



HUMANE SOCIETY  
OF NEW ZEALAND INC

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# Newsletter

June/July 2011

“We can’t go without the cat”, a comment in Christchurch after the latest earthquake just shows how important our pets are to us, and they are considered as ‘family’. Our thoughts once more are with Christchurch residents and their pets.

The Humane Society has been able to give some help and support to a number of people in Christchurch who have replied to our advertisements offering financial assistance to anyone finding it difficult to pay for veterinary care as a result of the quakes. This offer will be extended following the attest tremors. Because cats and dogs are frightened and hide it can sometimes be days and weeks later before they return home or are rescued and any injuries or traumatisations discovered. Animal owners are always very concerned when their pets are injured or frightened but as we all know a visit to the vet can be expensive and people as in Christchurch’s devastation, have many other expenses to consider. The Humane Society is very happy to step in with some financial support in these cases.

Dog attacks seem to be a constant headline in our news. It is quite remarkable that the message does not get through to dog owners and to parents that control is necessary on both sides when dogs and children mix. Children must be taught how to behave with a dog—the instinct to reach out and touch must be explained and knowledge that the nice furry thing is not a toy understood. Legislation to deal with the ‘dog problem’ only goes so far. Both dog owner and parent (or guardian) have each to recognise their obligations.

Keep both you and your pets safe and warm this winter.

*Don Sharp*

President

## **Your committee:**

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

What a busy three months it has been. For the Humane Society we have enjoyed another Picnic in the Park which, despite the weather, was enjoyed by a great group of people. We have been able to assist with various animal needs in Christchurch after they have lived through yet more quakes. We have worked on an update to our constitution since the need for it was discovered. Details of this are below and should be read and considered by members before our next meeting which is our AGM on the 24th July at the Epsom Community Centre at 2.30pm where we would love to see lots of our members. Afternoon tea is provided.

On top of all that Humane Society has been doing I have had to contend with some expected, but sad events in my own family which have led to this newsletter being somewhat smaller than it usually is. My apologies, but suffice to say that things are now improving and hopefully within the next few months my time will be back to being mine which, I believe, will be a very pleasant change.

*Trish Burke* Editor

### **AGM and CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION**

Our AGM this year is on Sunday 24th July at 2.30pm at the Epsom Community Centre.

We would love to see lots of our members there as we revisit our Constitution with the intention of making the following changes:

- Under OBJECTS 3 (d) we propose adding 'within New Zealand' as follows: "To co-operate with local, national and international organisations in all efforts to prevent or alleviate suffering *within New Zealand*"
- Under MEMBERSHIP we propose to remove clause 5(c) Junior Member
- We propose changing clause 5(e) 'body corporate' to Corporate Member - A corporate member is a *corporate body* under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 or the Companies Act 1955 which has been accepted by the Committee.
- Under MEMBERSHIP FEES we propose removing clause 6(c) Junior Membership
- Under PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP we propose deleting clause 7 and inserting it under MEMBERSHIP as clause 5(f)

We will update the current subscriptions to comply with the above changes.

### **STILL LOOKING**

The latest furry friend to feature in this spot is another feline. She is a delightful girl, christened Vollie as she loves to talk to you. Each morning she will tell me "it is cold out here, why can't I come in where it is warm?" and each afternoon she will tell me what has happened while I have been away at work. During the weekend she loves it when I am working near the cattery as she just loves to be around people. She would love to be someone's special companion and I am sure she would brighten the life of anyone that she feels is hers.

Can you be her special someone? If so please do get in touch as she would love to move to a home where she is kingpin rather than third in the pecking order.



## **SPAY/NEUTER FUND**

Since the last newsletter, we have desexed 216 animals through our Spay/Neuter Fund. The majority of these are owned animals but we are also assisting a number of rescue groups including two in Christchurch.

For some time we have financially assisted K9 Rescue & Rehoming, with numbers increasing since the quakes. Over the past three months we have helped desex 20 dogs and puppies in their foster care.

We were also approached by Cat4U to see if we were able to offer assistance with the huge numbers of cats they have rescued – to date we have helped with desexing 33 cats/kittens in their care.

There has been an increase in applications from owners in Christchurch, many homeless or living in sub-standard conditions – we have been only too happy to assist, the very least we can do in these tough times.

We placed an advertisement offering financial assistance to quake victims in the Christchurch Press in February, have details of how to apply on the home page of our website and an advertisement running on Trade Me under Christchurch Earthquake Support – we have received a number of enquiries, many of them sad cases, so again, we have provided a helping hand whenever we can.

We also continue to help rescue groups in the greater Auckland area – Zoe, Waiuku Cat Colony Rescue, stray cats/kittens in the Waiuku area/ Transfer Station; Ann, who takes in cats primarily on the North Shore; Megan, who as well as fostering for us, does sterling work organizing desexing in the Warkworth/Wellsford area; Charmain who works and rescues cats/kittens from the Waitakere Transfer Station and Linda Nunn of Animal Rehoming on the North Shore. They all do a wonderful job and we are happy to continue to support their work.

We are also very grateful for the support of vets throughout New Zealand, especially in Auckland and more recently Christchurch – we really appreciate the assistance of all staff members.

## **ANIMAL PLACEMENTS**

Our foster homes have continued to carry on their sterling work caring for Humane Society's waifs and strays despite the wet and muddy weather.

We have taken in the usual assortment of dogs and puppies from various Shelters throughout Auckland City – our thanks go to all the staff who select and care for these prior to coming into foster care.

An example of those fostered and rehomed are Joey, Baz and Wendy, bichon frise x; George, a schnauzer x; Ponsonby, a miniature poodle; Milly, a samoyed; Frodo, a fox terrier; Boris the labrador; Sam, a foxie x; Poppy, a jack russell x; Stella the Pomeranian; Brixton and Rufus, border collies; Molly, a huntaway x; Boston a mastiff x; Worzel, a border collie x shepherd and Shorty, a daxi x to name a few – and there are plenty more currently in our foster homes.

Being impounded is often their lucky day, as in the case of Wendy, a 7 year old bichon x whose teeth were in a terrible state. The poor little girl had ten rotten teeth removed and hadn't been spayed

(is now!) - she was just one of the lucky ones! She is now companion to a lady of "similar" age!

In foster care we still have Vollie, a 6 month old kitten and Patty, a sweet 6 year three-legged girl who is confident, loves to sit on your knee and purrs non-stop. Check them out on our website and give us a call if you have room for another in your home.

# Pets Picnic in the Park—2011

“What a great day!”

Leading up to the day of the picnic the weather forecast was a concern, but in the event, we were lucky. There were a few showers but nothing major and certainly no wind inspired smashed windscreens this year. Families and their pets were able to have fun together which was great to see.

Again we were very pleased to have with us the great people from Animal Control. We certainly do appreciate all that they do for us throughout the year and it was great to have them available for members to speak to about specific issues. In the show ring their knowledge and impartiality during judging was much appreciated.

Oskar, with his dog cart was once again available to provide our very young children with a special treat just for them. A circuit around the show ring in his cart behind Oskar is not something that can be done any day. Thank you very much Fiona for sharing his talents with us.

Following that we had our dancing duos. How effective they were. During their performances people stopped to watch and applaud. They were great to watch and I thank them very much for coming.

During all this our cheerful sausage sellers, merchandise sellers and white elephant sellers were kept busy with sales, questions and general conversation. It is always very nice to catch up with both people and animals that we may not have seen since the previous year.

In the show ring it was great to see so many dogs of differing colour, size and shape challenging for the various ribbons and prizes on offer.



Results were as follows:

	First	Second	Third
Best Groomed	Bryn/Jamie	Desmond/Lisa	Bobby/Vicky
Dog most like Owner	Tiny/McKenzie	Astro/Aleisha) Tiny Tim/Alex)	Paddy/Libbie
Best Quick Trick	Fletcher/Rosalind	Monty/Craig	Skip/Hamish
Best Rescued	Jackson/Samantha	Tiny/McKenzie) Petey/Ailish )	Bean/Bronny
Best Veteran	Bruce/Jenny Caesar/Rose		
Best Child Handler	Storm/Elise/Arthur	Lola Pants/Lydia ) Mussy/Lydia )	Maisie/Georgia
Dog Judge would most like to take home			
Diane	Bess/Sonja	Dakara/Tania	Briar/Marion
Victor	Holly/Lynette	Peggy Sue/Gaa	Bean/Bronny
<b>Best in Show</b>	Fletcher/Rosalind	Pippy/Jo	Topsy/Cliff

## Can you help?

Hello, my name is Elizabeth Lunn. I first came in contact with the Humane Society's amazing work four years ago when we adopted our beautiful dog Bessie. Having experienced first hand the very special work the Society does, I would love to do something in return. As part of the Year 10 curriculum we are required to do a 12 month long task on a topic of our choice. This work is called a personal project. I have chosen to do mine on the Humane Society. I am going to make a calendar containing pictures of rescued pets to raise awareness and funds for the Humane Society.

Could you please find or take a photograph of your funny feline and crazy canine in action, looking silly or extra adorable. Then email it to me on - [lizzie.lunn@gmail.com](mailto:lizzie.lunn@gmail.com)

I would greatly appreciated any photos!

I can't promise that all of them will be used, but I will do my best .



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## Humane Society AGM

2.30pm Sunday 24th July at Epsom Room  
Epsom Community Centre, Gillies Ave, Epsom  
Afternoon Tea provided—Do come and join us.

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## Word Search

Find These Words

BARK	BIRD
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DOG	FRIEND
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HUNGRY	KITTEN
LOVE	MOUSE
PAT	PLAY
PUPPY	RAT
RUN	SHARE
SING	SQUEAK
TALKATIVE	WARM



# 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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.

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☐ **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 \_\_\_\_\_

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