



HUMANE SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INC

Newsletter

March 2015

As usual this year on Sunday the 12th April we are looking forward to having another Picnic in the Park . Typically we enjoy a fun filled day where we can promote the Humane Society image and have fun with our friends. It is a great opportunity to show the positives of sharing life with our canine friends.

Final details are being confirmed and I am confident that once again it will be a great day, with plenty of competitions, a barbeque and drinks, raffles, and merchandise available. We have arranged with 'D for Dogs' that they will set up an agility course that can be used to 'have a go'. I am sure that will be interesting and possibly provide some entertainment along the way.

The competitions include:

Best Groomed
Best Quick Trick

Best Veteran
Best Child Handler

Dog the Judges would most like to take home

Best Rescued
Best Six Legs
Best in Show



Do note that all dogs present must be registered ,vaccinated and on a leash. Please note that for their own safety there should be no puppies under four months. Those wishing to compete for the best trick may like to prepare/practise before the day so they are ready to perform.

Each year there are people and dogs who return, and then there are others that we see for perhaps the first time since adopting their doggy friend. It is always great for the past foster parents to see how well their former waifs/strays are happily blending into their new family situation. It is also great for those within Humane Society who are not hands on with the animals to see some of the dogs who have benefited from the time they, as volunteers have spent, on the phones, doing section checks and what ever other jobs they have done.

It is always a fun day so I really hope to catch up with our regulars and see lots of new people and dogs there. See you 12.00 midday at the park just across from the Stardome to join in the fun. Do remember the weather—Bring sun block, rain jackets, or whatever else seems appropriate on the day. We know Auckland weather is very changeable.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you and hopefully taking lots of photos.

Your committee:

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

Highlights from the last five months:

Give a little: Well done to Corrine who completed her 5km very muddy obstacle race in her heavy Ram costume which rapidly became dragged down with mud. Despite constantly having to pull it back up a lot of fun was had and she raised \$445 for the Humane Society with her efforts.

Thank you Corrinne.

Purina Promotion: This was run in conjunction with Purina, a TV campaign and the vets. This resulted in us receiving a total of 255 bags of Purina food, available as required which has certainly helped reduce food costs for a time.

Further Food Donations were received from other animal food suppliers through Animates which were also much appreciated..



The Sad News: Late last year one of our long term supporters, Bobbietta, passed away. Bobbietta, with her walking frame and her two small Chihuahuas sold goods and collected money for each of her favourite charities. She has been sending money to the Humane Society for many years and delighted attendees at our AGM a few years ago with her singing solo. We will miss her.

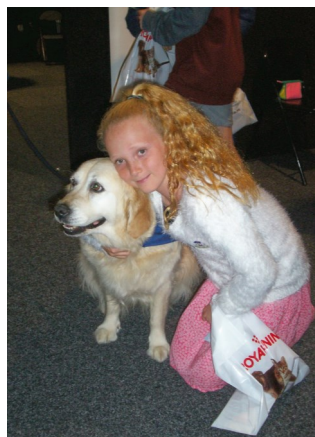
Pet Expo:

This was held in October at Greenlane and was a great success.

Over the weekend several thousand people came through which gave us the opportunity to be seen by many who have not heard of us in the past. We were able to speak to them about our aims and objectives, pass out pamphlets thereby raising our profile.

Full marks to all our Humane Society volunteers and their dogs who helped throughout the weekend.

As you can see from the photos there were a lot of very happy children who enjoyed patting the very patient and well behaved dogs.



JILL PROVIDES THE DETAILS

SPAY/NEUTER FUND

As always, we have been very busy processing Spay/Neuter Fund applications, so much so there are now two of us working on them. Jill is taking care of those out of Auckland, literally from North Cape to Bluff, and Jenny is looking after the Greater Auckland applications.

From early October last year we have processed approximately 441 applications and our numbering system for these, which originally started at No. 1 in the mid eighties, is now up to 12062. Way back then we certainly didn't have the same amount of funding we have now, so this whole desexing programme has grown hugely over the years.

We continue to work with a number of different vet clinics in the Far North, plus Wellsford, Warkworth, Waipu, Kawerau, Whakatane, Wanganui, Rangiora and several clinics in Christchurch.

We support each other, with them referring needy clients and us offering financial assistance for those in need.

In fact, we now receive more applications from owners/vet clinics we work with New Zealand wide, than we do locally. Our website has certainly been instrumental in this increase.

We were recently approached by Auckland Cavy Care, requesting assistance with the desexing of unwanted guinea pigs they care for, so were only too happy to assist with these little creatures as well.

ANIMALS IN FOSTER CARE

As always, we have been rescuing and rehabilitating many dogs/puppies and cats/kittens. Trish's enclosures have been home to many cats and kittens for months now and Tina also has a few at her place, along with the dogs and puppies she fosters – they could both put the "Full House" sign up permanently!

Our website, Facebook, Petsonthenet and Trade Me are invaluable in finding just the right owners for every animal we take

into care. Please take a look at the animals available for adoption on any of the internet sites above and we would appreciate all members promoting these whenever possible.



All cats/kittens are now tested for Feline Aids, vaccinated and desexed prior to leaving our care, whilst dogs/puppies are vaccinated, desexed, microchipped and registered. All animals are checked by a vet and are wormed and flea treated.

We do our very best to place every animal in a home best suited to its needs, so we're not setting up either the new home or animal to fail, which isn't fair to either. Members of the public often don't agree with our decisions and think they know better than we do, but if it means we upset a few humans to find the right home for every animal, we make no apologies for this.

As always our very grateful thanks go out to all our volunteers for their willingness to help at the drop of a hat – foster homes, property checkers, phone volunteers and all who help in any other way, we do appreciate all your assistance.

A special thank you goes to Dave and Paddy Corneby for delivering boxes of natural soft dried dog food from the Natural Pet Treat Company – our foster dogs love it!

Give a Little—The Next Challenge

Early this year we received an interesting email with an offer that was a complete surprise. One of the many people who had previously adopted a dog from us was planning an amazing challenge. In his words:

Hi, I'm Ramesh and I'll be trekking up to Mt Everest base camp (and beyond) in May 2015 to fundraise for the Humane Society.

For those of you who don't know me, I am a huge advocate for doing our bit for animals and children. Back in 2011, I was fortunate enough to find and adopt my golden retriever Ice from the Humane Society. If not for the society's efforts, this wonderful dog would not have come into our lives.

If you would like to help support the Humane Society through this fundraising effort please go to: <http://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/ramesh1402#> or go to 'givealittle' and search for Humane Society.



As Ramesh puts it — Your generosity will go a long way towards providing quality care and forever homes for mistreated and abandoned animals that are received by the Humane Society. The society relies solely on its volunteers taking rescued animals home, then carefully rehoming them after rehabilitation and treatment.

Ramesh says “

The experience will be challenging, but I'm a determined person and this is something I am passionate about. I'll be doing a 15 day rapid trek, starting 25th May to 8th June. Together with four of my friends and our Sherpa guides, I'll be reaching an altitude of approx. 5645 meters to catch stunning views of Everest summit and fulfil my fundraising goal at the same time.

I organised this trek because I wanted to make a difference and give back a little back to this charity that depends on people like you and me for support. I'm extremely excited to get started and I hope, if anything, I've inspired you to take part in a cause. I truly appreciate and am forever grateful for any donation you can provide, as it'll benefit a great charity.



To date we have already received over \$1000.00 from this Challenge. Thank you Ramesh.

**Are you coming to our Picnic in the Park
Sunday 12th April at One Tree Hill Domain
Dog Registrations from 12.00 to 1.00pm**

Bringing your new dog home

Once you have made the decision to have a new pet, Prepare. Preparation makes a positive difference for you, your family and your new friend.

First gather together the supplies that you know you will require. The basics such as food bowls, water bowls, a collar and a lead suitable for the dog you are getting, toys and an id tag should be on hand before you collect your new dog. Make sure your fencing is adequate for the dog you are getting.

You and your family should be agreed on the house rules. Who will walk the dog? Who will feed the dog? Who will clean up after the dog? Will he be allowed on the couch/bed? Is he allowed scraps from the table? Will there be no go zones for the dog? Where will he sleep? Will you have a crate for the dog and how will you use it? The answers do not have to be set in stone but should be considered and general guidelines in place before your new pet arrives so that the arrival does not introduce disagreements.

Try to plan the arrival for a period when you will be home for a few days. Spend quality time together without lots of visitors so that you, your family and the dog can learn and play together. If your dog needs space provide it. Initially your new dog may need time to get a feeling of his new home. Alternatively he may just want to be with you. Start to establish a routine. You can find games that you all enjoy, the things to avoid that may upset your new dog and just generally get to know each other which is a great start. House rules can start to be established. If you already have other pets in the house, do not neglect them. The jealousy factor is present with animals as well as people. Young children need to be shown how to interact safely and enjoyably with the new family member if they are not used to sharing with pets.



When your dog first arrives he could be excited and that can lead to urine leakages. Assume this could happen and work from there. Commence training from the start, but slowly. House training and basic commands are the first place to start. Remember to always be consistent, maintain a routine. Dogs (and cats) need to know who is boss. Order and consistency are important. If he is doing something that he shouldn't be, let him know immediately, but calmly and firmly. This does not mean shout but use a calm, strong, disapproving voice to let him know that that action is not to be repeated. Desired behav-

iour can be rewarded with praise, attention, or a small treat. Timing is often the all important factor when trying to modify behaviour. It must be immediate or the dog is not going to relate the consequence to the relevant action.

Do not expect miracles. Getting to know each other takes time. Learning the do's and don'ts is also progressive. Some learn faster than others and as with children, some require much more repetition to learn. I am told some dogs are still learning basics at two years of age. Give each other time but do be consistent. If there is a problem, seek help before it becomes intolerable.

For many dogs a crate is a useful piece of equipment. I do not suggest your dog should live in it. However it does provide a place that your dog can recognise as its own. It should be big enough that your dog can stand up, turn around and sit/lie down comfortably in it. This space can become its den, a safe place when it needs it while also helping with house training.



Enjoy your new dog; be patient and loving. Make sure there is plenty of exercise, mental stimulation, socialisation and attention and look forward to a long and happy life together.

A magical book for dog lovers and children

This book shares the life of Ellie from the time she is rescued from an animal shelter until she is sure she has found her forever home.

Illustrated by evocative photographs, it is written as if Ellie, a Fox terrier cross, is writing. They are emails exchanged with Teresa T who was her Humane Society foster mother.

Ellie discovers the joys of sleeping on beds and sofas, playing at the beach, chasing and looking after her special orange ball, riding shotgun in the car, being on holiday with other dogs and joining in the fun at Dog HQ's picnics.



The foster and forever families delight in her fun-filled life is clear throughout her escapades. Ellie's joy in her new life is also obvious.

"I'm a sprinter! Running fast is what I do. I'm also a swimmer and have learned to love the sea. Swimming and running and jumping and catching help my legs to stop shaking like Fokie legs often do".

Ellie and Jean will be taking orders for their book at the picnic on 12 April.

Order form - The Dog with the Loving Heart – Jean Silver

Post or email: jeansilver@xtra.co.nz 44 Belle Vue Avenue, Northcote Point, Auckland 0627

Phone: 09 480 5576

Please send me..... copies at \$25 per copy + Post and packaging = \$4.00 **TOTAL \$** _____

Name.....

Address.....

Post Code.....Email..... Phone.....

Please make payment to:

Direct credit- **02 0192 0056542 01** (with your name as reference)

Cheques should be made out to: **Ellie's account**

Books can be collected from Jean. Ellie would be glad to meet you!

All profits from the sale of this book go to the Humane Society

Join with the Humane Society for

Entertainment

Competitions



Pets Picnic in the Park

Sunday 12th April 2015

at

One Tree Hill Domain

(by the Stardome — Manukau Road Entrance)



Raffles

**Agility—Give it a Go
Sausage Sizzle & Drinks
(or bring a picnic lunch)**

**Dog Competitions
Merchandise**

Dog Registrations from 12.00 pm

Judging by Animal Management starting at 1.15pm

All dogs must be on leads, vac & registered. Min. age 4 months

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

Keep your Drinks Cool for just \$10



**Blue Polo Shirt
\$30**

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.
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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 2015

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 _____