



HUMANE SOCIETY  
OF NEW ZEALAND INC

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# Newsletter

July 2012

Here I am ready to start another newsletter and as I do I reflect on how far the society has come since 1978. In this issue is an article from Heather who outlines a little of the history of Humane Society of New Zealand. From one man, with a small group of like-minded people, the Society has become an organisation that really is able to make a difference. Each day, throughout the year our volunteers are rescuing, feeding, caring for and cleaning up after the many animals that pass through our hands. Some are big. Some are small. Some are so cute and others are not, but they all touch our hearts and we give to each the best that we can.

Now, Humane Society has, at the time of writing this, over 20 dogs and several cats in care, and is, in addition, assisting an average of 46 desexings per month, while knowing that we can financially sustain this. You, our supporters and volunteers are the ones who have enabled this, along with all those who have contributed so much over the last 30 plus years.

While some volunteers are hands on with the animals there are others who devote just as much time to phone calls, internet updates and queries, paying bills, organising desexing, arranging necessary supplies and the numerous other jobs that need to be done. There are also the great people who support us with donations, legacies, membership fees, product purchases and animal donations. How many people there are who all help in their own way towards the successes of the group. Thank you to each and every one of you.

It has been a source of contention at brief times, over the years, as to whether we should take on paid staff. To the best of my knowledge that has never happened. We have fought to maintain our complete volunteer status and it is our intention to remain that way. One team of volunteers working together.

Shortly, we are about to have our Annual General Meeting. How lovely it would be to see many of our great supporters at that meeting. Come along. Meet our current committee. See for yourselves what has been achieved with your assistance over the last 12 months and give us your input as to where **you** would like us to concentrate aid in the future. We really would like to hear you.

When and where is the meeting? It is on 22 July 2012 at the Eden/Epsom Room at the Epsom Community Centre at 11.00am. Light snacks with a hot tea or coffee will be available after the meeting. How great it would be to need every chair that is available. I hope to see you and meet you there.

## **Your committee:**

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

## Humane Society of New Zealand—How, When, Where and Why!

I was a foundation member way back in the late 1970's when Brian Poole started the Society as we know it. He and I met when we were a part of Animal Action a group of volunteers who helped out at the Auckland SPCA at the weekends. For various reasons he decided to leave and resurrect the Humane Society - the Society did exist but was totally inactive. I along with several others joined him. He visited the American Humane Society in Denver and established a link with them although we were entirely separate. For a while we did use their logo and had access to some of their literature.

We were a very small but very dedicated and enthusiastic group. Brian saw a major need to cut the rising number of unwanted animals by spay and neuter rather than the euthanasia of unwanted litters. The spay neuter fund was born. We were very fortunate to have several Auckland vets who were very supportive of our work.

We had very little money and fund raising was our only source of income. Garage sales and flea markets were popular then and we became expert at holding them - summer or winter, rain or shine. It was very hard work.

Gradually our numbers increased and an old article in the NZ Woman's Weekly, dated December 1982, says our membership grew from 9 members to 800 in four years.

Apart from the S/N fund we also had foster homes and a phone advisory service. Brian put a lot of thought into our Constitution and membership rules. He was adamant that all voting members had to prove their loyalty and affiliation to the Society and could only be granted voting status after being actively involved for at least a year and be nominated and seconded by existing committee members. He wanted no politicking in our Society.

Jill our current Treasurer joined us in about 1979 - she was actually Brian's cousin and casually offered her help when she knew he was involved in animal charity work. I remember his excited phone call to me - 'we have a typist' he said. She was (and still is) a super fast typist - what a relief when she came on board.

We struggled on slowly but with great determination with Brian devoting almost all his waking hours to the Society - he had taken voluntary redundancy from Air NZ and was able to coordinate our work from his home. It was hard work but we had a lot of fun and lifelong friendships were made.

In 1984 Brian became very ill and passed away on Friday 13 April. At that time the committee consisted of Jill O'Keeffe, Jill Whitehead and myself. It was a very sad and low point in our lives. We still had very little money but were determined to carry on. How could we not after all Brian had achieved.

Gradually our finances improved as we were the recipients of several legacies. Our first legacy came from a lady none of us knew but on the back of her phone book we found Brian's name and phone number - he must have helped her - he would patiently listen on the phone for hours to people with an animal problem.

The Society now has a solid core of wonderful volunteers and foster homes all tirelessly working and achieving so much. We would have folded years ago without them.

Brian would be very proud of us all.

Written by Heather Wade, a foundation member and still a committee member.  
Thank you for all you have contributed over the last 30 plus years.

# Pets Picnic in the Park—2012

## “A Great Day of Fun, Food and Laughs”

How great it was to see so many of you with your pets enjoying both the friendships and rivalries on the day. The weather was kind— not too hot, not too cold. The entertainment was remarkable. It is great to watch owners and dogs working together in time to the music and each obviously enjoying what they were doing. Thank you very much to our dancers.



It was also great to have Fiona with Oskar and his dog cart available again to provide our young children with rides around the show ring. For many it can be quite scary to start off and yet most exciting by the time they have come around the full circuit. I saw many photos taken to be shared with enjoyment over the years ahead.

Below are the results of the competitions held on the day. As usual there were many entrants, the complacent and well behaved dogs, and those who were less so. And when it came to the potato race there were some interesting and illegal techniques along with those that were acceptable and worked. What a lot of fun it was!

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>	
	Handler/Dog	Handler/Dog	Handler/Dog	
<b>Best Rescued</b>	McKenzie/Tiny	Rosalind/Fletcher	Tracey/Ollie	
<b>Best Veteran</b>	Susan/Bridie	Tina/Tandy	Simon/Duke Ron/Ruby	
<b>Best Quick Trick</b>	Manako/Cinnamon	Manako/Mint	Annoushka/Emma	
<b>Best Child Handler</b>	Ailish/Petey	Nicky/Perry	Brook/Codi	
<b>Dog most like Owner</b>	Jason/Ceasar	Sandra/Wriggs	McKenzie/Tiny	
<b>Potato Race</b>	Azusa/Kuro	Rosalind/Fletcher	Sandra/Wriggs	
<b>Best Six Legs</b>	Sue/Bobi	Annoushka/Emma	Jeff/Charlie	
<b>Dog the Judges would most like to take home</b>	Rosalind/Fletcher Simon/Mac	Rose/Caesar Tracey/Ollie	Sonja/Bess Giovanni/Candi	Diana's choice Amber's choice
<b>BEST IN SHOW</b>	<b>Sue / Bobi</b>	<b>Nicky / Perry</b>	<b>Serhat / Buddy</b>	



## Did you know the 6th May was Alpaca Day?

One of our members had bought a beautiful rug made of Alpaca wool and found it the lightest, warmest, softest and most lovely blanket she had ever owned. On Alpaca day she decided to learn a little more about the animal that had provided the wool for it. Below are photos and information that she learned.



Alpacas are rare, gentle and charming animals that are adaptable to varied habitat. They are camelid cousins to camels, llamas, guanacos and vicunas. They are smaller than llamas and guanacos, but larger than vicunas. They are native to the high Andes Mountain countries of Peru, Chile and Bolivia. Prized by the ancient Inca civilisation for their spectacular fibre they have been domesticated for over 5000 years.

Alpacas are successfully being raised from Australia to Alaska to the U.K., and from sea level up to 16000 feet above sea level. In the U.S., there are about 50,000 alpacas, as compared to about six million horses. In New Zealand, there are just over 15,000 alpacas and the number is steadily growing.

Alpacas are clean, safe quiet, intelligent and disease-resistant. They have a charismatic manner, do very well on small acreage and their luxurious fibre is in high demand. They live approximately 20 years and like a dog or cat they do require worming and vaccinations.

Measured at the head, an alpaca is about 1.5 meters tall and weighs between 50 and 80 kilograms at maturity. Measured at the withers, it is about one metre high. Its relatively small size makes it very appealing and easy to raise.

There are two kinds of Alpaca, one with short fluffy fleece, the Huacaya, and the other with a distinctive long 'pencilled' fleece, the Suri.

Thank you Susan for sharing these details with us. It does look as if you had a really great day.



## **JILL PROVIDES THE DETAILS**

### **SPAY/NEUTER FUND**

We have certainly been busy desexing everything we possibly can since the last newsletter. Since 1 April 2012 we have spayed or neutered 167 dogs and cats throughout New Zealand. The majority of applications come from within the greater Auckland area but we have also been working with several veterinary clinics in the Far North, Kawerau and Christchurch, as well as receiving individual applications from Hastings, Rangiora, Tauranga, Petone, Palmerston North and so on.

We continue to help small rescue groups with desexing the animals they rehome as they are all operating on a shoestring and would otherwise be forced to send them out to new homes entire. Promises to desex by new owners count for nothing once these animals have been adopted, so ensuring they don't go out and reproduce is of paramount importance.

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**REMEMBER — MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE and  
AGM IS ON 22ND JULY AT EPSOM COMMUNITY CENTRE 11.00am**

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### **ANIMALS IN FOSTER CARE**

We are currently full to overflowing with dogs and puppies – we have more in care than ever before. The Shelters we deal with are all full and it really is a nightmare.

Our foster homes are struggling with the numbers and up until very recently, placement has been very slow. We are hopeful now the new registration fees for the Auckland region are out and the increases haven't been as large as predicted, enquiries will pick up.



It is usually slow in the winter months as who wants extra sets of muddy paws churning up the grass and running through the house, so a spell of fine weather would probably assist as well!

We have placed a variety of dogs and cats – several bichon x poodle or similar, a number of chihuahuas, border collie x, all types of foxie and jack russell x, a Japanese spitz, Tibetan spaniel x, samoyed, rottweiler, German shepherd, papillons, Australian terrier x, mastiff x pups and adults, all colours of labradors, pure and x, collie x retriever puppies, husky x puppies, blue heeler x, lots of terrier x of all types, maltese x poodle, mini schnauzer, a briard x, golden retrievers and so on. The list goes on and on.

We have had plenty of cats and kittens too, a ginger mum plus her kittens who were in foster care for several months, light and dark torties, tabbies and black/whites. We still have several waiting for homes and it won't be very long before the kitten season is on us again.

So, if you know of anyone looking to adopt a new best friend, please tell them to take a look at our website as they are all there with a profile of their requirements and many photos.

[www.humanesociety.org.nz](http://www.humanesociety.org.nz) or Ph 630 0510

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all our wonderful foster homes without whom we couldn't help the seemingly endless numbers of unwanted waifs and strays out there.

## Could a Guinea Pig be a pet for you?



Guinea pigs can make delightful pets for children. Despite their name they have no connection with pigs, but are actually a part of the rodent family. They are easy to care for and gentle natured. They are entirely dependent on their owners for their daily needs so even if a child is looking after them, an adult family member must be responsible for their overall safety, health and well being.

If you are considering adding a guinea pig to your family you should look for

one that is alert and active, with clean coat, eyes, nose, mouth and rear end. Unless you have time to regularly groom a long haired animal it is probably better to choose a short haired variety. They also like company so it is good to have at least two. Remember though that they tend to breed prolifically so desexing or an all female group is generally best.

Guinea pigs are herbivores, so eat a plant based diet with plenty of fresh clean water. They like plenty of fresh vegetables, grass, and fresh hay. There are also good quality guinea pig pellets available from pet shops. Because their teeth keep on growing they need to eat a variety of hard foods such as carrots and turnips.

They like to feel secure, so a solidly built hutch with an enclosed place for sleeping, as well as a mesh-walled area to provide a light and airy environment for the daytime. It should be cleaned daily. They like a temperate climate so avoid exposing them to extremes. Clean warm bedding, such as newspaper, untreated wood shavings, hay or shredded paper are great for warmth and insulation.

If you spend time gaining the trust of your guinea pig they will usually love being handled and petted. Notice where they like to be stroked and petted. When holding them be sure to keep them secure as any fall could be serious. Talking softly helps to avoid startling them. If you take time to bond with your pet you are sure to enjoy it.

### Fascinating Facts about Guinea Pigs:

Guinea Pigs originate from South America  
There are more than 30 different breeds  
Guinea Pigs usually live 5 to 8 years  
Guinea pigs squeak, purr, chirp and grunt  
Princess Diana liked Guinea Pigs

Guinea Pigs were first domesticated about 5000BC  
Guinea pigs have a tail even though you cant see it  
Guinea Pigs are born with fur and their eyes open  
Males are called 'boars' and females 'sows'  
Baby Guinea pigs are called 'pups'

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## Annual Membership Fees are now due

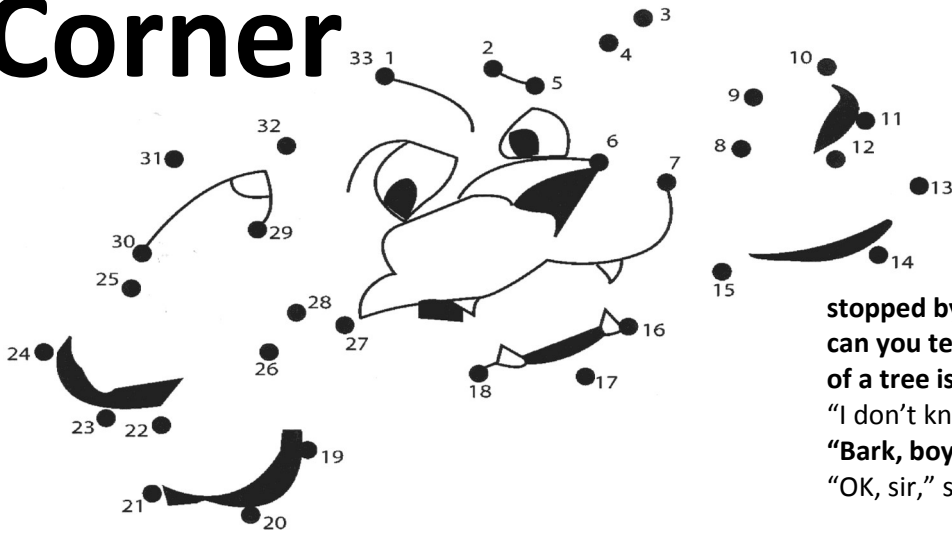
Supporting Member \$12   Family Member \$15   Senior Citizen \$8

Forward to: Humane Society of NZ, PO Box 29060, Greenwoods Corner, Auckland

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# Kids Corner

Can you join the dots to see what this is? Then colour it in.



A teacher took her class on a nature trail through the forest. She stopped by a tree and said, "Brian, can you tell me what the outer part of a tree is called?"  
 "I don't know, sir," said Brian  
 "Bark, boy, bark!" said the teacher.  
 "OK, sir," said Brian. "Woof, woof!"

## FIND THESE WORDS

Army	Array	Band	Bloat	Brood
Cartload	Clan	Clowder	Corps	Crash
Flange	Float	Flock	Herd	Horde
Leap	Rumpus	Skulk	Sleuth	Zeal

## THESE WORDS CAN LINK UP — HOW?

See below if you are stuck.

Baboons	Caterpillars	Hippos	Gerbils	Rhinos
Buffalo	Chimpanzees	Bears	Zebras	Cats
Chickens	Crocodiles	Hyenas	Leopards	Giraffes
Coyotes	Hedgehogs	Foxes	Baboons	Camels

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

How many words using 3 letters or more can you make from 'School Holidays'.

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## Template for Door Hanger

Are there times when you would like to just chill out in your room Without others coming in?

Or times when you just wish someone else would come in and play or help with the cleaning up?

Why not get creative and make a whole series of door hangers during the holidays so that your friends don't have to guess. They will be able to see whether to come on in or give you some space.

Items that could be useful include: crayons  
cardboard  
glitter  
Paints  
Ribbon  
Tinsel  
Buttons  
Cotton wool  
Be creative, Use what you have available and see what you can make.

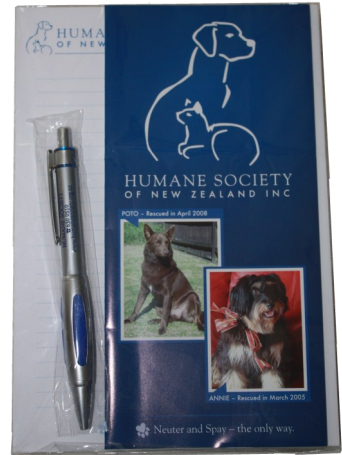
# Humane Society Merchandise Available

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
_____	_____	_____
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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,  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_