



HUMANE SOCIETY
OF NEW ZEALAND INC

Newsletter

March 2011

I am sure that all members of Humane Society share with horror the terrible loss that has struck again in Canterbury. As one friend said "I am not a Cantabrian but I am a New Zealander so I share in your pain"

Initially we watched in disbelief and then with a mixture of pride and humility as we witnessed the courage and determination of individuals and groups alike as those present did what they could to rescue, help and then resurrect people and neighbourhoods throughout the affected areas. Help came from around the world, and while we have responded to crisis of other countries in the past, it is very moving to be on the receiving end of such assistance. Thank you.

As we would expect, this tragedy has had great effect on our animal friends as well. I am told that the first reaction for dogs was to run, and for cats was to hide. Thanks to that first reaction many dogs lost their owners and within two days were being delivered to the local animal welfare groups in the hopes of being reunited with their owners. For cats, with the aftershocks continuing, it took longer for them to risk coming out from their hiding places. For many cats their caregivers were no longer in the 'right' place. Scared and hungry, where possible rescuers took them in or took them to places such as the SPCA. These animals are being cared for by various groups in Christchurch, who have been grateful for the time, water, cat litter, cleaning equipment and food that has been donated to them.

For all the people dealing with the after effects of this tragedy we wish you well. While some things can never be made 'right' we wish for you the strength and internal wherewithal to move forward and hope that your friendships, both human and animal, help give you the courage to succeed.

If you have or are planning to have a little escape time in Auckland we would love to see you at our **Pets Picnic in the Park**. This month, on Sunday, the **27th March** we will gather at the **One Tree Hill Domain** from mid day on the grass in front of the Observatory for a time of fun, food and entertainment. We will have our usual competitions. Circle the date on your calendar or record it in your PDA and come join us for a pleasant afternoon.

Your committee:

Don Sharp, Jill O'Keeffe, Heather Wade,
Johanna Brens, Trish Burke, Nicole Keller
Don McKenzie and Fiona Seiffert

Pet Emergency Earthquake Fund 2011

Canterbury has been hit again. The effects from the February 22 earthquake are devastating .
 Hundreds of people and their animals have been affected and displaced by the earthquake.
 Your donation will go where it is most needed.

MR/MS/MRS/MISS/DR

ADDRESS:

I enclose my donation of (please tick)
 ☐ \$100
 ☐ \$50
 ☐ \$30
 ☐ \$25
 ☐ \$10
 Other \$

I enclose my cheque OR please charge my credit card (please indicate type)

☐ Diners
 ☐ Visa
 ☐ Mastercard
 ☐ American Express

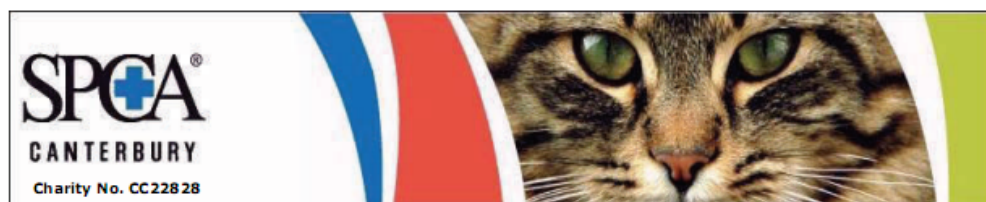
Card Number

Expiry Date:

Name on Card Signature

Thank you for thinking of the people and animals in Canterbury.
Please post this completed form (and your cheque) to
SPCA Canterbury
P.O. Box 16880
Hornby
Christchurch 8441

We speak for those that cannot speak for themselves



Our Response:

Humane Society has agreed to donate to this appeal. We have also agreed to help with vet medical expenses for pets that have been hurt as a consequence of this earthquake.

Your Response:

Option 1

Enclosed is a copy of the donation form which you may use if you would like to make a personal donation to the Pet Emergency Earthquake Fund.

Option 2

Annie is running a Doggy Gobble Café for dog breakfasts at Milford Beach Car Park on Saturday morning the 19th March

or

The Doggy Gobble Café outside Bungalo Café for breakfast in Birkenhead. Watch out for the posters for the date.

Proceeds from these breakfasts are to help the Christchurch displaced animals .

Christchurch earthquake: Pets find shelter as owners leave town

Reprinted from NZ Herald

The Canterbury SPCA has taken in more than 150 pets from people displaced by the earthquake and has promised to care for them until they can be taken back.

Manager Geoff Sutton said that the SPCA had given a commitment to those owners that it would care for the pets until they were ready for them. Some of the pets were likely to be sent to other SPCA branches—such as Timaru—because the Christchurch SPCA could not hold them all. “We have no idea if its going to be for days, weeks or longer.” He said it was possible some would simply abandon their pets with the SPCA, so all owners had been told to stay in touch weekly. “This is a member of your family and we will take absolute care of it in the meantime. But the expectation is that as a member of your family it is going to be a part of your resettlement and we’ll help until you manage to do that.”

It is very comforting to know that this help is available not just for the animals who have lost their owners but also for those whose owners have lost so much else as well.

SPAY/NEUTER FUND

We remain busy desexing everything we possibly can and since the last newsletter have assisted in 130 operations for cats, dogs and rabbits. We now process many requests directly through the veterinary clinics as they work at the coal-face and are in the best position to assess whether their clients genuinely need financial assistance. Animal Control Services have a supply of forms as they are also in the field and very aware of repeat offending males jumping fences and getting themselves and others into trouble!

MARKETING THE MESSAGE

We have just had a series of new posters and small space ads designed and printed per courtesy of Tracta, an advertising agency working out of Napier. We were contacted by Chris Howden, the Creative Director offering to design a set of posters and ads promoting desexing with the only costs to us being some photography required and the printing. We are very excited about the concept of these posters and will be distributing them to veterinary clinics near you in the very near future. We are very grateful to Tracta for their support and assistance – they are a great team and have been very helpful and supportive of our work.

HAPPY TAILS

We have had the usual assortment of waifs and strays come through our foster home doors over the past few months. We have placed some lovely kittens of late. In one instance we were delighted when the family involved, after travelling over an hour each way to choose and collect one kitten, then decided that a second would be really great and repeated the trip again the same day to collect the next kitten. And the next day we received an email saying that all the travelling was well worth it.

In the dog department we have rehomed Labradors, Fox Terriers, Jack Russells (pure and crosses) a Japanese Spitz, Miniature Poodle, Shih Tzu, Papillon, Border Collie and just about every little cross that you could imagine. Over the Christmas period we had two very cute little snoodles (schnauzer x poodle puppies) from the Manukau Shelter, who didn't last very long at all, with enquiries and new owners coming from Taranaki and the Far North!

Once we started advertising on our website, Trade Me and Petsonthenet, prospective new owners have come from far and wide and we are constantly amazed at the distances some will travel to adopt from us. Other recent placements have been in Hamilton, Palmerston North, Hawkes Bay, Bay of Plenty and Kawerau. We still require property inspections which are organized through the local Councils/Animal Control.

As always, our heartfelt thanks goes out to each and every foster home, phone volunteer and property checker, all of whom play a vital part in successful placements.

STILL LOOKING

Unfortunately we still have our longstayer, Daisy, a long-haired tortie cat who is bob-tail and aged about 15 months. Daisy is a real sweetie, a very pretty loving girl who originally came to us with three kittens, two of whom died with the other being put to sleep. Adult cats are always difficult to rehome over the kitten season so we would love to find her forever home soon - if anyone can help, please get in touch – other photos of her are on our website.



Is your cat a drooler?

You know the type—it sits on your lap and before you know it you have a large wet patch on your lap! Often it is from those most cuddly cats and you know that the only protection is having a towel ready to catch the dribbles as you and your cat luxuriate in sharing time and attention with each other. The more cuddly they get the more they drool often accompanied with many purrs and sometimes paw kneading.

What can you do about it? Not a lot. These cats are described as having an 'exaggerated para-sympathetic response'. This is part of the nervous system that acts when we are resting, relaxing, and digesting food. It is the opposite to the 'flight of fight' sympathetic system associated with adrenalin release. Just enjoy that your cat enjoys your attention.

What you do need to be aware of is that if your cat doesn't usually dribble and suddenly starts to, it should be checked out by a vet. In some cases dribbling can be a sign of disease and should be taken seriously. Drooling is a common sign of nausea and/or pain in the abdomen. Dental problems, or mouth ulcers can also be the cause of excessive dribbling.

Remember, if your pet suddenly starts to behave differently or react differently it could be in trouble so get it checked out.

In Memoriam

As I watch our Monty/Grey in the last days of his life
I remember that feisty cat who talked but would not be caught.
Two months it took to trap her;
Another three to tame her;
And along the way came baby Grey, just one of four, identical.
His Mother was a Manx, with attitude to match
Carried on by him—No! oh no, not so,
Like a Sphinx he waited at the gate
To greet us as we returned.

Like the sentinel he stood guard
If the fosters went out in the yard.
Picking strawberries needs quality control,
And who else could do that but him.

In each part of our life he plays his determined part
and at three he should not be sick,
But that was the straw he inherited.
Why do I open myself to such pain?
I just do, don't you?



Sadly for us our cat inherited a defective gene which resulted in kidney failure. He is not in pain any more. He has joined our other past feline friends in that favourite spot under the plum tree. I thank both him and them for the love and companionship they provided.

Kofi's Corner – 'Dog as a Second Language'

Its recently come to my attention, that not all dogs speak English as a Second Language quite as well as Lassie. Not only that, but Hoomans don't always have a thorough working knowledge of 'Dog' either.

Why so hard you might ask? Because Hoomans love to vocalize, chatter away endlessly (note their close relationship to those noisy apes), and ignore almost everything else. Us K9's communicate primarily with body language, and we can find it tricky to learn to distinguish words (yes, EVEN the border collies!). So where does that leave us all you might well ask? Frustrated seems to be a common theme...

So, in the absence of a good Dog / Hooman dictionary, thought I would give you some handy pointers.

For the Dogs:

Hugs – sometimes Hoomans will insist on giving you something they call a 'hug'. Whilst this appears to be a surprise attack and attempt to wrestle you to the ground in a highly offensive manner, it is in fact intended as a bonding ritual (or so I am reliably informed). Hugs don't translate well across species to us K9's, but most of us can learn to tolerate the occasional hug from those we love and trust (strange Hoomans should NOT be encouraged to try this!).

Baths – once again should not be interpreted as a life endangering threat (apparently!). It seems that Eau de Dead Possum or Cow Poo is not considered such a delicacy to Hoomans (weird, huh?), and will frequently lead to the application of 'bath'.

Posties – are not potential home invaders, and their bags do not contain weapons of mass destruction. Your barking did not (contrary to popular K9 opinion) make them go away, and was not essential to home protection duties.

Clear Cues – If in doubt, suggest your Hooman try some hand signals, which are much easier for us dogs to understand.

For your Hooman:

Waggy tails – nope, a waggy tail isn't always a happy dog. Big helicopter circular wags (labs and staffies are particularly great at these) are almost always a sign of a happy dog. High tail carriage wagging back and forth like a rattle snake, however, can be a not so friendly sign. Tails need to be interpreted in context along with other body language. Never assume a strange dog who is wagging it's tail is automatically feeling friendly towards you or your dog.

Butt sniffing (another dog) – is not rude! Nope, approaching a strange dog directly and rapidly at the front end is rude. Circling round slowly towards the butt and sniffing is the height of doggy etiquette and a sign of great manners.

Growling – IS a warning. Hoomans sometimes ignore growling, but if you have missed the subtle body language signals we have already given that we are not comfortable with the situation, this is a final safety valve and you need to get us out of there, away from whatever it is that we are not coping with, or stop doing whatever you are doing that is making us growl. It's a very bad idea to ignore or to punish us for growling, because a dog that doesn't growl any more can go straight to bite with no warning. If you don't know why we are growling, or how to handle it, you need some help from a good interpreter (<http://apdt.org.nz/trainers.html>).

Raised hackles – means we are 'aroused' or excited. It doesn't automatically mean we are aggressive, but we are not relaxed so you need to pay attention, this is not the time to be engrossed with an iphone.

Play bow – watch two off lead dogs closely and you will often see a 'play bow' where both front legs are on the ground whilst hind legs are still standing. This is a signal to let the other dog know we would like to play with them, and that any behaviour that comes after the bow is just play.

For any Hoomans that want to learn more about Dog as a Second Language (and it's well worth the effort) check out this link: <http://www.canis.no/rugaas/onearticle.php?artid=1>

To check whether you are already a natural genius at talking dog, take the quiz here: <http://www.ttlnti.co.uk/3/bodylangquiz.htm>

Until next time.... Kofi.

Kids Corner

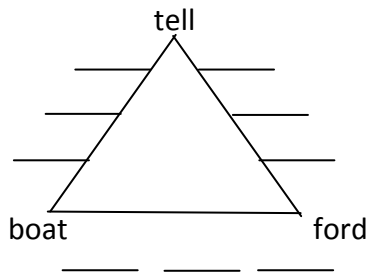
Q. What happened when the Easter bunny stuck his head in the fan?

A. It took EARS off his life!

Easter Crossword



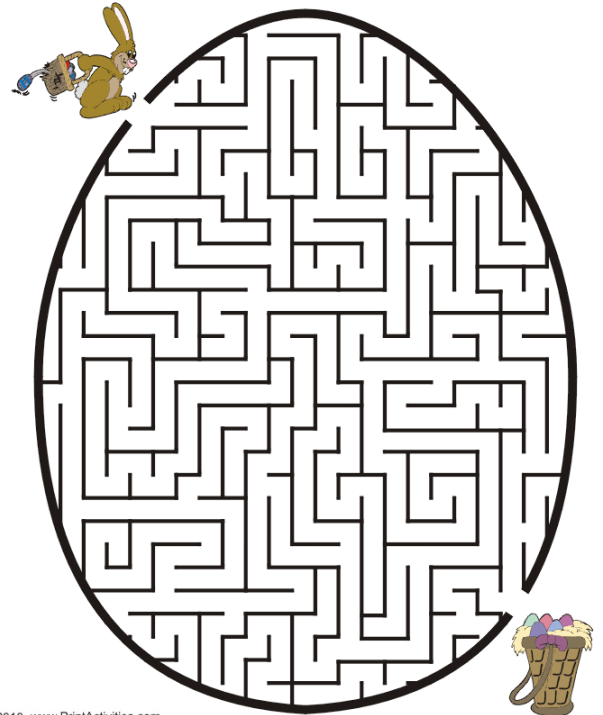
Can you move from one word to the next, one letter at a time, with each being real words?



Examples:

Cat	Dog
Rat	dot
Rag	rot
Dag	cot
Dog	cat

Help the Easter Bunny find his way through the maze To find a new basket for delivering the Easter Eggs.



Q. Why are rabbits so good at Maths?

A. Because they multiply so well!

Word Find:

AUDI	BMW	CHRYSLER	CITREON
FIAT	HOLDEN	ISUZU	KIA
LEXUS	MAZDA	NISSAN	PORSHE
PEUGEOT	SAAB	SUBARU	TOYOTA

Q. What is a rabbits favourite dance?

A. The Bunny Hop!

How many words using 4 letters or more can you make from: Earthquake. Aim for at least 20.

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W	M	B	H	O	L	D	E	N
C	H	R	Y	S	L	E	R	I
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R	R	T	G	C	G	Y	D	A
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N	E	O	L	I	D	A	Y	S
I	C	D	T	N	U	H	R	T

Q. What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

A. A Bugs Bunny!

If you are younger you can make words with 3 letters.

As usual we are looking forward to having another picnic in the park with both our two legged and four legged friends, some that we see many years and others that may not have joined us before but whom we would love to see.

Typically we enjoy a fun filled day with entertainment, a sausage sizzle, cold drinks, competitions, a Trash & Treasure Stall, and raffles. If you have good quality goods that could be added to the trading table they would be appreciated. Final details are being confirmed and I am confident that once again it will be a great day. Do remember the weather—Don't get sun burnt as I did two years ago.

For many of the dogs that have come through our foster homes it provides an opportunity to show how well they have settled in their new homes and show previous foster parents the fabulous results that have been achieved.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you and hopefully taking lots of photos.

Pets Picnic in the Park

Sunday 27th March 2010

From 12.00 Mid day - Judging from 1.00pm

One Tree Hill Domain

(by the Observatory—Manukau Rd Entrance)

The competitions this year will be:

BEST GROOMED

BEST RESCUED

BEST VETERAN

BEST QUICK TRICK

BEST CHILD HANDLER

DOG MOST LIKE OWNER

DOG THE JUDGES WOULD MOST LIKE TO TAKE HOME

BEST IN SHOW

We are looking forward to a great day out for all the family with a friendly face painter, the dancing dogs and the cart rides for the under twos expected.

The ice-cream van and the coffee van have also advised that they will be available for part of the time. And, of course, bringing your own supplied picnic basket can make for an even cheaper day out.

Do note that all dogs present must be registered and no that for their own safety there should be no puppies under 3 months.



Humane Society Merchandise Available

Orders should be sent to: Humane Society, PO Box 29060, Auckland 1347

A Water Bowl to take with you



A Handy little Gift Pack - Just \$4



Humane Society Key Ring \$2



Humane Society Pen \$2

Blue Polo Shirt

\$30

Keep your Drinks Cool for just \$10

Order Form

Item	Quantity	Amount
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Please send to:	Post and Packaging	4.00
Name: _____	TOTAL	\$ _____
Address: _____		ENCLOSED

Donation Form

**The Honorary Treasurer
Humane Society of NZ Inc.
P O Box 29 060
Greenwoods Corner
Auckland. 1347**

☐ **Donation**

I enclose a gift of _____ to help the service to animals rendered by the Humane Society of New Zealand, and for the progression of educational public awareness programmes to highlight the necessity for responsible ownership.

Name: _____

Address: _____

☐ **Form of Bequest for Humane Society of New Zealand Incorporated**

To those benevolent individuals who may wish to become benefactors by Will to this Society, the following form is respectfully suggested:

I, _____ bequeath to the Humane Society of N.Z. Inc. the sum of _____ free of all duties payable at my death and the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Society shall be sufficient to discharge for such legacy. (If it should be desired that the legacy should be expended on some particular phase of the Society's work, a direction to this effect may be added to the form of bequest)

CAUTION: All Wills or Codicils must be in writing signed by the Testator and attested by two witnesses in the presence of the Testator and each other.

**HUMANE SOCIETY OF N.Z. INC.
P O Box 29 060,
Greenwoods Corner,
Auckland 1347
Ph. (09) 630 0510**

☐ **Membership or Volunteer**

Please register me as a member for the year commencing 1 July 2011

ENCLOSED:	\$12.00 (Supporting Member)	I am interested in helping the
		Society with:
	\$15.00 (Family Member)	WEEKEND PHONE VOLUNTEER
		WEEKDAY PHONE VOLUNTEER
	\$ 8.00 (Senior Citizen)	DOG FOSTER HOME
		DOG PLACEMENT CHECK

NAME: Mr/Mrs/Ms _____

ADDRESS: _____

POST CODE _____ PHONE _____



«Join us for Pet Fun Day on 27th March».

«Title» «FirstName» «LastName»
«Address1»
«Address2»
«Address3»
«Address4», «Postcode»

