Dali is a curious kitty who loves his food and snuggles. And Frankie. He loves Frankie. Ideally these cats should be adopted together—who would want to split up such a perfect team?



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