



HUMANE SOCIETY  
OF NEW ZEALAND INC

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# Newsletter

February 2017

Welcome and greetings from your committee.

We hope you had a wonderful holiday period, and that this year is going brilliantly so far.

In this edition we have information on our first Big (Doggy) day out, which is on the 26th of March. This should be a great day, and your dogs should have a ball, so if you're interested please send us word so we can gauge approximate numbers.

Talking of having fun with your dogs I decided to try brushing my dogs teeth for the first time this week. This is definitely something that would go a lot smoother if you started when they were puppies, but I'm hoping with a bit of persistence they'll be pro's at having their teeth brushed soon. It's very important to keep dog's and cat's teeth in good condition, plaque can lead to gum disease, and , if it gets bad enough, it can lead to heart, kidney or liver disease. I have always previously just cleaned both my dogs and cats teeth by giving them bones or chicken necks to chew, but for some reason this is less effective on my young dog, maybe he chews bones with only one side of his mouth . Anyway, I've realised it's a very good idea to check all your pets teeth, and I'm now having lots of fun convincing a 45 kg dog that having a strange stick rubbing inside his mouth isn't a subtle form of torture, even if it does taste good! ☺

My kitten is nearly a year old, I can't believe it. I must admit I haven't noticed any massive signs of her growing up in the 7 months that I've had her. She had a very hard start in life, and is therefore slightly brain damaged, so she can't jump and wobbles a little when she's stationary, but she's still as kittenish as she was at 5 months, and nearly the same size, apart from her waistline which has definitely grown. Anyway, I was watching her 'stalking' a bird yesterday, which involved standing in broad daylight, looking at it intently while thrashing her tail menacingly. For some reason she wasn't having much luck actually catching anything. Something tells me she's not going to be a great threat to the local wildlife. ☺

On a more serious note, I have noticed an increasing tendency recently for people to allow their dogs to show little control around other dogs or people and then be surprised when those other dogs, or people object. This is especially noticeable when it involves people who have their dogs on a lead while others are running free. A dog on lead has no option to escape and may be nervous of other dogs, or aggressive towards them. However friendly the approaching dog may be his attention may not be welcome. Although we love our dogs everybody else does not feel the same way and if a person has their dog on a lead, it would be nice to think that their personal space would be respected. Teaching my two manners is always a work in progress, and we do have occasional lapses, but we're getting there slowly and the appreciation that people show for the effort you make makes it all worth while.

## **Your committee:**

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

# Society News

## Wool Requested

Lynn would very much appreciate any donations of wool that would enable her to keep knitting blankets for our foster homes. Some blankets are small enough to fit into beds, while others are couch size to protect our foster home's furniture from couch-potato dogs in particular.

Any wool is appreciated, but baby wool, 1, 2 or 3 ply mixes in well with thicker wool.

If you can help please email Jill at [info@humanesociety.org.nz](mailto:info@humanesociety.org.nz) or call her on 372 6006.

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## The Big (Doggy) Day Out

Ever fancied a day in the country with your canine companions? You have the chance with the first Big (Doggy) Day Out, brought to dog lovers by the Humane Society.

Fosterers, adopters, members, and friends of the Society (and your dogs) are invited to join us for a day in the country. There are plenty of places to picnic and both on and off lead areas. Your dog can try the agility course, swim in the dogs only pool, and enjoy the company of lots of other dogs. There will also be a few competitions (including the dog to owner dash and the favourite look alike).

Bring a picnic or try a delicious cream tea. There will be a number of market stalls and a few other features – keep an eye on the website ([www.humanesociety.org.nz](http://www.humanesociety.org.nz)) or Facebook page for updates.

This event replaces the Picnic in the Park that the Humane Society used to hold at Cornwall Park. Unfortunately, Council constraints made the logistics of the event just too difficult, so we were delighted when Pets & Pats made their very dog-friendly Country Estate available for our use. There is no charge to attend, although there will be collection boxes if you'd like to contribute a gold coin to our Desex Fund.

We know Dairy Flat is a bit further out – but it's an easy trip on the motorway and well worth the visit. Because this is a new event we'd love to get an idea of people who think they might attend. So even if you're considering coming (and we won't hold you to anything) could you let us know with an email to [info@humanesociety.org.nz](mailto:info@humanesociety.org.nz), a like under the Facebook post, or even a phone call to one of our committee members. But even if you don't reply, you're still welcome to come.

We look forward to seeing you and your dog (s) later in March

What: The Big (Doggy) Day Out  
When: Sunday 26 March 2017  
11am- 3 pm  
Where: Pets & Pats Country Estate, 165 Bawden Rd, Dairy Flat.



## SPAY/NEUTER FUND

Our assisted desexing programme continues to go from strength to strength, with the number of vets we deal with directly increasing at a steady rate.

Since 1 April 2016 we have desexed over 750 animals throughout New Zealand. We currently receive more applications nationwide than from the greater Auckland area. Unfortunately not every application goes through to surgery as there are many who don't respond when we contact them to proceed to the next step. We pay our 50% share of the desexing cost directly to the vet clinic and the applicant pays the balance on the morning of surgery or before or it doesn't go ahead. We think there are quite possibly some applicants who mistakenly have the idea they will receive a cash hand-out and then simply make no further contact once they realize this isn't the case. We turn down very few applications, with those generally being from owners who have purchased a dog from a breeder and then request financial assistance having gone out and paid a significant amount of money in the full knowledge they should be desexed. The cost of desexing is only a fraction of what some of them have paid!



Please don't litter...



Spay and neuter your critter!

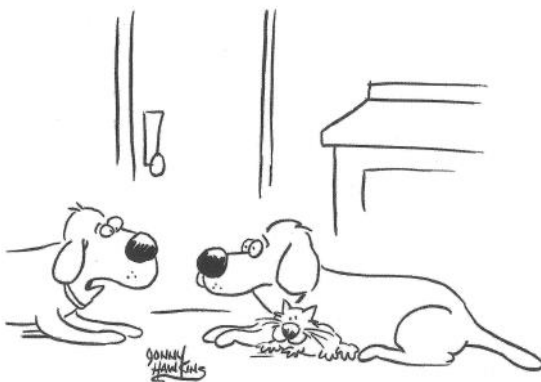
## REHOMING OF CATS AND DOGS IN CARE

We have taken in the usual assortment of felines and canines over the past few months, with an increase in the number of kittens in particular being fostered by Tamara, who is doing a fantastic job in rehoming them all. At one point in time, she was caring for 23 kittens and some of their mums, but is now down to a much more manageable number. Trish is also fostering adults and kittens and recently rehomed one of her long-stayers which was excellent news. As well as dogs, Tina also takes in a few cats and kittens who are often relinquished to the vet clinic she is in and out of several times each week.

As far as canines are concerned, our foster homes have all been busy too with a never-ending supply coming to us from Auckland Council Shelters, who are also now rehoming a significant number off their Facebook page. Tina, Robyn, Karina, Lisa and Faye have all been very busy caring for several dogs at any given time and have also done a wonderful job with them all as always.

Kermit a chihuahua x; Nicco a tibetan spaniel x; Leon a foxie x; Ruby a poodle x shih-tzu; Spencer the hound; Dana a huntaway x; Bullet a lab x terrier are just a few of those recently rehomed.

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



"I think it's time to tell him he's adopted."



# Long Timers

We have a couple of long stayers that have been with us nearly a year now, and it would be wonderful to find them new homes. If anybody knows of anybody that might be interested in these two special pets could you encourage them to have a look at our website or facebook page. It would be wonderful if we could find them their perfect homes.

## Bailee

Bailee is a 15 month old female bull terrier x. She is a real sweetie who loves dogs and humans. She is a real cuddle hound and loves walks. She would probably chase cats if they ran so would be better in a home without them. She is profoundly deaf so will need an owner who can teach her hand signals, but she learns quickly and is very attentive. She is not suited to young children and should probably be an only dog as she can't hear others coming, and may overreact if she gets a fright, especially if she was sleeping. She loves to sunbathe, which with her pink nose is not a good idea, so needs to be inside during the summer or smothered in sun cream



## Maggie

Maggie is a 3 year old tortoiseshell cat. She has a gentle personality and is a relaxed and generally quiet cat. She loves the fridge, any meat that she might smell out and any soft comfy bed that is available. She will happily use windows for access. She does like her own territory so would be better as an only cat.

When she came to us she had kittens., and was vehement that dogs were not allowed near. She hasn't been exposed to dogs since, but we believe she would be happier in a home without them.



## Working Farm Dogs



It has been estimated that there are 200,000 working farm dogs in New Zealand, second only to Russia. The first working dogs were British Border Collies brought over with shepherds in the 1800's. They were then mixed with other breeds to produce the classic Huntaway and Heading dogs.



# SO LIVE LIKE A DOG

Live simply  
Love generously  
Care deeply  
Speak kindly Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:  
When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.  
Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.  
Take naps  
Stretch before rising  
Run, romp and play daily  
Thrive on attention and let people touch you  
Avoid biting when a simple growl will do  
On warm days stop to lie on your back on the grass  
On hot days drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree  
When you are happy, dance around and wag your entire body  
Delight in the simple joy of a long walk  
Be loyal.  
Never pretend you are something you are not  
If what you want is buried, dig and dig until you find it  
When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently  
**ENJOY EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY**



## PARMESAN BEEF {KITTY CUISINE}



### Ingredients

1/2 pound Ground Beef, browned and drained  
1 Egg  
2 tablespoons Oat Flour  
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan Cheese  
pinch Catnip (optional)

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 150 degrees Celsius and line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat.
2. In a large bowl mix all ingredients one at a time, kneading well after each addition.
3. Once well mixed roll into 1/2 inch balls and place them an inch apart onto the prepared baking sheet. Press down on the tops to flatten.
4. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes. Cool and refrigerate.  
Makes 2 to 3 dozen rounds

# 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
ENCLOSED

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_