

## 32 YEARS LATER

When Pat Smith left Bide Awhile with her new friend Jodi in 1972 the thought of returning 32 years later never entered her mind. But in October 2004, Pat came to Bide Awhile once again; ready to offer a bright future to another lucky cat.

Jodi was a black female cat looking for a home; Pat had a loving home to share. Shortly after Bide Awhile opened its doors on Eaton Ave. in 1972, Pat met Jodi and an instant bond was formed. After living a long, healthy, and happy life with Pat, and then Pat's parents after Pat was married, Jodi passed away peacefully. After the loss of another family pet, Pat was ready to find another member for the Smith family.

Her quest led her to Bide Awhile where she fell in love with Tia (Maria). Tia has adjusted quite comfortably to life with the Smith's, even warming up to Pat's husband, an avid dog lover. Pat believes this to be "...a direct transfer of the trust and

A year ago this April  
My future seemed quite dim  
I was unwanted, unloved  
and unwanted for  
Unwill. Bide-A-while took me in,  
Then they gave me shelter  
Gave me love, kindness and care  
And I could see I was not the only one  
There was enough love for all cats to share.  
Then one day a lady came  
To see us, one and all  
The other cats were nice and friendly  
But I hissed and growled and clawed,  
You see, I was very scared of humans  
I'd been owned by one before  
I wasn't treated very good  
And I didn't want that anymore.  
But that very day she took me home  
And I know why. She had missed  
That hissing and growling. I was looking for  
They wanted me, love me and care.  
So Bide-A-while I thank you  
For the bottom of my heart  
You've been good to me and others  
Giving us new life, new homes, a new start.  
Tia



kindness she received from Mr. Gould." Just like Jodi 32 years before, Tia came to Bide Awhile in search of a loving home, and just like Jodi, Tia was fortunate enough to have become a member of the Smith family.

Upon her return to Bide Awhile, Pat presented us with a poem she had written 32 years ago, after adopting Jodi.

Thanks Pat for sharing your story and reminding us that bringing people and animals together is what we do and have been doing for 35 years.

## OUR FRIENDS HAD A CEILIDH!

The Lord Nelson Hotel was the scene of a grand party on September 25th when members of the Animal Rescue Coalition staged a fabulous fundraiser in support of Bide Awhile and their own rescue efforts. Terrific entertainment, great silent auction items and the agility demonstrations from Bob Ottenbrite's Canine Academy alumni were highlights of the evening. KIF (Keep It Fun) is shown here having fun and entertaining the crowds. It was a great evening, organized by a truly dedicated group of volunteers and we are deeply grateful for their support. Be sure to catch the fun next year!



KIF (Keep It Fun) © Sabrina Thurlow 2004

## BUD



October 27th was a very sad day at Bide Awhile, our dear friend Bud passed away. Bud arrived at Bide Awhile almost 16 years ago, about the same time as our Executive Director, Darrold. From the start he knew he was "at home." We think Bud was about 22 years old at the time of his death. Bud had a kind and gentle manner, he was the perfect volunteer for Pet Visitation and continued with this until the last several years when he came to prefer quieter days basking in the warmth

of his basket in our sun porch. A bit of a tease, sometimes he'd give the staff a scare and hide under his blanket, making them go search for him. He liked to know what was going on and would occasionally drop in for a Board meeting. A handsome guy, he received several awards at the Bluenose Cat Show over the years. But mostly he was the steadfast friend at the door for all who visited the Shelter.

He is missed.

## 2005 PET PHOTO CHALLENGE

Keep those cameras loaded and ready! Bide Awhile's annual Pet Photo Challenge is coming your way soon. Don't miss a chance to see your best friend featured in our 2006 Calendar. Your Fluffy or Fido might just be on our next cover!

Watch *The Herald* in early winter for entry forms and contest details.



## 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the time of year when we turn our thoughts to family and friends and reflect on the goodness the past year has brought. We have much to be thankful for this holiday season at Bide Awhile. It has been a rewarding year and our Bide Awhile family and friends have never been more supportive.

Over the years, we have been touched by many, many caring and wonderful people. We count among our supporters the following: individuals and families who adopt our beautiful animals; volunteers who generously give of their time to socialize our animals, raise funds, participate in committees, groom our grounds, and serve on the board; participants and attendees at our events; members who believe it is important to have a vote in what we do; donors who believe that our work is important enough to support us financially; the media who have regularly over the years profiled our work, our animals and our people; members of council who have gone to bat for us from time to time; businesses who have sponsored our fundraising activities; veterinary clinics across HRM who sell our calendars, collect donations in our cat banks and sponsor our fundraising events; children who love to hear the stories of our animals and reciprocate by telling us about their pets; and members of the public who send us their Sobey's tapes, purchase our calendars and baked goods and stop to chat at public events. It is an exhaustive list and over the



Chris and Kendra enjoy a night of Bowling for Critters.

past 35 years, there are many thousands of you who we count among our valued supporters.

Hillary Clinton told us that "it takes a village to raise a child." At Bide Awhile, we have learned that it takes a community to support a shelter. Our employees are incredibly committed and talented people. But they can't do it alone! They need us all to do what we do so well to support their day-to-day efforts. Our heartfelt thank you to all of you for becoming part of the Bide Awhile family! We hope to see you at the annual Christmas Open House on December 12th.

In closing, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish you and your loved ones a happy holiday season and the very best for 2005.

Chris Hornberger  
President

## HELP US CELEBRATE OUR 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

"Bide Awhile invites all of our friends to help celebrate our 35th Anniversary at our annual Christmas Open House, being held at the Shelter on Sunday, December 12, 2004, from 1-4 p.m.

Come celebrate the season and our anniversary, visit with our furry guests, and enjoy some cider and treats. We look forward to seeing you!"

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world" – Mahatma Gandhi



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## TWELVE MONTHS OF LOVE, SMILES AND NEEDED FUNDS

It's time again to celebrate the love and connection we share with our pets and to raise much-needed funds for the Shelter. The 2005 Calendar is now on sale!

Those of us who purchase the Calendar each year are aware of its significance. We feel good knowing that we've supported the Shelter and provided money to help take care of the furry friends housed within its loving walls. The experience for the volunteers that make the Calendar a reality each year is rewarding on a level that every person needs to experience.

"While I often envy those who work directly with the critters, I realize that without volunteers working on a major fund raising project like the calendar, the shelter would not exist," comments Calendar volunteer Helena MacIntyre. "In order to get my dog/cat 'fix', I like to just sit myself in the middle of the cat room or head to the dog area for some wet kisses!"

Bide Awhile has produced its Calendar for the last 14 years and, through sales in recent years, has become the Shelter's single most important fundraiser. The amount of volunteer effort put into organizing and producing the calendar is too great to be counted. That kind of support is what makes Bide Awhile such a special place – the absolute commitment by volunteers; everyday people that want to make a difference.

"When I see the pleasure on someone's face as they skim through the calendar, I feel great," enthuses MacIntyre. "That's because I not only assisted with bringing in needed funds to the shelter, but have contributed to the awareness that adopting a pet from a shelter is the best option."

Volunteering with Bide Awhile – in no matter what capacity – also provides volunteers the opportunity to meet other concerned individuals, from a variety of backgrounds. The result is an increased depth of knowledge not only about the Shelter and fundraising, but the business community in HRM.



"A personal benefit of participating on this fund raising project is that it has enhanced my business skills with my current employer," says MacIntyre. "The other volunteers I've been teamed with come from a variety of backgrounds and skill levels so it has provided rewards beyond my initial expectations."

"There have been many volunteers who've assisted with various aspects of the calendar since its inception. This year we've been fortunate to have the continued commitment of Chris Hornberger, Natalie Rowe and Nancy Mansfield. Additionally Tracy O'Brien and Lisa Park have joined the team to ensure our most successful year yet."

The Calendar Committee is always on the lookout for new volunteers to help-out with this yearly project. If you're interested in helping to sell 2005 Calendars or in becoming part of the efforts for 2006, contact the Shelter at 469-9578.

If you don't have time to lend your talents to the Committee, then show your support by purchasing a copy of the 2005 Calendar. At \$10 the Calendars are extremely affordable and make great Christmas gifts! Show your support for Bide Awhile by letting others know about what we do through the gift of a 2005 Calendar.

Thanks to all those volunteers who contributed their time to the completion of the 2005 Calendar. We couldn't do it without you!

## OUR OWN MARITIMER OF THE WEEK



Tyler Rose's effort to raise money for Bide Awhile was noticed... not only by the shelter, but also by ATV News and the entire Maritime Provinces. As a result of his hard work for the Shelter, Tyler was named ATV and Live At Five's "Maritimer of the Week". Tyler, a real animal lover and a big Bide Awhile fan, came up with an idea to raise money for the Shelter. Tyler approached local businesses asking for a prize donation that he could raffle, with all of the proceeds going to Bide Awhile.

Tyler is shown here drawing the winning tickets with our Executive Director Darrold Gould and a Shelter guest on Aug 27, 2004

Tyler raised an amazing \$575.00 for Bide Awhile! Thanks Tyler, you'll always be "our" Maritimer of the Week!

**A hearty thanks goes out to this years Bowling for Critters sponsors – your generosity is deeply appreciated.**



## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS

Membership in Bide Awhile is more than just receiving a newsletter and membership card – it's about making a difference in the lives of animals in need, and belonging to a family of people who share this passion. At this time of year, we recognize special groups of members who have made a particularly generous contribution during the past year. The following have initiated or renewed a Patron (annual fee \$125) or Corporate Membership (annual fee \$250) over the last year, and have graciously given us permission to thank them in this newsletter and on our website:

Patrons:  
Linda M. Diczka  
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Welcome to Our Newest Life Members!  
An extra special thank you to our newest Life Members who joined us in 2003 and 2004! Your Life Membership (fee of \$500) helps us continue to provide excellent care for our four-legged friends.

Janis Champion  
Gail McLaughlan  
J.J. (Jean) Jones (In Memory of)  
Nancy Maxwell  
Raymond Maxwell

Thank you to all members of our Bide Awhile Family – we couldn't do it without you!

## THANKS!

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## BUILDING THE FUTURE – ONE VOLUNTEER AT A TIME



Carolyn Haddock with Cheyenne, a four year old German Shepherd from Bide Awhile.

Making the decision to erect a new building for the critters at Bide Awhile was an easy one. Why? Because our purpose has remained the same since 1969: to fulfill the dream of our founders that "one day no animal will ever be turned away." The challenge in moving into a new space comes with first securing a location and then building the right space for our furry friends. But that's where our volunteers come in.

Carolyn Haddock is a member of the Bide Awhile Board of Directors and a member of the Building Committee. New to Nova Scotia, Carolyn came to Bide Awhile no stranger to helping soon-to-be pets in need.

"While living in Ottawa I adopted my cat Vinny from a local shelter, the Humane Society of Ottawa-Carleton, where I volunteered as a dog walker," recounts Haddock. "And was foolish enough to decide to take a peek into the cat room one day!"

Shortly after adopting Vinny, Carolyn and her husband, Adam, made the move to Nova Scotia where she immediately got involved with Bide Awhile and jumped at the opportunity to put her expertise in environmental engineering to use. While searching for local animal shelters via the Internet, Haddock came across a photo of Chris Hornberger on the Bide Awhile web site, accepting a donation on behalf of the Shelter. Carolyn recognized Chris from a training course in which they were both enrolled and gave her a call. From there Carolyn was hooked and has become an integral volunteer with the Building Committee.

Hearing Haddock talk about the new building

with enthusiasm and excitement demonstrates her complete commitment to the project, and Bide Awhile.

"We have placed a deposit on a lot in the Woodside Industrial Park and are in the process of applying for approval from HRM to have the lot subdivided to suit our needs for a smaller piece of land," Haddock says with a smile. "Once the application is approved, we will execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement and [the] land will be ours! Following the purchase... we will re-activate the design team, lead by WHW Architects, to continue with the design of the building. Once the design is complete, we will obtain competitive bids from pre-qualified local contractors to construct the building."

According to Haddock, we are well on our way to securing a new home for the many critters we save and the many more that we will be sure to rescue in the future. The process of erecting a new Shelter is a long one, but Haddock is committed to the success of Bide Awhile's vision even bringing home a new friend.

"In May of this year, Adam and I adopted Cheyenne, a four year old German Shepherd from Bide Awhile," says Haddock. "We all think she's a great addition to the family, especially Vinny who [has] discovered how great dog food tastes!"

The good work we do here at Bide Awhile would not be possible without the amazing support of our volunteers. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to express our thanks to Carolyn and all our volunteers for their unwavering commitment to the critters!

## HILDA THOMSON

Bide Awhile lost a true friend this past June, when Hilda Thomson passed away. Hilda and her husband, George, were among the first volunteers in the original shelter in Spryfield in 1969. Long hours, difficult circumstances and hard work were very typical of those early days; but her dedication

was unwavering. Over the years, Hilda never missed a chance to show her support of the Shelter or her deep love of animals. We'll think of her at every Bake Sale and Bide Awhile Open House. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to George, their family and many friends.