



# 2024 Spring Newsletter

## Adoption Updates



### Outlander (Now Toast)

Toast has settled in comfortably and has been the most wonderful addition to our home!

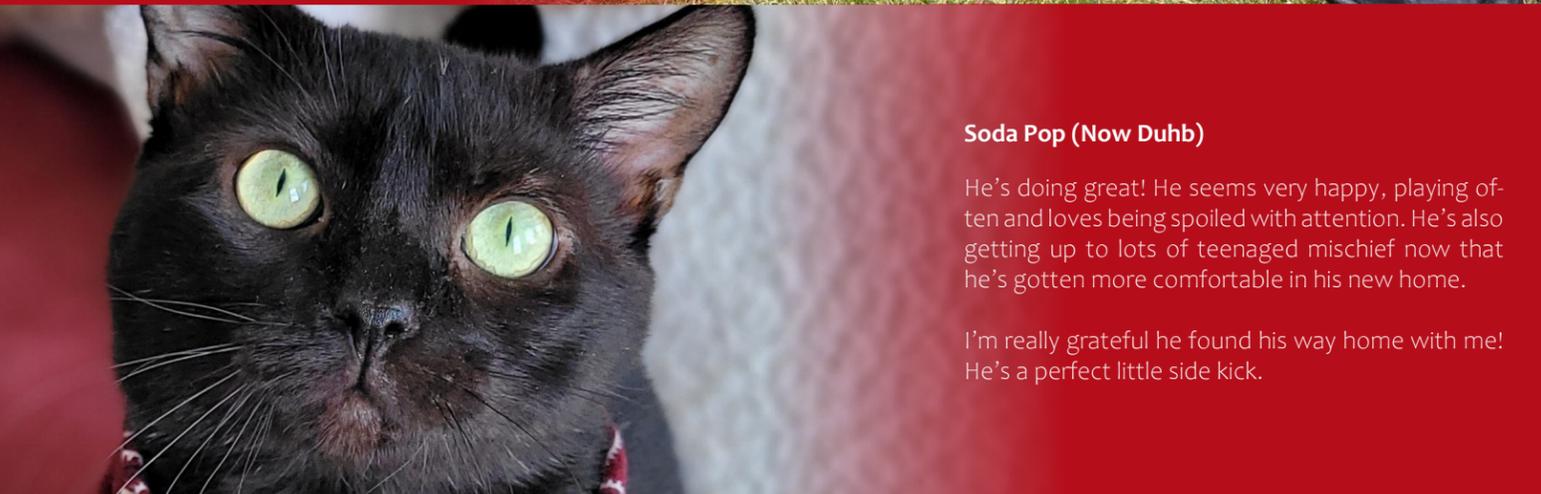
Toast is a playful young kitten who loves to eat everything he sees, especially human food heavy with carbohydrates. Muffins. Breads. Pancakes. You name it, he's trying to steal it out of your hand. (This is how he got his name, he stole a bite of toast from me!)

Toast has been the best addition to my life.

### Russell (Now Jack)

He loves walks and gets about 3 a day, he plays tug and chase with the girls and is a pro at fetch with the frisbee and ball. He is so fast and loves to run in the backyard. He had lots of fun when we had snow, but since it is easier to play fetch with it gone, I think he is happy that Spring is coming.

He thinks that he is a lap dog, and will climb up in a chair so he can lay across us. He is definitely still a puppy though with his energy and occasional nippiness. He is a good boy and we are all so happy to see him becoming more confident in the house and his place in it.



### Soda Pop (Now Duhb)

He's doing great! He seems very happy, playing often and loves being spoiled with attention. He's also getting up to lots of teenaged mischief now that he's gotten more comfortable in his new home.

I'm really grateful he found his way home with me! He's a perfect little side kick.

## Going the Extra Mile

As the flowers get ready to bloom and the sun shines brighter, I'm filled with gratitude for the unwavering support you continue to provide our companions and all of us here at Bide Awhile Animal Shelter. Your dedication and generosity are the foundation of our success, and as we step into the season of spring, I wanted to take a moment to express my thanks.

Your commitment to volunteering your time, whether it is walking dogs, cuddling kittens, or assisting with administrative tasks, ensures that every animal in our care receives the attention and love they deserve. Your selflessness is truly inspiring and it's a testament to the compassion that resides within our community.

In addition to your time, your generous donations have made a real and measurable difference in the lives of countless companions. Your contributions provide food, shelter and medical care, enrichment activities, and a nurturing environment where our companions can thrive as they bide awhile for their forever homes.

As we embrace the spirit of renewal that comes with spring, I invite you to consider ways in which you can further support our cause. Whether it's increasing your

volunteer hours, organizing a fundraiser, or spreading the word about our mission, every effort, no matter how small, makes a meaningful impact.

Together we can continue to make a difference in the lives of animals in need, ensuring that each one receives the love and care they deserve. Thank you for being an integral part of our Bide Awhile family.

With heartfelt thanks,

**Liesje Somers-Blonde,**  
**Executive Director**



Follow along on  
Social Media

@BideAwhile

Find our adoptables  
by visiting our website

[www.bideawhile.org](http://www.bideawhile.org)

You're Invited!

Open House  
June 8 | 1PM - 4PM

Annual General Meeting  
June 12 | 7PM Virtual

67 Neptune Cres.  
Dartmouth, NS

## A Time for Growth

As the spring sun ushers in a season of renewal and growth, I am excited at the opportunities that lie ahead for our organization and our supporters. Your steadfast support and dedication have been the cornerstone of our success, enabling us to provide exceptional care and find forever homes for our beloved animals.

This year we've experienced a series of remarkable events, from successful fundraising initiatives to Bide Awhile responding to urgent needs of our community, and witnessing high adoption levels that have brought joy and purpose to our mission. Your support has directly impacted the lives of animals in our care. You've helped provide not only the essentials like food, shelter, and medical care but also the loving attention that nurtures the spirits of our companions as they await their forever homes.

As we step into the spring season, filled with optimism and the promise of new beginnings, I am excited to announce that we are starting our new board year this summer on fantastic footing. Many familiar members are returning, bringing with them a sense of experience and dedication that promises to further our strategic plan and opportunities for future growth and sustainability.

The strategic planning progress continues with the board committee planning key priorities and research approaches. We're looking forward to sharing further updates as this important effort continues through the next few years.

My heartfelt thank you to staff for all their efforts to expand Bide Awhile's scope of operations this year and to you, our supporters, for being there every step of the way. Together, we continue to make a profound difference in the lives of animals in need, ensuring that each one receives the love, care, and opportunity they deserve.

**Aaron Veinotte,**  
**President**



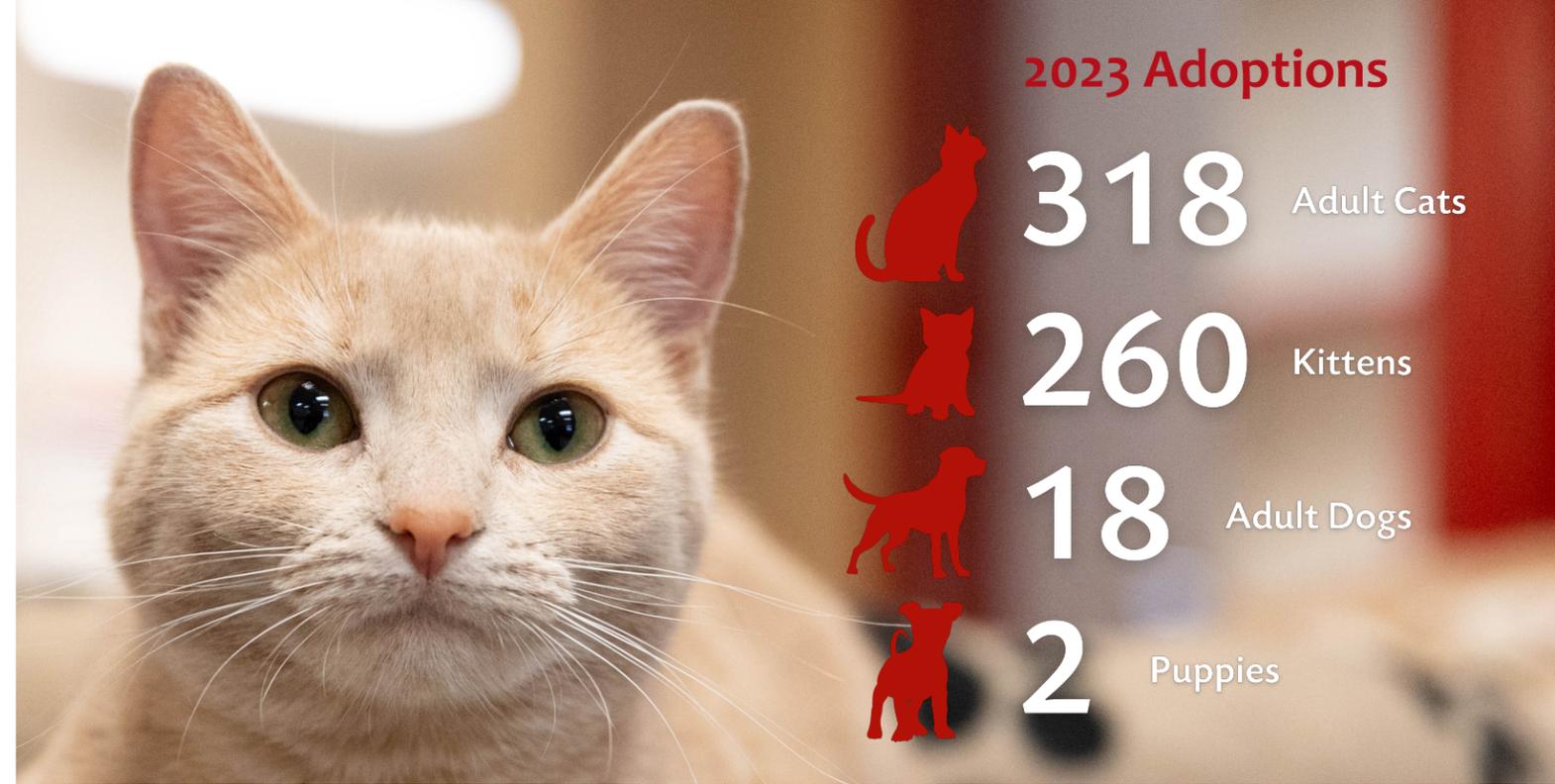
## Buzzing with Excitement

Our first anniversary with the Bide Awhile Bees is coming up and we've got exciting news to share!

With the success of our first hive, we have decided to add a SECOND hive to our Bide Awhile Bees. This means more bees, more pollination, and of course - more honey.

You can join us for the live installation of this new hive on June 8th at 12:30PM.

Barbecue & Open House to follow!



## 2023 Adoptions

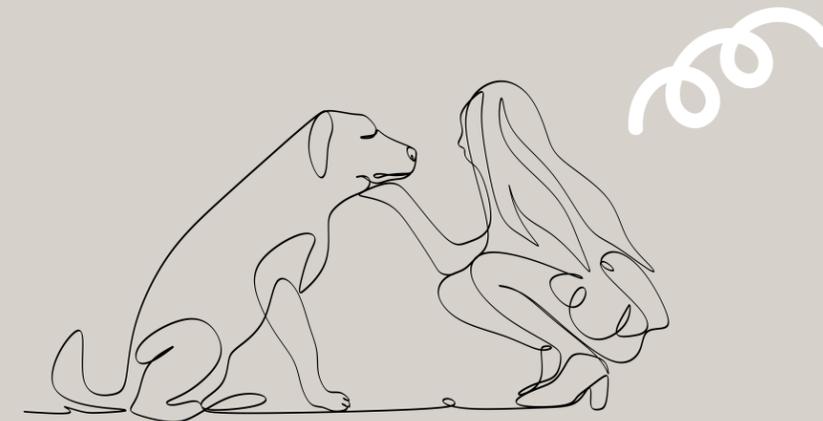


## Be a Best Friend.

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

For as little as \$10 a month, you can help provide food, medical care and a warm bed to animals in need.

Visit [bideawhile.org/ways-to-donate/](https://bideawhile.org/ways-to-donate/) for more.



## You were the key to 2023!



**598** Animals given a second chance and adopted into loving homes.



**465** Cats were spayed/neutered through our low-income program.



**192** Families were helped through our Pet Food Pantry.

## 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:

