



## HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INC

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# Newsletter

March 2012

I am back. It is a new year, and what a twelve months it has been. I offer my apologies for the reduced number of newsletters in the past 12 months. Hopefully that is over and we can return to four per year.

Humane Society has been busy doing what it does best, assisting in the desexing of pets where there is financial hardship and rehoming dogs and cats who needed that form of assistance through no fault of their own. Details about some of these are on page 3 of this newsletter.

For myself, I cannot recall the last time I was foster cat/kitten free for more than 24 hours. While it is a tie, and time consuming, fostering does bring many rewards. Our fosters bring their own traits and personalities to share with you while waiting to be rehomed. As a person who enjoys animals, I love the greetings in the mornings, the interaction during the day, and when the specifics are right, the feelings of positive hope that accompanies the placement when my foster is going to a great new permanent home. Yes, we sometimes get it wrong, and need to take an animal back, but I know that there is a **right** place for every animal and with patience and love we will find it.

For animal lovers who can commit to giving the time needed and take the responsibility of overseeing the progression from stray to happily rehomed pet, fostering gives both happiness and satisfaction in seeing and helping achieve a good outcome. If you feel that you have the time, commitment and ability to help animals in this way, do make contact by phone or email. We will put you in touch with others who foster so that you can hear about the day to day details (pitfalls and all) and if you are still interested we will move along that path.

If you are an Auckland member, now is the time that the city council is revising the city's dog regulations, to bring those from the various previous councils into line with each other. From the news reports it appears that previous benefits and concessions could go and registrations cost could increase hugely. Humane Society is putting in a submission regarding this, but I would urge all those members affected to consider putting pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard) and writing to Council with your thoughts on this matter. At present I believe the ratio the council is working with is 80/20. Under this ratio 80% of the costs for running animal control would be covered by the responsible dog owners who register and pay fees for their dogs. 20% would be paid by council. Does this sound fair to you? If not, do something.

### **Your committee:**

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

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—Bring sun block, rain jackets, or whatever else seems appropriate on the day. We know Auckland weather is very changeable.

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.

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# Pets Picnic in the Park

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## Sunday 1st April 2012

From 12.00 Mid day - Judging from 1.30pm

## 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.



## **JILL PROVIDES THE DETAILS**

### **SPAY/NEUTER FUND**

2011 was a very busy year with the Society desexing more animals than ever before. We very successfully ran a campaign in Northland, primarily organized by Bay of Island Vets but with others coming on board as well.

We are also regularly receiving applications for assistance from all over New Zealand – Dunedin, Christchurch, Waimate, Nelson in the South to Palmerston North, Hastings, Napier, Morrinsville, Kawerau, Hamilton, Huntly, Kaikohe, Kaitia, Kawakawa, Kerikeri, Dargaville, Great Barrier and Waiheke Islands, plus of course the greater Auckland area in the North. The increasing numbers are as a result of our presence on the internet, with our website viewings increasing all the time. We continue to financially assist a cat and dog rescue group in Christchurch with the cost of desexing all animals prior to them being rehomed and did help with sundry veterinary costs for a number of cats and dogs affected by the initial earthquakes – the very least we could do.

### **ANIMALS IN FOSTER CARE**

Our foster homes have been as busy as ever with ongoing numbers of dogs and puppies coming from city shelters and cats primarily from members of the public or veterinary clinics.

Unfortunately often cats are long-stayers (a) because most cats adopt their owners and (b) when there are kittens aplenty, the adults are overlooked. We have three long-stayers - Rosie who is a ginger/white mum of 12 months and her kitten, Holly, now aged about 4 months, plus Tilly, a black/brown long-haired girl aged around 2 years, who arrived at one of our volunteer's homes looking for asylum. More photos can be seen on our website. If you can help with homes for any of these, we would really appreciate it.



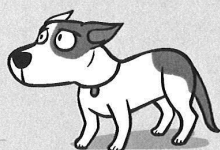
One of our recent lovely stories was about a little maltese x bichon, rescued from one of the shelters who unbeknown to us was in pup. She went on to produce four delightful little puppies, one of whom died, but the other three girls thrived and were very easily rehomed at 11-12 weeks of age. Shonagh, the mum and Flora one of the pups went to a lovely new home in Masterton, with their new owners being only too happy to come up to Auckland to meet them. Flossie and Fleur remained in Auckland.

Others recently rehomed are Hudson, a beautiful golden retriever; Titch, one of our long stayers, a red heeler x who went to Opunake; Charlie, a beagle x; Joe, a lab x; Hunter, a lovely golden Labrador; Frosty, a bichon frise; Spike, a wire-haired terrier x who created a huge amount of interest; Rex, a golden lab x; Colby and Cedric, both border collies; Caleb, a jack russell x; Cass the Labrador; Barney, a german shepherd x huntaway; Lilly a foxie x; Gemma, a corgi x and Becky a brindle boxer, plus many more. They had all "served their time" at the various shelters and were due for euthanasia. It is very rewarding but hard work and we cannot thank all our foster homes, phone volunteers, property checkers and everyone else involved in the process enough for their input in making it all happen.

# Body Language of Fear in Dogs



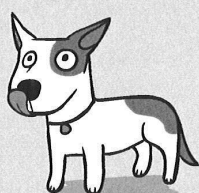
**Slight Cowering**



**Major Cowering**



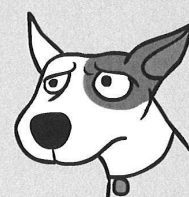
## More Subtle Signs of Fear & Anxiety



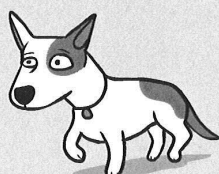
**Licking Lips**  
when no food nearby



**Panting**  
when not hot or thirsty



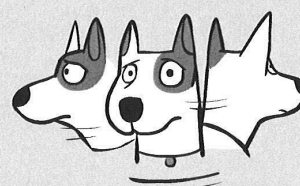
**Brows Furrowed, Ears to Side**



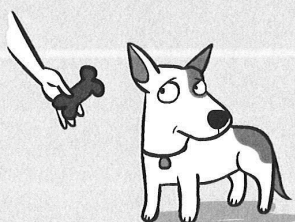
**Moving in Slow Motion**  
walking slow on floor



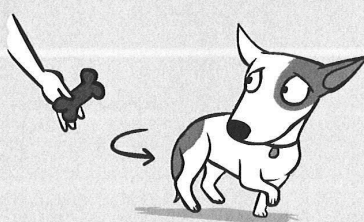
**Acting Sleepy or Yawning**  
when they shouldn't be tired



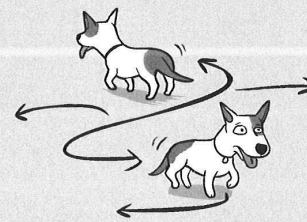
**Hypervigilant**  
looking in many directions



**Suddenly Won't Eat**  
but was hungry earlier



**Moving Away**



**Pacing**

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There are many helpful tips for providing help to overcome fear.

- Provide positive distractions—food or play.
- Ignore the dog's fear to demonstrate that you know there is nothing to worry about.
- Don't reward the fear reaction by offering comfort.
- Don't force a frightened dog to go near to the source of its fear.
- Check out [www.dogstardaily.com](http://www.dogstardaily.com) for further ideas.



## DESIGNER DOG v RESCUE DOG (Lucy Lu)

We have been very lucky to have recently adopted a rescue dog from the Humane Society – a very cute wire haired terrier cross only 5 months old. We named her Lucy Lu. We don't know her background but she has fitted well into our home and in no time had sussed out the dog door and figured the best place to sleep was on the red velvet blanket on our bed.



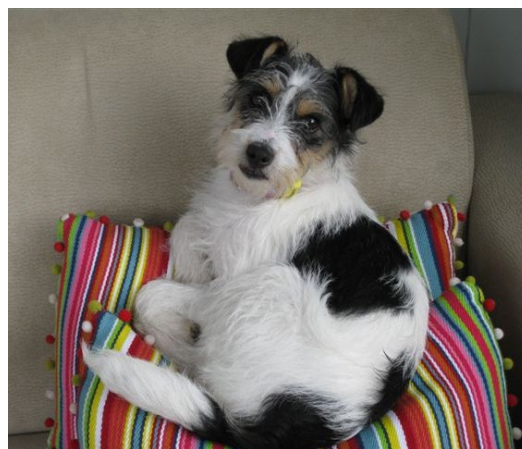
From day one, she has curled up on Rob's chest in front of the TV and I swear she "purrs". Our old dog Chilli just loves her new mate and has rejuvenated her from being an oap, to a busy, happy and playful dog again.

Two weeks after Lucy Lu's arrival we took her to her first puppy training class. We introduced ourselves to the other 8 trainees which were all "designer dogs", boodles, schnoodles, spoodles, whoodles plus a couple of larger breed dogs. I was very proud to introduce Lucy Lu as a Humane Society Rescue dog. The lesson started

with an off leash "free for all". It was chaotic, dogs racing, rolling, tumbling, barking in all directions - and owners trying to stand clear of the mayhem. Lucy Lu was the smallest but she was easy to spot – a b&w blur racing with all the other chocolate brown designer dogs. The highlight of that lesson was when the St Bernard's mum dropped the bag of treats! By the end of the lesson, all dogs were pooped, all played out and exhausted from learning. Lucy Lu was asleep within seconds in the car on the way home.

The week continued with homework and mixed results, but at week two, she was the most improved dog in the class. She has learnt her name and responds well to the lessons.

There have been mishaps, plenty of mishaps. Learning where to toilet has been a big challenge and she chews everything - clothing, furniture, books and me! She jumps out of car windows, and she likes to chase cats..... (how not to win friends and influence people!)



Today we went to the Humane Society Volunteers afternoon tea (which was very nice thank you). We left Lucy Lu at home, she has not totally mastered her manners in social situations yet! On the way home and bought her a squeaky toy – she wasn't much impressed, she preferred the cardboard wrapping. That probably says it all really. Designer dog v Rescue Dog.

Lucy Lu has a lot to learn yet, but we are confident she will learn all the rules and become a loveable mate for life. Our grateful thanks to the Humane Society – and foster mum Bubbles, for finding this wonderful wee girl for us. Our friends say Lucy has struck gold in finding us, but we think we have struck more than gold finding this little gem.

Gotta run, she is eating my best shoe!

Wendy and Rob

# Kids Corner

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

A. It took EARS off his life!

## Easter Crossword

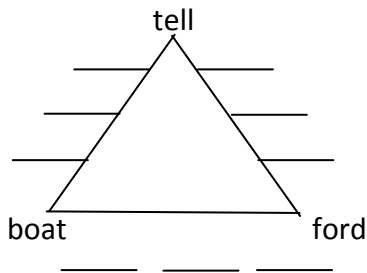


EGGS  
LILY  
CHICK  
BUNNY  
BASKET  
SPRING  
PARADE  
EASTER  
FLOWERS  
DAFFODILS



Happy Easter

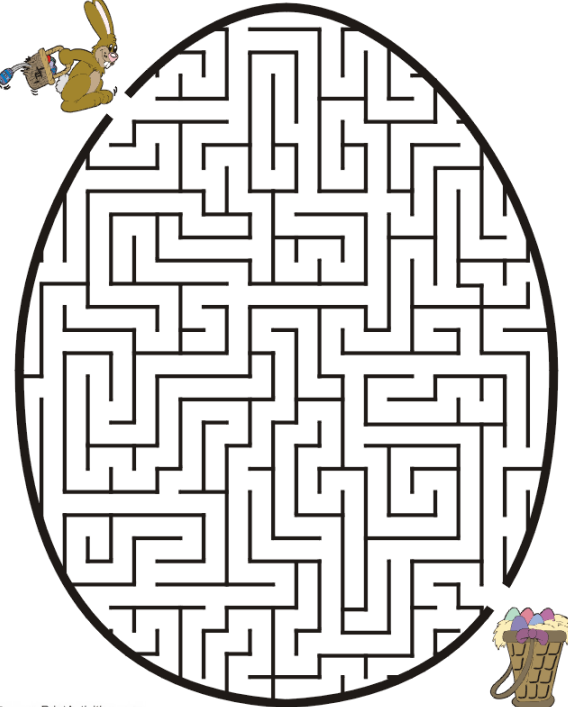
Can you move from one word to the next, one letter at a time, with each being real words?



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.



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Q. Why are rabbits so good at Maths?

A. Because they multiply so well!



Q. What is a rabbits favourite dance?

A. The Bunny Hop!

How many words using 3 letters or more can you make from Weather Bomb. Aim for at least 30 in 9 min.

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WORD

FIND

Cards Clouds Dance Dive Drive

Drizzle Enjoy Games Laugh Party Play

Rain Sail Shine Shiver Shower Slide

Smile Storm Surf Swim Swing Wind

P	V	D	D	R	A	I	N	C	P	N
L	U	I	A	S	S	M	I	L	E	F
A	O	V	N	L	T	L	S	O	N	E
Y	D	E	C	I	O	T	E	U	J	V
R	A	R	E	D	R	F	M	D	O	I
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W	E	W	N	Z	E	U	G	D	T	D
O	B	I	I	V	Z	S	U	R	R	M
H	H	W	I	N	D	L	W	A	A	I
S	I	H	Q	E	G	E	E	C	P	W
U	S	A	I	L	A	U	G	H	I	S

If you are younger you can make words with 2 letters.

# **Come and join us for**

**Dancing Dogs**

**Novelty Events**



## **Pets Picnic in the Park**

**Sunday 1st April 2012**

**at**

**One Tree Hill Domain**

**(by the Observatory— Manukau Road Entrance)**



**Raffles  
Trash 'n Treasure  
Sausage Sizzle  
Drinks  
Merchandise**

**From 12.00 pm—judging starting at 1.30pm**

**If you can display this poster to encourage more participants to attend we would appreciate it.**

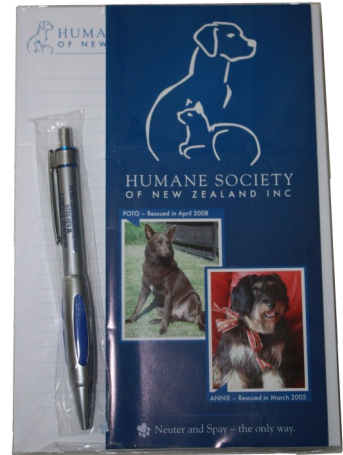
# Humane Society Merchandise Available

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
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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 2012

ENCLOSED:    \$12.00 (Supporting Member)  
                     \$15.00 (Family Member)  
                     \$ 8.00 (Senior Citizen)

I am interested in helping the Society with:  
WEEKEND PHONE VOLUNTEER  
WEEKDAY PHONE VOLUNTEER  
DOG FOSTER HOME  
DOG PLACEMENT CHECK

NAME: Mr/Mrs/Ms \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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