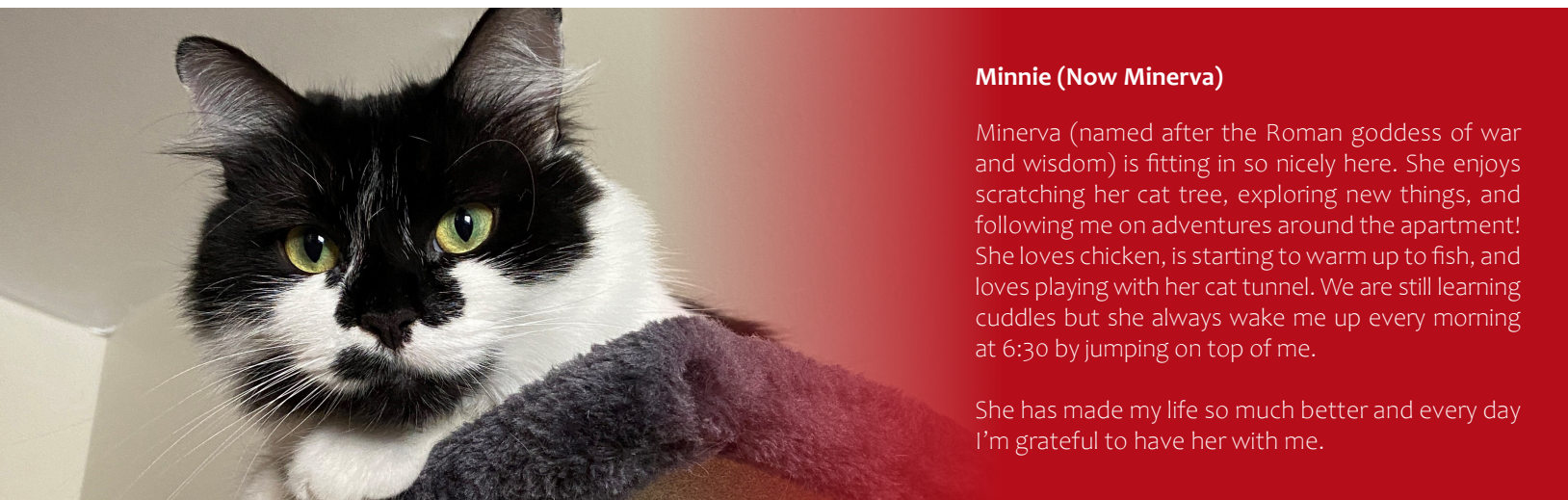




Adoption Updates 2024 Fall Newsletter



Minnie (Now Minerva)

Minerva (named after the Roman goddess of war and wisdom) is fitting in so nicely here. She enjoys scratching her cat tree, exploring new things, and following me on adventures around the apartment! She loves chicken, is starting to warm up to fish, and loves playing with her cat tunnel. We are still learning cuddles but she always wake me up every morning at 6:30 by jumping on top of me.

She has made my life so much better and every day I'm grateful to have her with me.



Sophie & Annie (Now Pyper & Bailey)

They have settled in quite well and seem quite comfortable here. They are eating and drinking, getting outside for a walk and just to hang out while we are working in the yard. All in all they are very well behaved and seem to be responding well to their environment, barking only to alert us when they spot something "suspicious".

We are thankful to have been chosen as their humans!



Cookie

I liked the name Cookie so much that I kept it. He has adjusted well to apartment living. Cookie is a real love bug and sleeps with me every night. He is very playful and likes to watch the birds outside the window.

When I arrive home he runs to the door to meet me and is very vocal! He is a handsome boy and a wonderful companion.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As the crisp air settles in and the vibrant colors of fall take over, I'm excited to share with you some of the incredible moments we've experienced here at the shelter. These past few months have been a whirlwind, but they have also highlighted the true strength and compassion of our community.

94 Cats Find Safety

This fall, we faced an extraordinary challenge: taking in 94 cats from a situation where they desperately needed assistance. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our team and the outpouring of support from the community, we were able to step in and give these cats the care they needed.

In the spirit of fun, we decided to name each of them after Canadian Olympians and beloved Marvel and DC characters! It's been heartwarming to see new families bring home their very own "Captain Marvel," "Wolverine," "Wonder Woman," or "Andre De Grasse." These cats are not only heroes in their own right but a symbol of the resilience we all share.

Fundraising: A Community of Heroes

None of this would have been possible without your generosity. The outpouring of donations, supplies, and volunteering hours has been awe-inspiring. We launched a rapid fundraising campaign, and you answered the call in a big way. From online fundraisers to local businesses holding special events in our honor, the community has come together in ways that we never could have imagined. Together, we pulled off some amazing feats to ensure these cats were given a second chance at life.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the holiday season, we are preparing for more exciting events and ways to engage with all of you. Our open house is December 8th, 2024, please mark your calendar and come visit Bide Awhile with us that day. Stay tuned for more details on how you can get involved and continue to be a part of this wonderful community of caring, compassionate people helping lost, stray, and injured animals find their new home.

Thank you for your support!

Whether you've adopted, followed us on social media, donated, or simply shared our stories with friends, you've made a difference. The work we do wouldn't be possible without you, and for that, we are deeply grateful.

To the Board of Directors, Volunteers, and Staff, I say thank you for being the heroes behind the scenes.

With gratitude,

Liesje Somers-Blonde,
Executive Director



Follow along on
Social Media
@BideAwhile

Find our adoptables
by visiting our website
www.bideawhile.org

Join us to celebrate the
holiday season and the
success of 2024 at our
Holiday Open House!

December 8th
1PM - 4PM

67 Neptune Cres.
Dartmouth, NS

As I share my first message in the Bide Awhile newsletter as President of the Board, I am deeply honored to be a part of an organization with a clear purpose and strong values that are upheld by everyone involved with Bide Awhile.

The commitment of our team to serve the cats and dogs in our care - providing protection, health care, shelter, and finding them loving forever homes - truly is remarkable. This is no small feat, and it speaks volumes about the dedication we all share.

As a community-supported and community-funded organization, we take our responsibility to raise the necessary funds each year very seriously. We are acutely aware of the financial challenges many face in today's world, and we are profoundly grateful for the unwavering support from our community throughout HRM and beyond. It is this generosity that has allowed us to thrive for the past 55 years.

We find ourselves in a new era where the demand for our services is increasing, which is both a call to action and a cause for concern, as it indicates that more animals are at risk. We recognize that we are one of several organizations addressing this need, and we have been actively developing outreach and collaborative partnerships with other shelters. Despite these collaborations, the demand for quality veterinary services, protection, and meaningful placements continues to grow.

A recent example of this demand was highlighted in our Executive Director's report, recounting the rescue of 94 cats and kittens in a single event. This tremendous undertaking put significant strain on our resources, impacting our regular operations and our ability to expand services. However, the good news is that when we reached out to the community

for assistance, the response was overwhelmingly positive. Thanks to your support, we have successfully met the needs of all the rescued cats and kittens.

Looking ahead, Bide Awhile is committed to securing regular funding sources to ensure we can continue this vital work for another 55 years and beyond. If you are interested in supporting our cause, please consider joining our Kennel Klub monthly giving program.

Thank you all for your ongoing support. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of countless animals.

**Thomas Williams,
President**



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Every donation up to \$5,000 will be **DOUBLED!** Help us make a difference and give back to animals in need.

Scan the QR code or visit www.bideawhile.org for more.



Murphy, 2024 Alumni

Be a Best Friend.

Help make a difference for companion animals by joining our Kennel Klub monthly giving program.

For as little as \$5 a month, you can help provide food, medical care and a warm bed to animals in need.

Scan the code to learn more:



Achieving a Dream

For the past 55 years, Bide Awhile has strived to be a leading and respected partner for companion animal welfare, in a community of caring forever homes. In October, our dreams of becoming such were reinforced as we officially became an Associate Member of Humane Canada.

This makes Bide Awhile Animal Shelter one of the two Humane Canada associated shelters in Nova Scotia. It speaks to our level of care and compassion, our commitment to being a leader in the community, and our organization's efforts in making a difference for companion animals in need.

As a shelter that started in the basement of a vet clinic back in 1969, our mission has always been to provide compassionate care, rehabilitation, and safe haven to companion animals in need. With the support of our community, we've grown for the good and have been able to impact the lives of thousands of animals in need.



Ariel, 2024 Alumni



Every tail tells a story.

We partnered with local artist, Tansy Rudnicki, to produce limited-edition shirts in support of Bide Awhile.

Shirts are available at the shelter and all funds raised go towards helping animals in need.



Monthly 50/50 Raffles

Help us support companion animals in need and purchase a ticket for our monthly 50/50 raffle! With jackpots over \$5,000 - you won't want to miss this win-win opportunity.

Interested? Scan the code for more.