



HUMANE SOCIETY  
OF NEW ZEALAND INC

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# Newsletter

June 2016

Welcome and greetings from your committee.

Winter is here, and my cat has changed his daily habits to accommodate finding the warmest place in the house at all times. I find this time of year is when my cat is at his most affectionate, every time I sit down he's immediately on my lap, and he will happily stay there purring all night. It's very relaxing having warm, fluffy, appreciative, company when you've had a hard day, even if you know your major attraction is your hot-water bottle properties. At this time of year it's hard for those poor animals left out in the cold with no home to go to, and I realise how important it is to care for your pets, keep them warm, well fed and loved, and prevent their indiscriminate breeding to work towards the day when no animals are abandoned or neglected in the cold of winter.

My dogs are responding to the wet, muddy, weather by trying to bring as much of the outside mud indoors as they can, and as they are large and fluffy, that's quite a bit. How does everybody cope with pets and mud? I find this a major challenge at this time of year, and have taken to having rugs or towels in front of every entrance that the dogs and cat use. If I see them coming in I can tell the dogs to sit on the towels for a minute or so, by which time they are a lot drier, and even if I miss them coming in a significant amount of the mud no longer makes it into the house. Also if they're sitting and really muddy I'll take the opportunity to use another towel to dry their paws properly. If you have a fluffy dog it's also a good idea to trim the fur between their toes, it gives less for the mud to stick to, and if mud hardens on their fur it can be form hard lumps between their toes which are very uncomfortable for them.

In this newsletter we have information on the AGM, occurring at the end of July. This year there are a couple of amendments to our constitution that we're planning to put through. Please read that section, and if you have any queries or thoughts on the amendments we'd love to see you at the AGM. There are also a couple of requests we have for help with pet transport, materials for making blankets, beds and coats, and for you to send us your email address if you are happy to get an emailed newsletter. We would love to hear from anybody who can help on any of these fronts.

We are extremely grateful to a number of people who have left us bequests lately. It is so thoughtful of people to remember the society in their wills, and as our spay and neuter assistance is requested over larger amounts of the country, it allows us to keep expanding this service to help more of those in need. Our supporters are wonderful and we really appreciate everything you do for us.

We are now past the shortest day and spring will be here before you know it. I hope you and your animals have a warm, cosy, winter.

## **Your committee:**

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

# Society News

## Annual General Meeting —2016

This year's AGM is being held on Saturday 30th July at 2pm in the Eden-Epsom room of the Epsom community center, 202 Gillies Avenue. For anyone interested in the running of the society, or wishing to put forward some thoughts or suggestions, it will be a reasonably informal meeting, and afternoon tea and conversation will be provided afterwards. We'd love to see you there. This year we have a couple of proposed changes that voting members will be asked to vote on:

An amendment to the Humane Society constitution that Annual Accounts must be audited annually. This is due to changes in international financial standards.

A proposal that we increase the maximum number of committee members we can have at any one time to 10, (it is currently 8). This is to allow for a better spread of workload as we become more busy.

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### Membership Fees

**These are due on the first of July.**

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## Email Addresses

Due to the ever increasing cost, and decreasing reliability of the postal system we are considering sending some of our newsletters out by email, but in order to do this we need a reasonable number of email addresses to send them to. With this in mind could you please clearly fill out your email address on the bottom of your membership form if you are happy to be emailed your newsletter.



## Animal Transport

If there is anybody out there with transport and a little extra time? We are looking for volunteers to help ferry animals and their supplies around Auckland to the foster homes. Currently this is all done by our amazing volunteer Tina, who also fosters most of our dogs, and the occasional kittens. Understandably we feel we should try to lighten her load a little if possible. Petrol costs would be reimbursed and you would only be expected to provide transport if it was convenient, but it would be most helpful to have transport that was local to the pickup or drop off locations of the animals. Currently Tina drives from one side of Auckland to the other. If you are interested please tick the relevant box on the membership application, or email [info@humanesociety.org.nz](mailto:info@humanesociety.org.nz).

# Society News (contd)

## Zips and Materials

A very kind lady, Mary Reid, has made us a number of dog jackets, and dog and cat blankets and beds, to keep the rescues warm this winter. However she is running out of materials to make them from so is hunting for some more so she can continue her good work. She is looking for:

Material, any polar fleece, polar fleece jackets, jumpers, anything snuggly the you'd like to cuddle into if you were cat or dog. Also blankets in any style or colour.

Zips in any size or colour

Buttons, the larger the better but at least 3 cm wide, any colour or style.

Any stuffing for beds like foam or inners from cushions, beans from bean bags etc.

If you can help out in any way please contact Jenny on 473 0214 to organize collection.

## Liver Cake Recipe

450g lamb or ox liver

450g self raising flour

3 eggs

2 cloves of garlic

Milk or water

Crack the eggs into a measuring jug.

Add an equal volume of milk or water to the jug and whisk

Blend the liver and garlic in a food processor.

Add the egg mixture and blend to a sponge mixture consistency.

Empty into a baking tray and bake at 180 degrees for 35-45 minutes.



## TELL-TAILS

A wagging tail doesn't always mean a happy hound. Wags express many emotions:



Wagging wide and fast =  
Friendly, happy to see you

Loose, horizontal =  
Neutral, unsure

Held high =  
Confident, in control

Stiff, high, bristling and  
quivering =  
Aggressive, ready to attack

Left or Right?

Dogs wag their tails more to the right when they see someone they like, and more to the left when they see a stranger or an intimidating dog.



"We need to come up with some kind of time-sharing system."

## SPAY/NEUTER FUND

The number of animals we assist through our Spay/Neuter Fund is increasing every year and we are very proud to announce we have financially assisted over a thousand cats, dogs, rabbits and guinea pigs for the year from April 2015 to 31 March 2016. Just imagine the number of offspring we have prevented being born as the owners we have assisted could not have afforded the surgery without the 50% share the Society pays. The biggest percentage is dogs, both male and female, then male and female cats, and to a lesser extent the smaller animals. A large number of these owners have applied through veterinary clinics we work closely with in the Far North, Waipu, Whangarei, Wellsford/Warkworth, Kawerau/Whakatane/Edgecumbe, Christchurch and many in the Auckland area.

The number of applicants nationwide sending application forms directly to the Society continues to increase and in recent times have desexed animals in North Canterbury, Clutha, Palmerston North, Wanganui, Havelock North, Dunedin, Otaki and Tauranga to name a few.

We also continue to assist small rescue groups with desexing animals in their care as most cannot afford the total cost prior to rehoming. Our policy has always been prevention rather than being the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff.



Please don't litter...



## REHOMING OF CATS AND DOGS IN CARE

Spay and neuter your critter!

Our foster homes continue to do the most amazing job of rehoming animals in care. They voluntarily work 24/7 often with animals in need of extra TLC including toilet training, minor behavioral issues, basic training and so on. They are all truly incredible humans with huge hearts and patience galore!

Trish, Tamara and Tina have all taken cats into their homes – from tiny cute kittens to their mums and young adults, those who are super-friendly and others who need to be socialized more.

Tina, Bubbles, Marjorie, Robyn, Karina, Renee, Lisa and Faye have all taken in dogs of all shapes and sizes, from tiny Chihuahuas to a Malamute x, with Foxie x, Border Collie x, Spaniel x Poodle, Shih Tzu, Maltese x Bichon, Whippet x Collie, Boxer x Beardie, Shepherd x, Lab x and many more mixed breeds often of unknown parentage in between.

We firmly believe fostering animals in homes rather than in kennelled environments is superior as far more about the requirements of the animals can be identified and we can therefore match them to new owners to the very best of our ability so we're not setting up either to fail.



*"Where's the new puppy?! And don't tell me your teddy bear did this!"*

To see the animals currently available check out [www.humanesociety.org.nz](http://www.humanesociety.org.nz) or Ph 630 0510





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## WOUND CARE



- Place pressure with gauze or a clean cloth to stop bleeding.
- If there is debris, flush the wound with saline or clean water.
- For deep wounds, or severe bleeding, keep pressure until you can get your pet to a veterinarian

## SEIZURES



- The most important thing to do is to protect your pet from self-injury.
- DO NOT place your fingers or any object in your pet's mouth.
- Clear the area around your pet to help prevent injury during the seizure.
- Do NOT attempt to restrain your pet, but you can place a hand on their body.
- When the seizure has stopped, contact your veterinarian for further instructions.
- If the seizure does not stop within 3 to 5 minutes or if your pet comes out of the seizure and goes into another one within an hour, transport the dog immediately to the veterinarian.

## CHOKING



- If choking, hold the upper jaw open with one hand, and look for a foreign object.
- Unless you can clearly see and grasp the obstruction, do not put your fingers into your dog's mouth or throat.
- Lift smaller dogs' legs into the air so gravity can help dislodge the obstruction.
- If you can't remove the foreign object, using the heel of your hand, deliver 4-5 sharp blows on the dog between the shoulder blades.

## POISON



- If you suspect poisoning, seek care immediately.
- If you cannot get to the vet immediately, are waiting for a ride, or are stranded, you can call The National Poisons Centre on 0800 POISON (0800 764 766)

### Top 10 Dog Poisons:

**Chocolate** - the more bitter the chocolate the more toxic it is, can cause palpitation, tremors and death.

**Xylitol** - Causes hypoglycemia and liver damage.

**NSAIDs** –cause GI ulcers and kidney failure

**Cough, cold and allergy medications**

**Rodenticides** -cause bleeding, seizures and kidney damage

**Grapes and Raisins** - can cause kidney failure.

**Bait Stations** - The plastic shell can cause a blockage if eaten

**Prescription ADD/ADHD drugs** - can cause tremors, heart problems, seizures and death

**Glucosamine Supplements** -overdoses of these will normally just cause diarrhea, but will rarely cause liver failure

**Oxygen Absorbers** –are found in pet treat packets and can cause iron poisoning in dogs.

### Top 10 Cat Poisons:

**Lillies** - some varieties are deadly for cats and will cause kidney failure. The Canna, peace and Peruvian lilies are safer.

**Household Cleaners** - can cause chemical burns

**Dog spot-on products**–1 drop can kill a cat in hours

**Antidepressants** –cause severe neurologic and cardiac effects, for some reason cats are drawn to them.

**NSAIDs**-cats are very sensitive to these use with caution, **ADHD and Cough and Cold Medicines** are toxic to cats as well

**Peace Lilies, Philodendron and Pothos** - can cause foaming at the mouth and inflammation if ingested.

**Household Insecticides**– if you use these keep your cat away from sprayed plants until they have dried/settled.

**Glow Sticks and Jewelry** –cats enjoy chewing on these and the contents will burn them if it leaks out.

# 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**



**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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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.

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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:**

- ☐ ANIMAL TRANSPORT
- ☐ WEEKEND PHONE VOLUNTEER
- ☐ WEEKDAY PHONE VOLUNTEER
- ☐ DOG FOSTER HOME
- ☐ DOG PLACEMENT CHECK

NAME: Mr/Mrs/Ms \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POST CODE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Due to the ever-increasing cost of postage a clear email address would be most helpful

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_