



HUMANE SOCIETY
OF NEW ZEALAND INC

Newsletter

January 2016

Happy New Year everybody, I hope your year is going well so far. I apologise for the lateness of this newsletter, our previous editor has nobly taken over our accounts, and is doing a fantastic job, but she couldn't fit doing the newsletter in as well, so I'm giving it a go.

This gorgeous weather has made me think of how easy it is for our animals to overheat during the summer, especially our dogs, but even cats should not be shut in rooms with too much direct sunlight at this time of year. It's important to always make sure they have access to water, and leave them at home if they're going to have to wait in a car during the day unless you have a covered area to leave the car in. The other thing to be wary of is our gorgeous West Coast beaches. It's really easy to burn the dogs pads walking them on the black sand as I learnt once at Muriwai. We were walking along a track that was mainly in the shade, but one bit was exposed to the sun. When we left the shade the poor dogs did an impromptu quick jig as they tried to keep all four paws off the sand at once and then decided they were taking the long way through this part of the walk and ran through the trees instead. Because we weren't actually on the beach it hadn't occurred to me to check the temperature of the track we were walking on, but I did from then on. I also tend to just reach down and check the temperature of some roads before expecting the dogs to cross them, sometimes tarmac can get seriously hot.

I saw that a dog was just re-united with it's owners after being apart 22 months because the dog was microchipped. This is so important, not only for dogs, but also for cats. In order to try to ensure they are returned to you safely it is not sufficient to just register them with the council, you also need to put them on the NZ Companion Animal Register (NZCAR) which is used by the vets and the SPCA. In the event of your cat having an accident and being taken to a vet her being microchipped could ensure that she is treated immediately, rather than just being given palliative care until her owner is found.

We had another great turnout for our stall at the Pet Expo this year. Over 20,000 people went through the exhibits over the weekend, and as we were right next to the entrance many stopped at our stall, lured in by the gorgeous dogs, (and at one point a magpie and ducklings,) for them to cuddle. It is a great way to promote the society, and we couldn't have done it without all the fantastic volunteers who donate their time and their dogs to introducing us to the public. Thank you all so much.

Talking of which I was reading how hard it is becoming to find volunteers in these time-poor days so let me say again how much the committee appreciates those wonderful people who answer the phones, foster dogs, do property checks, and in many other ways support the society and help it succeed. We could not do it without you.

Your committee:

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

Annual General Meeting —2015

Our AGM this year was held on a Saturday afternoon amidst disgusting weather (so bad that people were pulling to the side of the motorway and waiting for it to improve). It was lovely that, despite the terrible conditions, we had fifteen people present.

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 two main topics. The first was regarding the current format of our Pets Picnic in the park and the increasing difficulties in dealing with the administration of the event along with the feeling that it has possibly outlived its purpose of promoting the society. It is still of great value however, in providing an opportunity for re-uniting volunteers with each other and with dogs that have previously been in our care. It is lovely to see the developments that occur as time passes. Suggestions of different parks that could be tried were made but it was agreed that it is difficult to meet our need in a central location when Council venues were excluded. Suggestions included Waitarua, German Shepherd club in Mangere, and another location in Onehunga. Further enquiries will be made. Suggestions were also heard for locations in Flat Bush and Ardmore but they are probably too distant. Suggestions for activities included a walk, a bring your own picnic lunch and having agility equipment available for owners and dogs to 'have a go'. While no decisions on a final outcome have been decided it was agreed that we cease using Auckland council grounds for dog gatherings where so many extras are now required.

The second major topic related to the minimum donation required for dog adoptions.

This has remained the same for a very long time and is well below the charges made by other groups. The discussion ranged back and forth for some time with a general consensus that the amount requested should be raised but there was a long discussion before agreement was reached that the new minimum donation for dogs would be \$200.00 as from that day.

Auckland Pet and Animal Expo - 2015



We had a fantastic turnout, and some beautifully behaved dogs who got 1000's of cuddles from children and adults alike. The raffles were very popular, and Sylvia from Bird Rescue not only brought Missy, her penguin herding dog and a Humane Society rescue, but some baby ducklings. At the same time we had a tame juvenile magpie, that was being trained to be a pet and could be stroked. With over 20,000 visitors during the weekend this event must help raise our profile with the general public and it's fun to do too. Thank you again to everybody who helped make it a great weekend.



ANIMAL NEWS

Our foster homes are still run off their feet with a steady “supply” of dogs and puppies primarily from the Manukau and Waikato Shelters. The numbers coming from them did reduce for a few months as they introduced their Facebook pages highlighting dogs for adoption directly from the Shelters. There are a number of dogs who really need a home environment prior to placement, often small ones who don’t cope well in the Shelter and appear timid – it doesn’t take them long to bounce back with the special brand of TLC our foster homes have in abundance. We cannot thank them enough for all they do – it’s a 24/7 labour of love!

We do take the older dogs who also don’t cope well in a kenneled space as we often have the older person looking for a companion of similar age.

Some have minor health issues which we can easily attend to, ie needing dental work, flea allergies, ear infections and so on.

Some of those rescued were Tori, a 9 year old Sydney silkie; Gracie, a fox terrier of 8-9 yrs; Fox, a 12 mth Pomeranian x Chihuahua; Jinx, a 7 mth staffie x kelpie; Phoebe, a husky x spaniel aged 14 months; Lockie, a 4 yr Chihuahua x papillon; Max, a lab x dobermann of 2 years; Ollie, a 10 mth foxie x papillon; Maggie, a huntaway x; Angel, a 2 yr jack russell x; Scooby, an 11 week lab x boxer; Boo a 2 year Chihuahua; Daisy, a collie x aged 7 months; Piper, a 9 year golden cocker spaniel; Molly a 4 year apricot poodle; Tessa a staffie x and many more.

Our cat enclosures at Trish’s home have been full to overflowing with cats and kittens – kittens re-homed pre-Christmas, aged between 10 and 12 weeks included black, light ginger, light grey/ginger and we still have their mum, Gypsy a lovely tortie/white girl aged 1-2 years waiting for her forever home. Jag, a black character cat aged 2-3 years is also patiently waiting for her new owner to visit and introduce her to her new family.

Tina, who primarily fosters dogs has also cared for kittens of late one of whom was Bella, a character three-legged little tabby kitten whose leg was damaged at birth and had to be amputated. Once advertised she very quickly went to her new home.

Tamara also volunteered to help with cats/kittens and has rehomed several for us already. She currently has Lucy, a black cat aged 12 mths and Princess a 9-12 week tabby kitty.

If you or anyone you know is looking to adopt a feline friend, please get in touch.

We can-

not thank these volunteers enough too for their 24/7 commitment to these little waifs.

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

SPAY/NEUTER FUND

Applications for financial assistance from our Spay/Neuter are still being regularly received, with large numbers coming from all areas nationwide.

Our work with many veterinary clinics and small rescue groups continues to grow, with areas in need being targeted with mini campaigns. Areas we assist ongoing are Kawerau/Whakatane/Edgumbe and the Far North

I'm not fat..



I'm poofy.



“Take time to stop and sniff the roadkill.”

Doggy Walkies

On Friday 13 November, Auckland Council's three animal shelters pulled out all the stops, bringing out a park full of dogs and a petting pen full of puppies to take Auckland office workers "walkies" at lunchtime. Hundreds of central city workers took advantage of the early summer sun in Victoria Park and queued to go for a walk with dogs of all shapes, sizes, breeds and ages.

We were invited to attend and Tina and Jenny took a selection of Humane Society ex Shelter dogs, a couple of whom were adopted as a result of the exposure. Another event is being held on Friday 12 February and they would appreciate some assistance with walking the dogs.

If you have a few hours to spare on 12 February, please let Jenny know – Ph 473 0214

Interesting Dog and Cat Facts

When Lord Byron was informed that his dog was not allowed to come with him to Cambridge Trinity College he retaliated by bringing a bear instead.

In Holland's embassy in Moscow, Russia, the staff noticed that the two Siamese cats kept meowing and clawing at the walls of the building. Their owners finally investigated, thinking they would find mice. Instead, they discovered microphones hidden by Russian spies. The cats heard the microphones when they turned on.

Dogs have about 1,700 taste buds. Humans have approximately 9,000 and cats have around 473

Female cats tend to be right pawed, while male cats are more often left pawed. Interestingly, while 90% of humans are right handed, the remaining 10% of lefties also tend to be male.

"Frito Feet" is the name of the phenomenon in which the bacteria on a dog's paws cause them to smell like corn chips. Because a pup's feet are in constant contact with the ground, they pick up tons of microorganisms in their paws. When dogs cool off by sweating through the pads of their feet, the combination of moisture and bacteria releases a nutty, popcorn-like aroma. Basically it's dog B.O.



"When are you going to throw that dang stick?!"

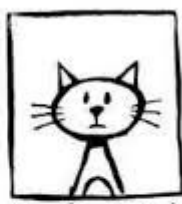
While it is commonly thought that the ancient Egyptians were the first to domesticate cats, the oldest known pet cat was recently found in a 9,500-year-old grave on the Mediterranean island of Cyprus. This grave predates early Egyptian art depicting cats by 4,000 years or more

It's a myth that dogs only see in black and white. In fact, it's believed that dogs see primarily in blue, greenish-yellow, yellow and various shades of grey.

In the original Italian version of Cinderella, the benevolent fairy god-mother figure was a cat.



Man's best friend.



Man's weird reclusive roommate who poops in a box.

bristol.

When a family cat died in ancient Egypt, family members would mourn by shaving off their eyebrows. They also held elaborate funerals during which they drank wine and beat their breasts. The cat was embalmed with a sculpted wooden mask and the tiny mummy was placed in the family tomb or in a pet cemetery with tiny mummies of mice

A group of cats is called a Clowder

A cat can jump up to five times its own height in a single bound.



9 Ways to Keep your Dog Cool in Summer

1. Water water everywhere

First and foremost, keep your dog hydrated. This is pretty obvious, but pets go through water quickly in the summer, so keep an eye on the water bowl at all times and refill as necessary. On particularly hot days add some ice cubes to the bowl. If your dog has one of those water bowls you can screw a litre bottle into and then the bowl refills from the bottle you can freeze the entire bottle. Put some water in the bowl as well though so your pet doesn't have to wait for the bottle to defrost in order to get a drink.

2. Kiddie pool for the furry kids

If your dog is into paddling when he's hot, I recommend getting one of those cheap, plastic pools for them to wade or lie in. Not only are you cooling them off, you can use it yourself if you get too hot.

3. Use evaporation to your advantage

The whole point of sweating is evaporation. You sweat, it evaporates, and with it goes heat. It's physics. It's a cruel trick on our four-legged friends that they can only sweat through an extremely small percentage of their body. Given that they have less area to work with, it would be nice if the heat could evaporate faster, no?

Isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol) has a much lower boiling point than water and thus evaporates much more quickly. If you suspect that your dog needs some help lowering his or her body temperature, give those paws a swipe with a cotton ball soaked in rubbing alcohol.

Don't overdo it though; alcohol can get a little drying.

4. Treats!

Use your dog's love of food to your advantage by feeding them treats that are cool, high in water content or both. Frozen broth popsicles are an easy frozen treat your dog will love; also, chilled cucumber or frozen water melon is a no-prep option that is full of water. You could also freeze some chicken hearts or giblets, or make them a banana smoothie.

5. Cool that tummy

Dogs will sprawl on a tile or concrete floor when they are too hot, to cool down.

If you don't have cool flooring or your dog is outside, you can apply this principal by soaking a towel in cold water and letting your dog lie on that. It will make a huge difference.

6. Gotta get the gear!

For the whole "it is way too hot for man or beast out here" problem, there are cooling collars, vests, and beds. There are even little boots to protect your dog's little feet from the hot pavement. If you can't put the back of your hand on the pavement for 5 seconds it's too hot for the dog.

7. Made in the shade

Create a shady oasis for your favorite canine.

If your dog is outside, make sure there is somewhere he can go to take shelter from the sun's terrible rays. Set up a little tent or umbrella. Set it up next to the kiddie pool and serve your pet tropical smoothies for a staycation vibe.

8. Proper Grooming is Important

Though clipping double-coated dogs won't help keep them cool (the top "guard hairs" actually act as insulation against the heat and sunburn), keeping your pup properly groomed will. The undercoat is actually part of a dog's natural cooling system, but if not properly maintained it can become matted and prevent air flow across your dog's skin. Frequent brushing helps remove "dead" fur and keeps your pet's coat healthy and comfortable.

9. Watch your walking

Walk your dog in the early morning or late evening, when the heat has gone out of the sun, it's a lovely time of day for exercise. If you must walk in the heat of the day make sure it's next to a water source that the dog can dip into whenever he feels the need, heat stroke in a dog can be serious and can come on surprisingly fast, a damp or muddy dog is a better option.

Humane Society Merchandise Available

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

A Water Bowl to take with you \$10



Humane Society Key Ring \$2

A Handy little Gift Pack - Just \$4



Keep your Drinks Cool \$10



**A Bandana for your dog
Small or Large \$10**



Humane Society Pen \$2

A T-shirt \$30

Order Form

Item	Quantity	Amount
_____	_____	_____
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Please send to: _____ Post and Packaging 4.00

Name: _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Address: _____ ENCLOSURE

Donation Form

**The Honorary Treasurer
Humane Society of NZ Inc.
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Greenwoods Corner
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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 _____