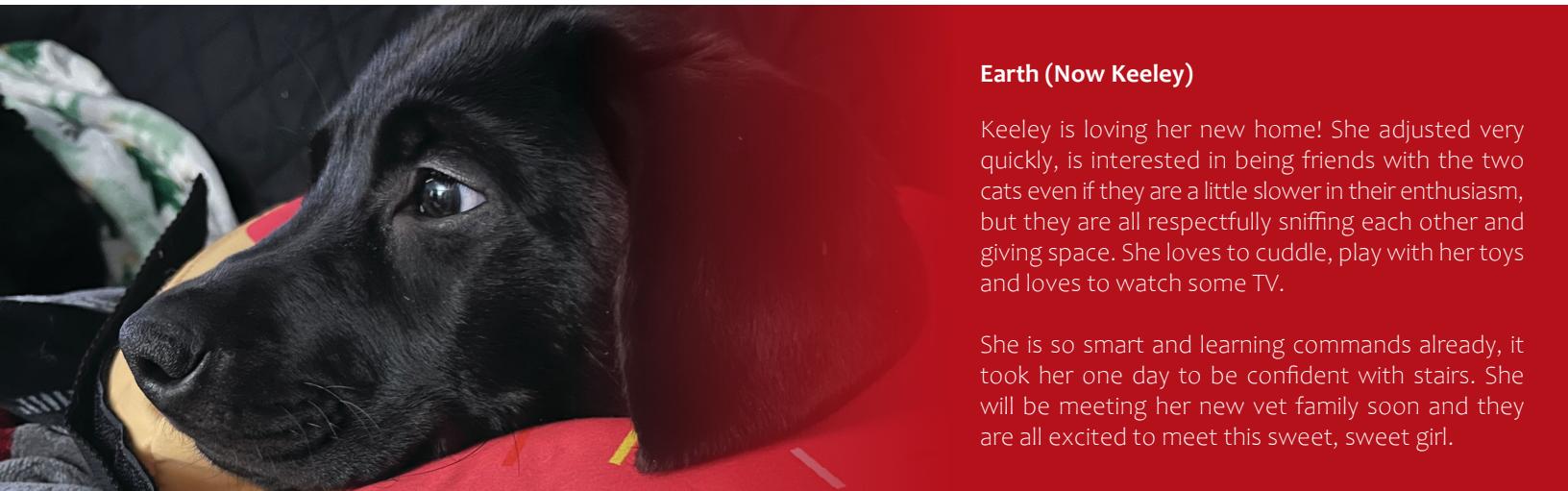


Adoption Updates 2025 Spring Newsletter



Earth (Now Keeley)

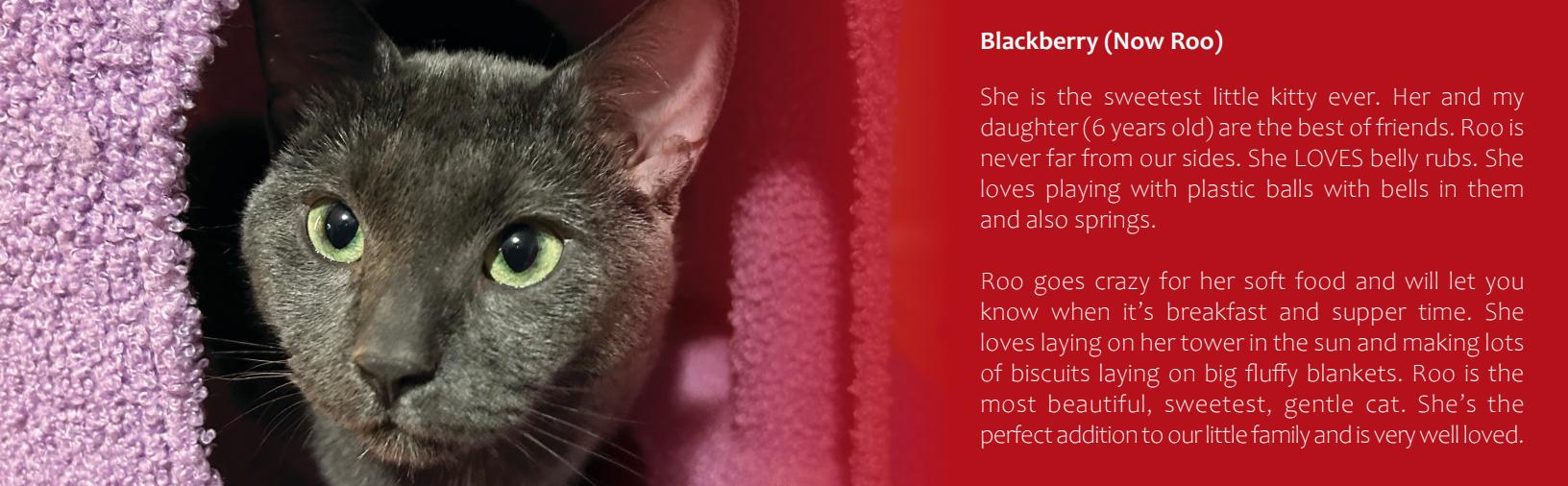
Keeley is loving her new home! She adjusted very quickly, is interested in being friends with the two cats even if they are a little slower in their enthusiasm, but they are all respectfully sniffing each other and giving space. She loves to cuddle, play with her toys and loves to watch some TV.

She is so smart and learning commands already, it took her one day to be confident with stairs. She will be meeting her new vet family soon and they are all excited to meet this sweet, sweet girl.



Chopstick (Now Hazel)

Hazel is fitting in very nicely to our family! She loves to play and cause trouble with our other cat Frankie. They are very good at sharing food and toys, but they still refuse to share a bed! We all love Hazel very much and are grateful for the care Bide Awhile gave her as a kitten.



Blackberry (Now Roo)

She is the sweetest little kitty ever. Her and my daughter (6 years old) are the best of friends. Roo is never far from our sides. She LOVES belly rubs. She loves playing with plastic balls with bells in them and also springs.

Roo goes crazy for her soft food and will let you know when it's breakfast and supper time. She loves laying on her tower in the sun and making lots of biscuits laying on big fluffy blankets. Roo is the most beautiful, sweetest, gentle cat. She's the perfect addition to our little family and is very well loved.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

If you're looking for opportunities to volunteer, fundraise or adopt – we have them!

Spring is the season of renewal, and at Bide Awhile, it is also a season of opportunity. If you've been waiting for the right time to get involved, consider this your invitation. Whether your heart is calling you to volunteer, your voice is ready to help fundraise, or your home is open for a new furry friend – we have a place for you.

This year, I'm lacing up my sneakers and joining our Tails in Motion team – running not just for fitness but for a cause I believe in deeply. It's one more way I'm committing to the animals and community we serve, and I'd love for you to join me, cheer us on or support our team however you can.

The team at Bide Awhile is also excited to invite you to our Open House on June 14th where you can tour the shelter, meet our team, and experience firsthand the love and care that goes into every adoption. This year's event will be extra special as we will be showcasing some new features in Trio's Garden, a peaceful, purposeful space in memory of a very special resident. It's a place for animals and people to reflect, rest, and reconnect with the heart of our mission. Come by and bide awhile with us in the beautiful garden.

If you're looking to make a difference behind the scenes, we're currently welcoming volunteers who are passionate about animal care, socialization, and administration to share their skills and deep love for animals.

Our shelter is blooming with life and possibility, and we're excited to share this growth with you. From wagging tails and gentle purrs to the smiling faces of volunteers and supporters, everything we do is made possible by people like you.

Let's make this spring a season to remember – one filled with hope, connection, and compassion.

Together we can give more animals (and people in our community) a second chance and more joy of unconditional love.

With gratitude,

**Liesje Somers-Blonde,
Executive Director**



Follow along on
Social Media
@BideAwhile

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

You're Invited!

Annual General Meeting
May 28 | 6:30PM Virtual
email office@bideawhile.org
for more information

Open House
June 14 | 1PM - 4PM

**67 Neptune Cres.
Dartmouth, NS**



2022
Adoptions

240



2023
Adoptions

598



2024
Adoptions

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As we welcome the vibrant spirit of spring, I want to celebrate the incredible work happening at Bide Awhile Animal Shelter. Our dedicated team has been meeting the ever-growing demand for safe homes for our beloved four-legged companions with unwavering commitment.

This past year, we've seen a rise in the number of animals needing our help, underscoring the trust our community has in our mission. Our shelter building, serving us since 2008, is showing its age, but thanks to energy-efficient grants, we're making much-needed improvements that enhance the comfort of both our animals and staff.

As we look to the future, we're exploring ways to adapt our facilities to ensure we continue providing excellent care. Together, we can thoughtfully consider how to meet the growing demands of our work.

I invite you to join us for the Open House on June 14th, where you can see our upgrades and the love that goes into every adoption. Together, we can continue building a compassionate community for both animals and people.



Everyone Deserves a Home

Regardless of the age, health status, or breed, we believe that every animal is deserving of a loving home. This is why we created our Palliative Care and Long-Term Foster program for animals that struggle to find homes due to medical or behavioural reasons.

Through these permanent foster placements, animals involved in the program are still able to enjoy a high quality of life and get to experience the love of a home. Fosters are only required to cover the cost of food, litter, and love - all medical expenses are covered through Bide Awhile.

Currently, there are 17 cats in the program with a wide range of conditions such as chronic ear infections, behavioural challenges, and partial paralysis.

Learn more at bideawhile.org or call our office at 902-469-9578



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Thank you for your ongoing support as we embrace this season of renewal and hope.

With gratitude,

Thomas Williams,
President



Itty Bitty Babies

Spring means kitten season!

From April - October we tend to see a large increase in the number of kittens coming through the shelter. Warm and mild weather offers the best chance of survival for new born kittens, making spring an ideal time for new babies to enter the world.

Our Moms & Babies program offers support to those who find themselves with an accidental litter of kittens. We'll spay the mother cat at no cost and return her back to the home, while ensuring all kittens receive the necessary veterinary care and find loving homes through adoption.

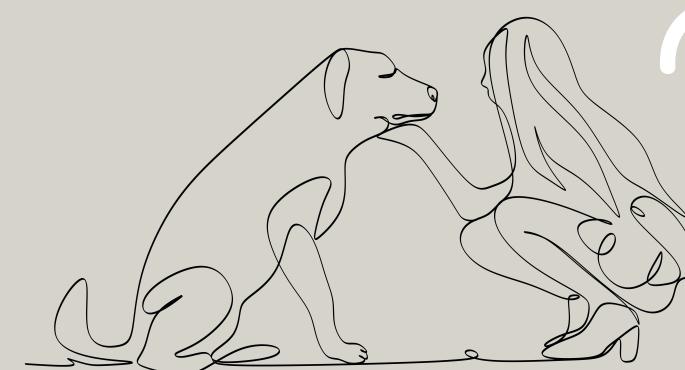


Be a Best Friend.

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:



Royal Canin & Bide Awhile

We partnered with Royal Canin to offer every adopter a free take-home kit full of food samples and supplies to get you started with your new furry friend.

Every kit also helps the shelter provide food for animals in need through the Royal Canin Shelter Program.



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.