



HUMANE SOCIETY
OF NEW ZEALAND INC

Newsletter

December 2012

To state the obvious, another year is nearly gone. As usual there have been both high points and low points. For me, a definite high was the success of the many submissions to Auckland Council regarding the Dog Registration Fees. Thanks to the efforts of much of our community, the massive increases proposed were limited. Well done to everyone who made the effort to have a say.

On the contra side for me has been the advent of Novopay. I am sure you have heard sufficient about it on the news. It is squarely to blame for your last 'missing' newsletter. I am just one of many whose work load and stress levels have increased massively over the last 4 1/2 months. It can not get worse. It must get better so onwards I move.

Coming into Christmas and holidays, now is the time to remember the animal do's and don'ts of holidays and summer. Please remember that hot cars and dogs are not a good mixture. It takes little time for a dog to become overheated. Please be vigilant if you **have** to take your dog in the car.

If a friend or neighbour is looking after your pets while you are on holiday, please be confident that they will be reliable. Alternatively book them in to a reputable kennel or cattery.

At this stage of the year there are often many dumped cats/kittens. If you come across this please do something about it. You can call us or the SPCA. Even if they have to be humanely put down that is better than leaving them to starve on the streets or succumb to the many diseases that claim the lives of our less loved animals.

As the days become warmer, the fleas are increasing in number. There are now many treatments available. Care for your furry friends and make sure they are not infested. How would we feel if being constantly bitten by bugs—not happy. Lets try and keep our pets bug free too.

The other favourite is slug bait. Please be responsible as you target those naughty creatures who try to eat our lettuce and strawberries before we can. It is not nice to see a dog, or less often a cat, poisoned thanks to careless placing of slug bait.

Enough of all that. I look forward to an enjoyable Christmas season far from Novopay and hope your Summer celebrations and holiday are great.

Your committee:

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

Pet Expo at the North Shore Events Centre

For the second year running, the Humane Society took part in the Auckland Pet and Animal Expo on the 25th and 26th of August at the North Shore Events Centre. A big thanks goes out to all our volun-



teers who helped to man the stand in several shifts each day, and especially to Nicole Keller for doing the organising and set up. With approximately 16,000 visitors making their way through the expo during the weekend, the stand was a hive of activity. Some of our volunteers brought their dogs with them, looking smart in Humane Society bandanas, to help entertain the crowds and spread the word.

The stand displayed the de-sexing message, as well as our logo and photographs of various dogs that have been adopted out by the Humane Society. On the stand we had information about the current dogs in need of homes, as well as some of our 'Happy Tails', but the main focus of the event was to build our public profile and brand recognition. The better the level of public recognition, the easier it is to find homes for dogs, to add new volunteers, foster homes, and receive the donations which allow

us to keep saving lives. Once again many people expressed surprise at the type and range of dogs which come through rescue.

Humane Society branded merchandise such as our pens, cooler bags, and bandanas was available for sale, and we held a raffle to help cover the day's costs. Thank you again to Tim Dawson Photography, who kindly donated a pet photo shoot, to Xpress Art who donated an A3 sized print to canvas to go with the shoot, and Digital FX who donated an Apple iPod, and congratulations to both our winners.

It is with much regret that I advise that Nicole (above) is no longer on our committee. The time had come for change and so we must accept that. We wish Nicole all the best in her future endeavours.



JILL PROVIDES THE DETAILS

SPAY/NEUTER FUND

From 1 April 2012 up to this newsletter going to press, the Society has desexed **658** animals through our Spay/Neuter Fund. We have joined forces with a number of veterinary clinics this year who have organized campaigns targeting needy areas and in so doing have been processing applications from Kaitia in the north to Dunedin in the south.

We are justifiably proud of our achievements which would not have been possible without the co-operation and support of the staff in veterinary clinics nationwide to whom we extend a very big thank you.

We now receive many enquiries through our website from members of the public who hadn't been aware of the existence of our Spay/Neuter Fund in the past, and word of mouth then keeps the momentum going.

ANIMAL PLACEMENTS

These numbers are also well up on previous years, with **190** dogs/puppies and a number of cats/kittens being rehomed from 1 January 2012.

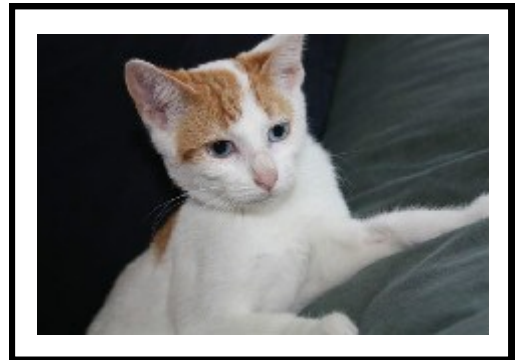
These numbers include adults of all ages and many litters of puppies, some of whom come to us from city shelters with their mums, whilst others as young as 8-10 weeks have been impounded and unclaimed.

Once upon a time we were not permitted to adopt any puppies under 6 months from what were then city pounds, as they were too young to desex prior to being permanently rehomed.

The advent of all puppies and kittens being able to be desexed from a young age, usually a minimum of one kilo in weight, has meant we can save many litters who would have otherwise been euthanized.

We cannot heap enough praise on our foster homes – they are a compassionate, caring, capable and efficient group of volunteers who go way beyond the call of duty in doing the very best they possibly can for each and every animal they take into care on our behalf. There is a huge amount of work involved which involves much more than just caring for these waifs and strays (as if that isn't enough!), but usually several trips to the vet, bathing, often grooming, photographs to take for advertising purposes, a profile compiled for each one, inviting members of the public into their homes, some of whom don't arrive or bother to call, organizing property checks and then all the paperwork involved before they leave our care.

The rest of our invaluable support volunteers then take up their roles, from those who man the phones to the property checkers who often travel a good distance to ensure each and every property is suitable for the dog being adopted. This is teamwork at its very best.



**WE SEND OUR HEARTFELT THANKS AND VERY BEST WISHES FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON TO
EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU**

How to give a cat a pill...

Pick up cat and cradle it in the crook of your left arm as if holding a baby. Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of cats mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding pill in right hand. As cat opens mouth, pop pill into mouth. Allow cat to close mouth and swallow.

Retrieve cat from bedroom and throw away soggy pill.

Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm, holding rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for a count of ten.

Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe.

Call spouse in from the garden.

Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between knees, hold front and rear paws

Ignore low growls emitted by cat. Get spouse to hold head firmly with one hand while forcing wooden ruler into mouth. Drop pill down ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously.

Retrieve cat from curtain rail.

Get another pill from foil wrap. Make note to buy new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep shattered figurines and vases from hearth and set to one side for gluing later.

Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on cat with head just visible from below armpit. Put pill in end of drinking straw, force mouth open with pencil and blow down drinking straw.

Check label to make sure pill not harmful to humans and drink one beer to take taste away. Apply Band-Aid to spouse's forearm and remove blood from carpet with cold water and soap.

Retrieve cat from neighbour's shed. Get another pill. Open another beer.

Place cat in cupboard, and close door onto neck, to leave head showing. Force mouth open with dessert spoon. Flick pill down throat with elastic band.

Fetch screwdriver from garage and put cupboard door back on hinges. Drink beer. Fetch bottle of scotch. Pour shot, drink.

Apply cold compress to cheek and check records for date of last tetanus shot. Apply whiskey compress to cheek to disinfect. Toss back another shot. Throw tee-shirt away and fetch new one from bedroom.





Call fire department to retrieve the damn cat from the top of the tree across the road. Apologize to neighbour who crashed into fence while swerving to avoid cat. Take last pill from foil wrap.

Using heavy-duty pruning gloves from shed, tie the little *&#%^'s front paws to rear paws with garden twine and bind tightly to leg of dining table.



Push pill into mouth followed by large piece of filet steak. Be rough about it. Hold head vertically and pour two pints of water down throat to wash pill down.

Consume remainder of scotch. Get spouse to drive you to the emergency room. Sit quietly while doctor stitches fingers and forearm and removes pill remnants from right eye.



Call furniture shop on way home to order new table.

Arrange for SPCA to collect mutant cat from hell and call local pet shop to see if they have any hamsters.



May I add that I love my cats dearly, and very rarely have any difficulty giving medication when it is needed.

If you do have problems of this nature, do talk to your Vet about it as there is usually a way that will work for each individual animal.



How to give a Dog a pill ...

Wrap it in bacon.

Toss it in the air.

Good Dog!

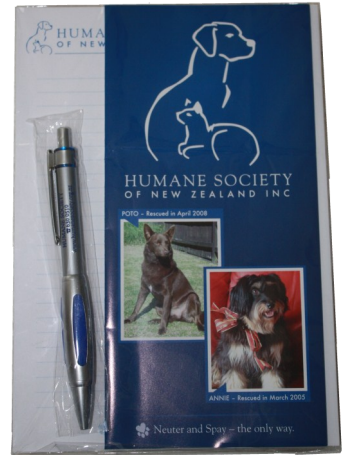
Humane Society Merchandise Available

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

A Water Bowl to take with you \$10



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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please send to: _____ Post and Packaging 4.00

Name: _____ TOTAL \$ _____
ENCLOSED

Address: _____

Donation Form

**The Honorary Treasurer
Humane Society of NZ Inc.
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☐ **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: _____

POST CODE _____ PHONE _____

