

# BIDE AWHILE ANIMAL SHELTER NEWS

## 10-year-old hound mix, Popeye, wins over the hearts of Bide Awhile staff

On September 3rd, 2019, a beautiful hound mix by the name of Popeye arrived at our shelter. Popeye immediately won over the hearts of all the staff at Bide Awhile, with his kind nature and loving personality.

Upon his initial arrival, his health was assessed by our team and veterinarian. It was found that Popeye has a few minor health issues including IVDD (intervertebral disc disease). It was also noted that Popeye still has a lot of energy for a 10-year-old dog!

Under our care, Popeye was vaccinated, dewormed, received x-rays, and had fine-needle aspirates of some lumps on his body. Popeye also received the socialization he needed by staff and volunteers.

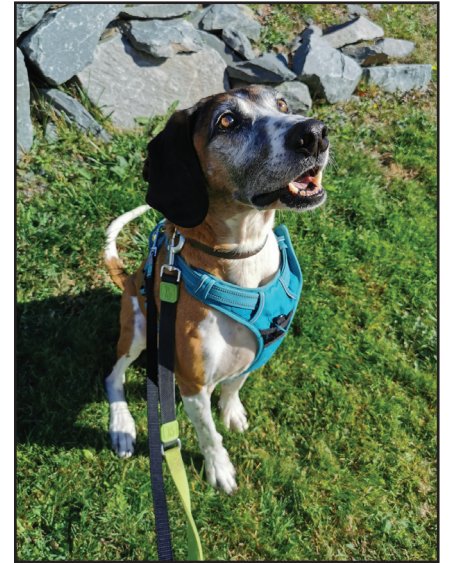
At Bide Awhile, we are lucky to have a dedicated team of volunteers

that come in to spend time with Popeye each day, whether it be taking him for a walk or just sitting, reading and spending time with him.

One of Popeye's favourite activities is going on walks, and he is lucky to be surrounded by so many people willing to take him out and about. Popeye also loves the company of humans and makes a great cuddle companion.

Popeye is still here at Bide Awhile, awaiting his forever home. He is looking for a place where he can be around his humans often and will have plenty of space to run around.

If you are interested in meeting Popeye, please email Jennifer at [shelter@bideawhile.org](mailto:shelter@bideawhile.org) or call us at 902-469-9578.



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## *Bide Awhile welcomes Sehne Connell as Executive Director*

We are excited to announce and welcome Sehne Connell (pronounced Cern) to the shelter as Executive Director. Beginning his role in September 2019, Sehne is eager to continue with the work Bide Awhile has provided over the past 50 years.

Sehne received his Bachelor of Arts, mastering in Psychology and Sociology, from the University of Pretoria in 1996. He then went on to complete his MBA in Business,

Marketing and Human Resources at the University of Pretoria in 2005.

Before joining the Bide Awhile team, Sehne held the role of Senior Fund Development Manager at Chalice Canada for 12 years. Chalice Canada is a not-for-profit organization that works to overcome the cycle of poverty by helping families through a program that sponsors families and children in impoverished countries. During his time at Chalice he helped to find sponsors

for over 51,000 children in 15 different countries across the globe.

"Sehne is a great addition to the Bide Awhile team," said Stacey Langley, President of the Board of Directors. "His years of experience in fund development will be beneficial to Bide Awhile's future and will play a key role in helping the shelter continue to be a primary resource for lost and abandoned animals within our community."



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## First report as Executive Director of Bide Awhile

I am excited to join the Bide Awhile team of staff, volunteers and board members. Stepping in to this position that Darrold Gould made his own for the last 30 years will not be an easy task, but one that I am ready to take on. I do not have to look far for inspiration. For 50 years, so many different people have been a part of Bide Awhile and the work done, the lives changed and the growth that has taken place is a true reflection of all the care that has made Bide Awhile the success story that it is. So as Bide Awhile has changed over the years, it is once more time for change.

Looking to the future in an ever-changing world, with more shelters that are helping animals in need, the challenge is to find ways that Bide Awhile can continue as a key provider of care for the lives of our animal companions, people and our community, but in a way that will allow us to continue well into the future.

I would like to thank Darrold for his loyal service over the last 30 years and also the faith that the board has entrusted in me. I look forward to meeting everyone at the Christmas open house on the 8th of December. Please come over and introduce yourself.

Sehne Connell  
Executive Director



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
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## 50 Years of Furevers!

Bide Awhile — the idea, the hope, the concept, the love. We are so much more than just an animal shelter. I'm so proud to have been a part of this society for 20 years. So many things have changed over time — our board, our staff, our volunteers, but the one constant is the mission that we all hold dear; rescue and rehome. From humble beginnings in the back room of a veterinary clinic to our purpose-built Shelter, the physical surroundings have also changed for the better. 20 years ago, Bide Awhile was the only no-kill shelter in the city. Now we are seeing more foster-based rescues within our community, especially for dogs. So many people are trying to help animals in need. So why Bide Awhile?

The answer is different for each of us. For me, I am confident that the animals are safe, extremely well cared for and socialized while they await their perfect home. Any time I speak with someone who has adopted from Bide Awhile, the feedback I receive is always the same — "we adopted our cat from you and he/she is the best cat ever!" I wouldn't hear this time and time again if we didn't ensure the perfect fit for each animal. At Bide Awhile, we get to know what every animal needs through time spent with them, watching the cats interact with each other in the open-concept cat room, how the dogs react to strangers and how they do on their walks.

We wouldn't be celebrating 50 years of furevers if it weren't for our community and our supporters who have been with us the entire way. We are in a year of transition and while things are changing, one thing will always remain — our top priority will always be the well-being of all the animals in our care, and finding their perfect furever homes.

Stacey Langley  
President

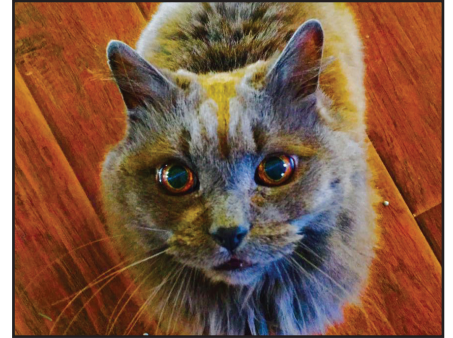
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## RUDY



Hi Everyone, Rudy here!

I am a handsome fella at 19 years young (that's 92 in people years!) and live with my sister dog - Allie, and another adopted brother cat, Larry. I was adopted back in 2001 with my adopted sister Jade (Jadie) by some pretty awesome humans. Sadly we lost my sister a few years ago and we miss her everyday.

My humans made a few moves over the past few years but they have finally found my retirement home to spend my golden years in New Brunswick. I enjoy basking in the warm weather on my deck with my humans when they are bbq'ing where they keep a very close eye on me! I have my own room where I catch up on my catnaps and enjoy some quiet time away from my silly younger brother. I'm on a few more pills these days but I feel great (& look great too!). I get lots of kisses and snuggles (on my terms of course!) and I am living a happy, quiet and loved life.

- Karmin

## PATRICK



Just wanted to touch base and send you an update on Patrick!

We've had Patrick home with us for six months now - He goes by "Patrick the Prince" because he runs the place and he knows it.

He has plenty of energy and seems to enjoy hiding around corners and jumping out to play. Morning alarms are no longer needed because he will wake us up nibbling our arms/legs and licking our eye lids, meowing and asking for breakfast!

He is extremely affectionate and does love his cuddles too though!!

Patrick not only settled into his forever home well - he took over his forever home and has made himself the man of the house!! He is well loved and spoiled.

- Amy

## LUNA



On May 8th it was Luna's one year being at her forever home! Last year I signed the papers to adopt a friendly, talkative cat named Annie, she soon was named Luna and she is still as friendly and talkative (sometimes too talkative lol). She has grown to be obsessed with wet food and meows as soon as you open the can until you give it to her on a plate! She still enjoys cuddling at night time and sleeping with me in my bed. I am so glad she accepted me when adopting her because we have been attached at the hip since!

Thank you guys again for an easy-going adoption :)

- Shannon

## BRAD



A few weeks ago we adopted Brad, and we just wanted to let you know that he is doing fantastic. He settled in really quickly and is incredibly affectionate. His favourite things to do are cuddle, play with his toys, and wake us up before our alarm goes off so he can have our undivided attention. He is definitely king of the castle.

We are so glad we got to adopt Brad and want to thank you for all your help!

- Denise

# SAVE THE DATE

We are now recruiting runners and walkers for the **2020 Blue Nose Marathon**. Join our **Tails in Motion team** as we train and fundraise for the event, which is taking place the weekend of May 15. Sign up at [www.bluenosemarathon.com](http://www.bluenosemarathon.com) under the Charity Challenge tab.

**Cat Yoga Sessions** will continue at the shelter after the holiday season. Stay tuned to our website and social media channels for upcoming dates and session times.

Our **Holiday Open House** is taking place on Sunday, December 8 from 1pm to 4pm at the Shelter. We are located at 67 Neptune Crescent in Dartmouth. This is an excellent opportunity to tour the shelter, meet our staff and animals, and learn more about us. Come with an empty stomach as there will be a bake sale, as well as books and crafts up for grabs!

Mark your calendars for our annual **Grafton Street Dinner Theatre Fundraiser!** The event — which is full of excellent music, fun and a lot of laughs — takes place on Sunday, May 3 in downtown Halifax. Stay tuned to our social media and website for information on the show and how to get your tickets.

Our **2020 Annual Calendar** is hot off the press and is available for just \$10 at the shelter, as well as various vendors across Halifax Regional Municipality, including:

- 4 PAWS Veterinary Hospital
- 5th Dimension Hair Design
- Acres Animal Hospital
- Atlantic Cat Hospital
- Atlantic News
- Avon Animal Hospital
- Bank of Montreal - (Baker Drive)
- Basinview Animal Hospital
- Bedford Highway Veterinary Hospital
- Best Friends Pet Supplies
- B & R Pet Supplies
- Camp Bow Wow
- Carnegie Animal Hospital Limited
- Clayton Park Veterinary Hospital
- Coconut Creek
- Companion Animal Hospital
- Dartmouth Veterinary Hospital
- Eastern Passage Village Veterinary Clinic
- East Hants Animal Hospital
- Global Pet Foods
- Lady Hammond Animal Hospital
- Lucy's Esthetics
- Middle Sackville Veterinary Care Centre
- Pet Stuff on the Go
- Pipe and Piling Supplies
- Sackville Animal Hospital
- Sunnyview Animal Care Center
- Valleyfield Farm Ltd.
- Vetcetera
- Vet Wise
- Weste Animal Hospital

# THANK YOU

To our dedicated group of **volunteers**, who are a crucial part of the Bide Awhile family. They do so much to support us throughout the year and we are so grateful.

Our **Blue Nose Marathon Tails in Motion Team** raised who \$6,146 in 2019!

**BOYNECLARKE LLP**, who held a Trivia Night in support of Bide Awhile on Thursday, October 17, raising \$460 for the shelter, as well as hosting a casual day in February.

**Princess Auto Dartmouth** hosted a barbeque in support of the shelter on May 28. They provided all of the supplies, while we helped with the cooking. May's barbeque raised \$404 for us!

**Citco** for their continued support through casual day donations.

**Service Nova Scotia** for their donation of \$250, raised through casual day funds in May.

**Businesses who host Casual Days, hold our Cat Banks and sell our Calendars** play a key role in some of our fundraising initiatives, and we thank you all, so much, for your continued support.

We do not receive any government funding, so fundraising and donations are a huge part of how we keep our charitable organization running. It costs a minimum of \$350 for each animal we take in at the shelter, and we help hundreds of animals each year. Your generosity and support allows us to continue finding forever families for lost and abandoned animals. Thank you!



Please join us at our

# ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, December 8, from 1 to 4pm  
67 Neptune Cres., Dartmouth