



HUMANE SOCIETY
OF NEW ZEALAND INC

Newsletter

October 2014

Heat, Fleas, 1080 drops, just three things that come to mind as we come into spring. To my surprise I had my first sun burn for this season last week. I didn't go looking for it and fortunately it was not severe, but it did remind me that dogs and cars in the heat are not a good combination. We have become used to the chill and wind of winter so I include a timely alert that the heat is coming. Remember and do not let your pet overheat as I did last week.

Also over winter some of us relax a little on the flea front. With colder weather our furry friends tend to have less flea infestations but as it warms up and puss is off exploring the underside of other peoples houses etc. it is very easy to suddenly discover that the fleas have moved back in in abundance. Stop it before it starts. Find a good quality flea treatment that works for your pets and be consistent. Interestingly I was having great difficulty with one of my cats, and despite trying many topical options was getting nowhere. I now have been put on to a tablet option which works wonders for that cat. He has gained a kilo on his base weight and is now so much happier. Like people, your pets are each different and what works well for one may be useless or even worse for another. It is worth persevering until you find the options right for each of your pets.

1080. A poison and there are currently 1080 drops in many parts of New Zealand. Often these are advertised in local newspapers but if you wish to check for 1080 operations in your area try the relevant district council or Department of Conservation in the area. Often the local paper will advertise such drops.

Dog owners should keep dogs well away from 1080 treated areas. If in an area where 1080 has been dropped keep dogs on a lead and preferably muzzled to protect them from inadvertently ingesting 1080. If it is suspected that a dog has eaten poison or a poisoned carcase, it is important not to wait to see if signs develop, but to seek immediate veterinary attention.

This is also a great time to encourage owners of young dogs or cats to have them desexed if they have not already attended to it. From this time of the year onwards, for the next four to five months many young cats will be conceiving their first and second litters of kittens. While I do not endorse Gareth Morgan, I see no value in allowing our pets to be endlessly procreating. Already there are many companion animals looking for homes where they will be loved and cared for. There are many entire boys who roam the streets causing trouble, big vet bills and more puppies and kittens than there are homes for. If we could achieve a higher desexing rate we could reduce the numbers of those who are unwanted, reduce the vet bills for those attacked often by the entire males and have a happier, healthier companion animal population. If you know people who need a helping hand visit:
<http://humanesociety.org.nz/desexing-your-pet.html>

Your committee:

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

Annual General Meeting —2014

Our AGM this year was held on a Saturday afternoon and it was lovely to see so many people there.

All of the current committee were available to be re-elected on to the committee for a further term and that did occur. I thank them for making themselves available again.

General discussion was held on the possible update of information given to families adopting dogs, the possibility of opening an account with a different supplier of animal food etc. and of changing the constitution in the future to enable having one or two more members on the committee.



Don

Jill

Heather

The account with the new supplier has been opened. Further information is needed before the packs can be updated and we will leave the committee numbers as they are at present, but may look at it again some time in the future.

Auckland Pet and Animal Expo - 2014

This show is going to be on from 10am—5pm on the 11—12 October 2014 at the ASB Showgrounds in Greenlane.

It is the largest Pet Expo in New Zealand, designed for anybody who loves animals., wants to learn more about animals, get expert advice, and see the latest products and services for their furry friends.

Pet lovers can interact with a wide variety of animals including Alpacas, Birds, Cats, Dogs, Fish, Ponies, Rabbits, Rats and Reptiles. As well as enjoy a full program of events on the main stage.

Once again Humane Society of New Zealand will have a stall at the show where some of the dogs belonging to our members will be on show. As it is a very busy environment, we do not normally take fosters. They have enough to cope with being in a new environment without thrusting them into a noisy and often confusing situation. Our presence does, however, bring our group into the public forum. We know that at least one dog last year was placed with a family who first met us at the show. The more people that know we exist, the more we and the public are able to help each other.

While there we will have three raffles. One this year will be for an e-book reader which we were delighted to receive as a donation from PB Technologies Ltd. There will also be one of dog products and one for cat products.

To have a stall at the show is not cheap but the exposure and promotion of the society make it well worth while. If you have time to attend, it would be lovely to see you there.



JILL PROVIDES THE DETAILS

SPAY/NEUTER FUND

As well as the operation of our Spay/Neuter Fund we have also implemented a number of desexing campaigns with vets throughout New Zealand and are happy to announce since June we have assisted in total with the desexing of around **320** dogs and cats.

There have been very successful campaigns in Kawerau and Wellsford plus ongoing assistance in the Far North, Christchurch and many other areas including the greater Auckland area.

Vets in the Far North have been tirelessly working to spay and neuter as many animals as they, and we possibly can, with the total from June to September being 260 surgeries, included in the above number. We must be making a real difference in the area from Bay of Islands through to Kaitia, preventing many unwanted litters of puppies and kittens being born.

Our grateful thanks go out to the staff in all clinics who do much of the organizing – we know how time-consuming this can be.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE PAID THEIR MEMBERSHIP FEES

ANIMALS IN FOSTER CARE

We continue to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome as many canines and felines as we possibly can and once again send our heartfelt thanks to our wonderful foster homes whose volunteer work is virtually 24/7. We regularly receive enquiries from members of the public expressing interest in fostering, but in many cases once we clearly define how much work and time is involved we never hear from them again! It's not a case of just feeding, walking and looking after the animal, which is a huge task in itself, it's also trips backwards and forward to the vet, dealing with the public, arranging for prospective new owners to visit (many of whom don't bother to turn up), and ensuring all the necessary paperwork is completed and sent into the office.

The foster homes are of course supported by the telephone volunteers and property checkers, all of whom also do a great job in the rehoming process – our very grateful thanks goes out to you too.

We have rehomed a large number of cats and kittens over the last few months including a recent litter of five 8 weeks old. At one point in time Trish had 21 cats/kittens in her three enclosures – imagine the number of litter trays and feeding bowls! We are now down to Pixie, a tortie mum and her three 8-9 month kittens, Patch, Mika and Gya – all currently listed on our website.

Dogs recently rehomed are London a staffie x; Tilly a lab x staffie; Alex, a huntaway x; Odin a border collie x husky; Avis, a german shepherd x; Sooty, a pomeranian x; Dolly an elderly miniature poodle; Cheeky the chihuahua; Bambi a boxer x; Cooper another labrador; Toby, a fox terrier; Sid a labrador x; Monty a bassett hound; Poppet the toy poodle; Toby a neo mastiff x; Petal a shih tzu x lhaso apso; Casey a huntaway x collie and Nellie a rottweiler x.

Sam, the black Labrador was also rehomed to the NZ Police Dog Training Centre in Trentham where he will be trained as a detection dog, the perfect placement for him as his boundless energy and drive can be channeled into the work he so desperately needs.

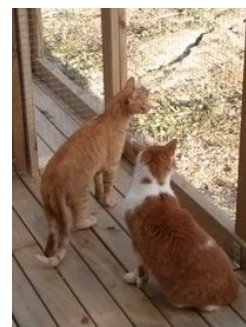
To see the animals currently available check out www.humanesociety.org.nz or Ph 630 0510

Choosing your new Furry Friend

Adopting any pet is a major commitment so it is very important that, having made the decision to add a furry friend to your family you choose one that will fit in with you and those whom you already share your life with.

Should it be a cat?

Many years ago I came across an article that suggested cats choose to give, Dogs need you to give. Right or wrong, I do believe that cats are inclined to be more independent so could be a better choice if your life is constantly busy and the time you have to share with your pet is limited. Also, if you have limited mobility that compromises ability to exercise a dog, a feline companion may be a better choice. I do know that a loving cat can be worth coming home to.



Should it be a dog ?

Not only do dogs provide ongoing companionship and unconditional love, they've also been known to help in many other ways. Improved health, greater sociability, and increased confidence can be some of the benefits. If a dog is your choice check out which breeds match your lifestyle. There are several web sites that will guide you through some obvious questions and make suggestions as to the most suitable breed for your needs. Try several of them and look at the traits of the animals they suggest. The first answer may not be the best one. I was amused that the dogs suggested for me were diggers—not high on my priority list, I would say. Use your common sense.

Purebred or rescued mutt ?

Once you have a reasonable idea of what you are looking for consider whether you are after a purebred or a rescued dog which is likely to be a mix of breeds. From experience I can say that there are advantages to both options.

With a purebred there is a reasonably good chance that the dog will be mostly true to the characteristics of the breed. In other words you have a reasonable idea what you are getting.

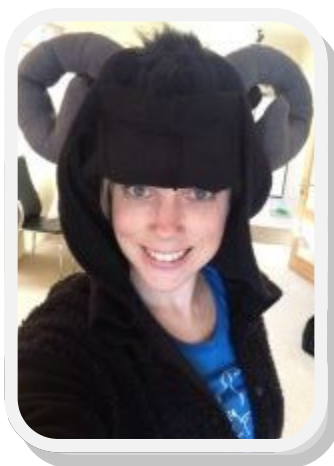
With a rescued or 'second time around' dog keep in mind the type of breeds you are interested in and learn as much as you can about their history and behavioural tendencies. Often a mixed breed dog can be a winner. In my past life as a foster parent there were so many times when the mixed breed met specific needs of those seeking a dog in their lives. A large bodied dog with very short legs was perfect for the wife who wanted a large dog but couldn't have one because their fences were short. The crazy dog who would never stop moving was a perfect companion for the dog who was on a pumpkin diet as it was very overweight and refused to move. I have so many of those stories.

Find out as much as you can. Often a 'pound dog' can seem to recognise its good fortune in having a second chance. After their past history, and a period confined in an enclosed space they can be so grateful and loving to those who are prepared to finally give them the love and home comforts deserved that they make really great pets.

Having sought advice—listen to it.

Our foster homes come to know these animals that they are caring for. Talk to the caregivers. Ask about temperament and habits. Be honest with yourself and the caregivers in sharing what you are looking for. These people want the animals to find a home that will be right for them. If you feel uncomfortable with the caregivers go elsewhere. You need to be able to trust what you are hearing and seeing. For each animal there is a 'right' home and for each person looking there will be one that is 'right for you'. Do not compromise as, all going well, this new friend will be around for many years.

Muddy Merino Madness



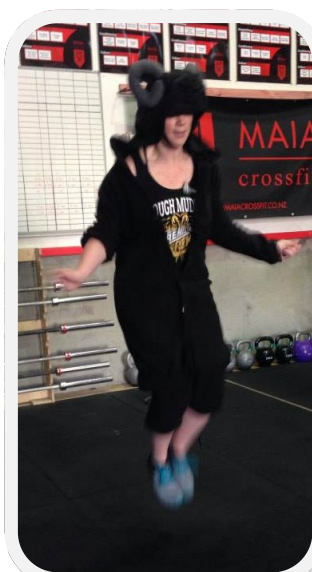
Hi, I'm Corinne, and I run Obstacle Racers NZ with my husband, Dan.

In April, I had a crazy idea - I wanted to run a 5km muddy obstacle race dressed as our mascot, Tuki (the merino ram), to raise money for an awesome charity - The Humane Society of NZ. I signed up with the Givealittle, site, created a page and started the planning.



I first came across Humane Society when my husband and I got our beast of a cat, Modem, from them 6 years ago, and we love him to bits. I appreciate what the Hu-

mane Society does, rescuing and rehoming animals on a volunteer basis, and wanted to show this by giving back a little.



The costume was not available in New Zealand so I have imported it from the states. This was not cheap thanks to postage but 'YouShop' helped and gave a generous discount.

It's going to be a challenge as the costume gets bogged down with water and mud. As you can see from the photos this is not an easy run in the park.



This is going to be a crazy journey, so please join me, donate what you can, and follow along at www.facebook.com/ObstacleRacersNZ

If you would like to support Humane Society and Corinne please visit :

<https://www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/mudrun>

A New Pet In The Home

In our next newsletter I hope to add to this segment but meanwhile here are some starters:

Pet proofing your home:

Are cords that could be chewed out of reach?

Are any plants that could be knocked over or used as a litter box in a safe location?

Are there items close to, or on the floor that puppy or kitten could chew or swallow?

Do you have a crate or safe place that you can leave your new pet when they have to be on their own

And important decisions:

Where will your new pet eat meals?

Where will the bowl/s of fresh water be kept?

Where will he sleep— his bed, your bed or a crate

Where will she have her litter box or designated potty spot?

Where will you put the scratching post or the crate or any of the other pet paraphernalia?

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 \$ _____
ENCLOSED

Address: _____

Donation Form

**The Honorary Treasurer
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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 2014

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 _____