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Quote

He who is cruel to animals becomes hard also in his dealings with men. We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals. (Immanuel Kant)

Raffles!!!

We are currently selling tickets to two raffles! The first will give you a chance at one of three beautiful quilts. Tickets are \$2 each or three tickets for \$5. The draw will be held on October 2nd at Pet Valu.

Our second raffle is our Home Again Give Back raffle.

1ST PRIZE - \$5,000 TRAVEL VOUCHER FROM NEXION TRAVEL GROUP CANADA

2ND PRIZE - \$2,500 IN GIFT CERTIFICATES FROM AREA BUSINESSES

3RD PRIZE - \$1,500 CASH

4TH PRIZE - \$1,000 CASH

DRAW DATE: JANUARY 7, 2025 - ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT HOME AGAIN ANIMAL RESCUE

TICKETS \$10 EACH – ONLY 5,000 TICKETS AVAILABLE!!

Tickets are available at various stores throughout Bancroft, and are currently being sold at the Bancroft Farmers' Market!

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Hunter's Corner



After volatile spring, we're finally heading into the warmth of summer. Hunter seems not to recognize when he is too hot – he'd be perfectly happy following that new scent that is soooo delicious!! We therefore have to be careful that he comes in when it's just too hot to walk. Learn to recognize the signs!

- The signs of heatstroke are heavy panting, seeking shade and an overall change in behaviour may be a sign of overheating.
- There are some dogs at greater risk in the heat. Dogs who are short-muzzled such as Bulldogs, Boxers, and Pugs cannot pant as efficiently as other breeds, and may have a harder time keeping cooler.
- When you notice the signs of heat stroke, bring them into a cooler environment with access to fresh water. Wet them with water and place them in front of a fan.
- If your dog continues to excessively pant and drool, or if they exhibit other symptoms such as difficulty breathing, vomiting, confusion or collapse, they should be taken to a vet as these signs could indicate life-threatening heat stroke.

How to prevent heatstroke?

- Avoid strenuous exercise and limit activity to cooler times of the day
- Keep indoors in extreme temperatures
- Offer frequent water breaks

The last point seems so logical: never, ever leave your dog unattended in a car. Opening a window will NOT keep a car cool. It is not unknown for a car interior to increase by 10 to 15 degrees Celsius in less than an hour. Don't let your dog become a statistic!

Foster Profile

At right, Mary Freeman with kittens!



If anyone has adopted a cat or kitten from Home Again, it is very likely that you have met our extraordinary volunteer Mary! I sat down with Mary to discuss fostering and specifically the cat side of Home Again's rescue.

1. *How did you become involved with Home Again?* My dog had died, and I was grief-stricken for the better part of a year. I decided to foster to help with my sadness, and the very first dog I fostered was the same breed. Over the years I have fostered 25 dogs.
2. *Did you ever have a foster fail?* Each dog that I fostered took about a month before they were ready for adoption. They would need to be socialized, spayed or neutered and vaccinated, and I learned so much about each dog. After about 1 ½ years of fostering, I met Trixie and she was perfect!!
3. *How did you become involved in Caturday, the day when we bring kittens available for adoption to Pet Valu?* I was looking for a way to serve the community on an entry level. Home Again had many volunteers in the Caturday program, and I began to take over the program. There's an altruistic benefit to being an advocate for the cats who cannot speak, and over the years I've seen approximately 125 cats adopted from the program.
4. *Do you have a story about a specific cat?* In March we received a telephone call from a man who was devastated because he was moving into long-term care and could take his adult cats with him. Home Again picked them up and both were adopted, one to our Cats for Seniors program which pairs a needy older cat with a senior. The senior pays no adoption fee, and Home Again commits to finding a good home for the cat if it outlives the senior.

5. *What advice would you give to someone adopting their first cat?* Pick a sanctuary room where the cat can be left alone and quiet with the door closed. Visit the cat, but only let it out when you can see by its body language that the cat has acclimatized.
6. *What's the most important work that Home Again does for cats and kittens?* Making sure that a foster cat is matched with the correct family is important, but even more important is preventing litters of unwanted kittens. Home Again assists in two ways: helping individuals to find less ways to have their cats spayed or neutered, and the TNR (Trap/Neuter/Return) program.

In our Ontario area, less expensive spaying and neutering services can be booked at the Southeastern Ontario Spay Neuter clinic in Trenton. Since Bancroft and the area only have full service vet hospitals, the Trenton clinic is a much more affordable option. Appointments can be booked at www.spayneuterontario.com.

The TNR program reduces the number of kittens born in the wild and improves the lives of older feral cats. Interested individuals can take a course through the Toronto Humane society which provides information on how to humanely care for feral cats. You are then provided a certificate which can be used for no-cost spaying and neutering at the Toronto Humane Society. More information can be seen at www.communitycats.ca.

Lastly, Mary reiterated that she is proud to be a part of an organization that will give a refund within 30 days for a cat that just isn't the right fit in the household. Buying a kitten or cat off a non-rescue site can often result in an unhappy family, and an unhappy cat that is dumped somewhere rather than being in a loving home.

Mary concluded her interview by saying that adoption days make her really happy, because if families are happy with their choice, the kittens are going to a nurturing home and will therefore themselves be happy!

She said when an adult cat is adopted, she is happy to the point of tears. Most Bancroft residents want kittens, and will join a waiting list to get one. Cats linger in their foster homes and so it's a special day when they're adopted!

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World is just a cat

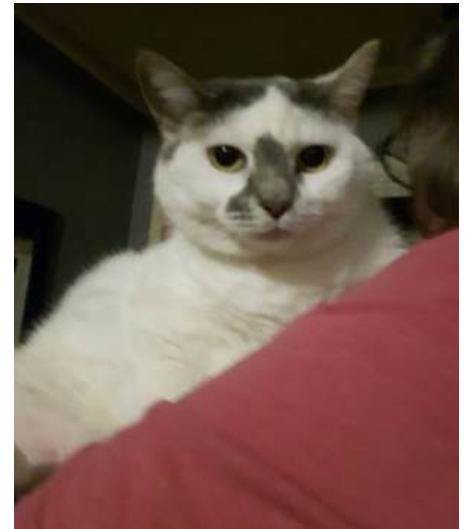


playing with Australia

Guys that look like this have a
100% chance of stealing your girl



Are you looking for a new friend to add to your family? These cats and kittens, dogs and puppies are some of those available!! See the website at www.homeagainbancroft.ca for more information on any of these beasts!!



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Happy Adoption Tales!



Hi! We just wanted to give a quick update on a little dog we adopted last December. We just wanted you to know we absolutely love this little guy! He fit into our family the moment he came home. He and our Lab male love each other! Playing all the time and curling up together for naps. We have a farm so he has lots of room to run and loves hunting birds and rodents (although he never catches anything) and we recently found out he LOVES to swim! He's very smart and well trained! He loves everyone he meets! And to top it off, he sleeps with us on our bed every night and usually under the blankets! Lol! Thank you so much for all you do for these animals!

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I just wanted to send you a quick update on Herman.

It's been a week since we adopted Herman and I wanted to tell you how he's doing!

First off, we decided to rename him so he has a fresh start. Herman is now Charlie (Aks Charles Barkley, Charile Boy and "Good time Charlie" amongst other fun names we keep calling him while we play with him. and he seems to love it and responds well to it.

"Charlie" can now, come, sit, stay, heel and lay down on command. He loves his bed (you will see in the pic attached) and he LOVES rides in our truck but particularly riding in my jeep with the top off when we head

to adventures at the lake, He also LOVES wading in his dog pool, which he would spend all day in if we let him.

He still has lots to learn and for now, our main goal is to get him to stop jumping up, but he's getting there quickly. It's just a bad habit.

Charlie loves everybody and everything. Hes already learned that when he comes into my office he must lay on his bed with a toy and relax with it.

He goes for a long walks 3 times a day and is now pretty easy to walk unless he sees a bird, squirrel or rabbit and then looks at us like "Did you see that!" LOL

Charlie gets along VERY well with all our dogs and understands that our 4 lb Chihuahua "Miss Lucille" is the boss, so he respects her boundaries and approaches her very calmly which is terribly funny to watch. :)

WE ARE THRILLED TO have him as part of our family. He's making himself right at home and seems to be having the time of his life, and we couldn't ask for more.

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