



# *Eva Burrell Animal Shelter*

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## **Our Tribe**

Here we are, thousands of dogs and cats have been through our doors since we opened. So many, and they still keep coming. Thousands of hours, so many missteps as we have learned to navigate, learned this sheltering concept, enrichment, being better, even more than better, for their sake. Colony rooms for the cats, daily walks for the dogs, larger exercise area for the dogs, agility equipment. Group play, group walks, snuggle time, quiet time, frozen treats, learn learn learn. Car rides, social outings, move forward. Enrichment toys for cats, hiding places for cats, how to make them feel safe, how to make them happy, how to....

None of it is possible without our volunteers, who, to you, look like everyday people, to us, they are heroes. 365 days a year 3 times a day, we have people here. Think about that. We do, and we are awed and amazed. Take Anna, who had a vision for changing the front of the shelter and adding curb appeal. Have you happened to see the front of our shelter in summer? People stop and take pictures of our beautiful flowers. It began with Anna, her vision and her gift. Sure, her passion is cuddling and loving cats, but she is also a master gardener and at no cost to the shelter she waved her magic wand, or enlisted family and friends and worked diligently to make our dreary front look fabulous. Others stepped up and added color and flair. When Anna passed the torch, others stepped up. When we pull in during spring to fall we can sit for a moment and soak up the beauty of love and reset. It's a gift, to all of us. Nothing ordinary, it's a gift to us all. Or Connie, who used her skills to pill any cat we had on meds, now that's a feat. She adopted many felines from us. Or Rex, who power washed our building inside and out for years and put up a mailbox that our plow hasn't been able to take down (yet); his wife Judy cuddled cats for years. Ron, who helped build the shelter and still sits on the board and volunteers to run dogs to the vet and actively volunteers at the shelter. And Char, many of you get lovely thank you letters from her, grace in action that one is. We became a tribe and a family.

Our numbers are mighty and we are united because of our compassion and commitment to our belief in caring for animals. You, by your encouragement, support, and commitment to our shelter become one of our tribe too. Thank you.

## **The Paw Pact . . .**



It means when you adopt me you will love me for my whole life NO MATTER WHAT.  
When you move you will take me with you. When you have a baby you won't give me up.  
If you get another pet, you will still love me.

**THE PAW PACT = FOREVER**

## In Our Care

*Cole*

*by Patricia Newby, EBAS Director*



They said my person left because he got sick. He moved downstate and put me outside, I guess that's abandoning me? I dunno, it's not like I missed many meals. A nice man sorta nearby fed me for a while, but when he left for the winter, another couple stepped right in with concern and called a shelter who said they would take me when they had room. Whoa, that's a lot of humans working together for me, one cat.

So, this shelter took me in, said I was neutered (how embarrassing) and the people told them my name was Cole. The Shelter had me tested for feline leukemia, and updated my rabies and FVRCP (that's cat lingo for a bunch of other diseases). I just kinda hung out in a kennel, 'cept these people gave me treats, petted me, and fed me every day! This one lady, she would tell me that she was going to find me a wonderful home, and that the best was yet to come. Don't tell her, but I heard her whisper that to the other felines, too.

One day this couple came in and Patricia (the lady who whispered) said "that's our boy Cole." The couple looked at me and the sweet lady started to cry and said "we want him." The guy, gosh he had tears in his eyes, too. They petted and snuggled me and they acted like I was special, a prize. The lady made promises to me and they changed my name to Gibney, but I don't care what they call me because they adore me.

Patricia said the best is yet to come . . . the best is here!



## A Volunteer's Tale

*By Erin Halliwill*

Picture this: It's May, 2004. A shy young woman walks into the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter asking to volunteer. She begins by walking an elderly dog named Timber and ends up volunteering for 2 years. After that, she gets hired as an employee. Fast forward to February, 2022 and through all the trials and tribulations, sadness and joy and everything in between, she's still here.

That shy young woman is me. For years, I struggled to find my purpose in life. I found it at Eva Burrell. I have a reason to get up in the morning, knowing those dogs and cats need me. And, after my dad's death, I needed them more than ever. I got my love of all things 4-legged from my Daddy. He especially loved kittens, all sizes, colors and personalities. Cleaning the same messes over and over again may seem monotonous to some people but for me, when my shift is over, I leave knowing that I made their lives a little better.

The Eva Burrell Animal Shelter is truly a gem in this community!



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# A Home for Holly (Again!)

By Patricia Newby, EBAS Director

Sometimes life doesn't seem to deal us a fair hand. At least that was the case for Holly, a beagle/Jack Russell terrier mix. She was untrusting, leery, and searching. When she showed up at the shelter in November of 2020, she was frantic. I took her home to foster her, as she clearly didn't shelter well. She had severe separation anxiety; she came to work with me here at the shelter and then home with me at night while we searched for her family.

No one claimed the dog we dubbed Holly. As I was leaving on vacation, we found a wonderful foster to step in, but her anxiety was too much. So, she returned to the shelter. When I returned from vacation, it became our mission to find someone who could champion Ms. Holly. And we did!

A wonderful gentleman, a veteran who lived a somewhat sheltered life and rarely went anywhere, became dearly devoted to Holly. They were two peas in a pod. Oh, Holly, how fortunate . . . until it wasn't. His health was deteriorating but he chose not to call for help because of his love for Holly and his concern for his companion. Finally, he made the call necessary for his health. Poor Holly was brought back in November 2021, lost, dazed, confused, growling, until she saw me . . . and she remembered. Love seldom forgets. We set to work finding a temporary foster home and Holly started finding herself again.

We put the word out: Holly needs a home (again). Holly, our special out-of-sorts girl, was needing someone who could look beyond the moment, beyond the initial impression, and see the potential. We waited and vetted the applications: no, she's too big, too small, too grumpy, too old, too young, too . . . And, all the while we were thinking, no! Holly is just right! We just need to find the person who knows she is just right. Application after application, call after call.

Yes, Holly is home again, because Holly is just right. We are so thankful for people who can see beyond and know that sometimes the gift of time and the gift of unconditional love is the best gift of all.



## In Honor

**Feline Fiasco** – Mary Lou Marx

**\*Loui\*** – Krista Abrahamson

**\*Whiskey River** – Paul & Trina

Rochna

**Ray & Karen Soulliere**– Paul & Trina

Rochna

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## Canine Harness Fit and Function

Harnesses come in all shapes and sizes, just as dogs do! Many owners do not notice a poorly fitting harness and the implications it has on the dog's posture, joint alignment, muscles and mobility while wearing the harness. Over the miles, while wearing it, an ill-fitting harness can cause thoracic rotation, misalignment of extremities and lead to future joint ailments, as well as being just plain uncomfortable for the dog. The poorly fitting harness has the ability to alter posture and require of the dog a need to counteract its effect. External forces produced by a poorly fitting harness can create the following effects on the dog:

1. Altered neural inputs resulting in greater effort and position errors. For example, a harness that is positioned directly over the shoulder joints (pictured below) results in the dog's perception that every forward motion of the front leg is met with the signal that the shoulder is not allowed to extend as much as the dog would like it to.



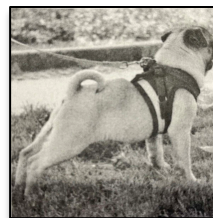
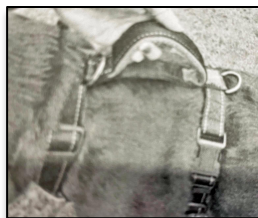
2. Postural shifts affecting balance and center of gravity. The photographs below show a harness with a front center clip. You can see that a pull on the leash will pull the body's center of gravity off balance and result in the dog having to correct the feeling of being tipped off balance.



3. Effects on soft tissue, skin, fascia and trigger points can result in internal organ dysfunction. The photograph below shows a harness with a clip between the shoulder blades that is so tight that an indent remains even when the harness is removed and the harness itself pulls at the skin and soft tissue in multiple directions.



4. Reduced neuro-biomechanical function and respiration capacity. The photographs below demonstrate harnesses that are so tight around the ribs that they reduce full thoracic and lung expansion, especially critical in hot weather or with fast pace or jogging, where increased oxygen requirements are needed.



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## CANINE HARNESS FIT AND FUNCTION— *continued from page 6*

There are many brands and types of harnesses available. Be sure to observe the fit of the harness and the forces it will place on your dog's body when he is wearing it or when you are attached to the other end of the lead.

General guidelines for a properly-fit canine harness:

- Harness should be snug to prevent the dog backing out of it. As a rule, you should not be able to place more than two fingers between the harness and the dog and two finger distance should prevent pinching or inhibiting movement or breathing. The dog's armpit area should also be monitored for chafing or the harness being too snug.
- Harness should not place pressure on the dog's throat area.
- Harness should not cross directly over the shoulder joint.
- Front clip harnesses should be used for training purposes only in cases where the dog pulls and will not follow the owner. This type may create balance and chiropractic issues if used regularly.
- Back clip harnesses are recommended and the clip should be well forward on the harness which may help to control forward momentum.



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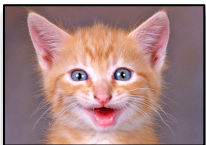
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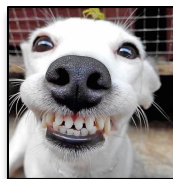
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We continue to miss everyone as the COVID-19 pandemic continues, causing the cancellation of our regular events. It has been sad not to see the faces of our community at these fun and very important fundraisers.

We miss you and still need your support! Sending a donation isn't as much fun as visiting together, but the need is still very real and has not been put on hold. Please know that we are here, fighting the good fight for the animals in our charge, and we hope to see you all very soon. Stay safe, be kind to one another, and thank you so very much for your support!



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