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OF NEW ZEALAND INC

Newsletter

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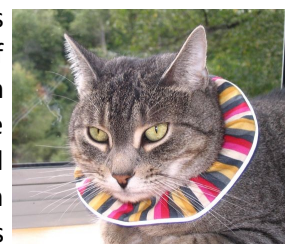
Welcome and greetings from your committee.

I hope everyone is having a wonderful 2018 and enjoying this amazing summer, (even if it is somewhat damp today). I am finding the humidity has turned all my animals into couch potatoes, even the cats. The heat has made me retire Dougal from obedience competition until it cools down a bit, he has too much coat to be interested in working at the moment. So in keeping with the season the recipes for this edition are cooling treats.

I went to a fitness seminar for dogs a in January, which was really interesting. Somehow you never think of your energetic dogs as having weak spots, but, like most people, they often have areas they can tone up. I thoroughly enjoyed the seminar, and poor Dougal has now got a list of exercises to practice but even such simple things as teaching them to play bow on command, or lift themselves from a down to a stand in one movement, are good exercise, and taking them for a swim is fantastic for keeping them in shape. If you get out there and swim with them it will do you good as well. 😊

We are planning to have a doggie day out at the Dairy Flat Hall in April, we had the volunteers Christmas get-together there to try it out and it is a lovely venue, so it would be great to see you all there. More details will appear on our website in the next couple of weeks, and those who are on email we will email an invite to once we have finalised everything, but it should be a great afternoon out.

I was talking to a friend about the number of birds her cat was bringing in. There are a number of things you can try to reduce the carnage. For instance putting multiple bells on their collars (they can learn to hold the ones under their chin, so you need one on the back of the neck as well). Or you can go very high-tech and get a liberator collar which beeps and flashes when the cat leaps. However a very cute solution is the birdsbesafe collar which works on the theory that birds notice bright collars, and apparently it is quite effective as well as being somewhat adorable. Keeping them inside between dusk and dawn can also help and will also reduce their conflicts with other cats if this is a problem.



I went to Madill's farm for the first time last weekend. For some reason I had been expecting it to be considerably bigger than it was, but what really struck me was the lovely atmosphere there. There were quite a few people with their dogs, all playing or chatting and everybody was getting along beautifully. One of my dogs was entertaining himself stealing other dogs tennis balls, but they were apologetically returned and nobody seemed to mind. It just reinforces for me how important, and how much fun, having a well socialised dog is.

Your committee:

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

Society News

Please don't send cash

We are finding that occasionally we receive cash in the mail and are rather worried about this. It can get lost in the post and we would feel terrible if this happened, so please try to avoid it if you can.

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 or call her on 372 6006.

Cooling Treats

Ice Cream Cloud Nine (for dogs)

Ingredients:

- 1 ripe banana
- 1 cup of peanut butter
- 2 cups of natural plain yogurt
- 2 tbsps. of honey

Instructions:

1. Mash the banana and then stir it into the natural yogurt.
2. Warm the cup of peanut butter using a microwave or stove until it's easy to stir.
3. Add the banana and yogurt mixture and the honey to the softened peanut butter.
4. Mix all ingredients until well-combined.
5. Pour the mixture into a non-stick container and then freeze overnight.



Kitten Snow

You can make shaved ice for your cat in a blender. Place eight or 10 ice cubes in the blender, add a half cup of water, and blend till it's slushy but not liquid. Pour into a bowl, then pop into the freezer for a few minutes to set the snow. Scoop out a serving for Kitty and let her explore. Some tuna juice will flavor it nicely, so drip a little over the top or mash it into the ice. Garnish with a sprinkle of crushed dry cat food for a little crunch to go with the chill. Or blend a spoonful or two of canned cat food with water, adding more to get a sauce-like consistency. Pour it onto the shaved ice like a hot fudge topping for an official feline sundae.



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We continue to assist needy pet owners with the cost of desexing family pets – this is achieved in a number of ways, ie by owners obtaining the application form off our website, our phone volunteers posting one out and through vet clinics in a number of areas who have a supply of forms in their clinic. By far the easiest method for us is through the clinics, as they know their clients, whether they need financial assistance and go about organising emailing the completed form to us for approval and then contacting the client and seeing it through to surgery. Total desexing surgeries from 1 April 2017 to 21 February 2018 is 811 and this number does not include the animals in our foster care who are all desexed prior to leaving us. We are justifiably proud of this and the number of puppies, kittens and rabbits we have prevented from being born.



Please don't litter...

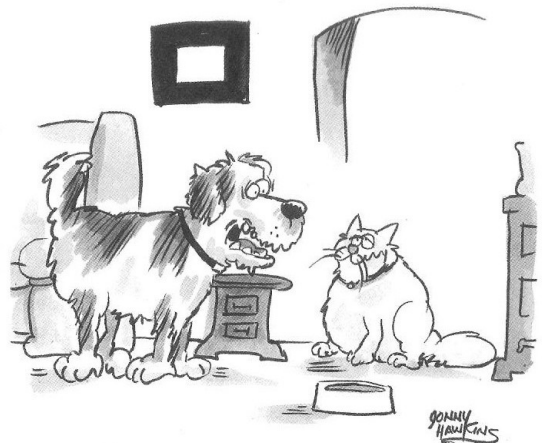


Spay and neuter your critter!

REHOMING OF CATS AND DOGS IN CARE

Cats and kittens, dogs and puppies have been coming through our foster homes' doors on a very regular basis over past months. We have rehomed more cats and kittens than ever before, with Tamara and Jannine doing a great job for us. As well as canines, Tina also fosters some cats and kittens, the most recent ones being a family who took up residence around our office building in Manukau Road. With the assistance of Clyth McLeod Real Estate staff, Tina managed to trap the mother cat and five kittens, who are now becoming more friendly every day.

We have also rehomed Libby the schnoodle, Hazel a terrier x, Brody a foxie x heeler, Katie the fox terrier, Cersei a catahoula x, Brian the boxer, Ryla a kelpie x, Ali a sharpie x retriever, Kruze the Australian kelpie and Muffin a shih tzu x jack Russell to name just a few. As always, a huge thank you goes out to all our willing volunteers, from foster homes to property checkers, phone volunteers and so on – you really are amazing.



"Which do you have more of—lives or daily naps?"

Our Roving Reporter's Perfect Pet Stays



We had a few days in **Taupo** last weekend - with our dogs. We stayed at a beaut airbnb place called "Our House" run by Emma.

She made us most welcome, even provided dog towel, bowl and pooper scooper bags.

Of course we always travel with those things anyway.

The property was fully fenced and secure to let the dogs run. I would highly recommend it for anyone travelling with their pets.

The property was warm and clean, two bedrooms and kitchenette and very sunny lounge. The heat pump kept us cosy at night too.

Heatstroke in Dogs

A dog suffering from heatstroke will display several signs:

- Rapid panting.
- Bright red tongue.
- Red or pale gums.
- Thick, sticky saliva.
- Depression.
- Weakness.
- Dizziness.
- Vomiting - sometimes with blood.

At the first sign of overheating, immediately take action to cool down your dog.

1. Immediately move your dog to a cooler area, either indoors where there is air conditioning or in the shade under a fan.
2. Use a rectal thermometer to check his temperature. Heat exhaustion typically occurs when a dog's temperature falls between 39.4 and 41 degrees. A temperature above 41 places him at risk for heat stroke. If he's in the danger zone, call your veterinarian.
3. If you're near a body of fresh water, such as a lake or a baby pool, let your dog take a dip to cool down. Otherwise, you can use cool, wet cloths or towels to help him out. Place your cool wet cloths on his neck, armpits, and between his hind legs, and you can also gently wet his ears and paw pads with cool water.
4. If he's conscious and willing to drink, give him cool, fresh water, not too much. Don't force it, however, as it may end up in his lungs. If he can't or won't drink, or can't keep water down, wet his tongue with water instead. Don't feed him ice cubes as this could cause his temperature to drop too quickly, leading to shock.
5. If he is in the danger zone for heatstroke then get him to the vet. If you haven't already done so, call ahead so they can be ready to take immediate action as soon as you arrive.

Secret Agent Cat



Using cats as spies, it sounds like the purr-fect way to obtain secret information.

But it wasn't long before the CIA figured using cats to spy on foreign figures wasn't exactly a great idea.

The intelligence agency wanted to see whether felines could be used to listen in on private meetings as part of a short-lived experiment called Acoustic Kitty.

The idea, which was mooted in the 1960s, came about after an attempt was made to listen in on an unidentified head of state who was around some feral cats.

It was noted that cats could move around an area without really being noticed.

The idea saw a small transmitter implanted in the back of the cat's neck while a microphone attached by a thin cord was in the ear.

However not all ideas go to plan and it soon turned out it was a better idea to let sleeping cats lie. Not only did they walk off the job when they got hungry but they couldn't be let loose untrained, often wandering off.

It also turns out they weren't the best listeners either and had a bit of cattitude.

Tip for finding a lost dog

This is so effective because a dog has an incredible sense of smell.

"On day 12 of searching for my dog in a heavily wooded area, distraught and hopeless, I ran into a couple of hunters. They said they lost the occasional dog on a hunt but always got them back. What they told me has helped many dogs and families be reunited. I've given their advice out a few times in the last couple days, so I thought if reddit has any lost dogs out there, this could help:

The dog owner(s) should take an article of clothing that has been worn at least all day, the longer the better, so the lost dog can pick up the scent.

Bring the article of clothing to the location where the dog was last seen and leave it there. Also, if the dog has a crate & familiar toy, you can bring those too (unless location undesirable for crate). You might also want to leave a note requesting item(s) not to be moved.

Leave a bowl of water there too, as the dog probably hasn't had access to any. Do not bring food as this could attract other animals that the dog might avoid.

Come back the next day, or check intermittently if possible. Hopefully the dog will be waiting there.

I was skeptical and doubted my dog would be able to detect an article of clothing if he didn't hear me calling his name as loud as possible all day for 12 days. But I returned the next day and sure enough found him sitting there!



Humane Society Merchandise Available

Orders should be sent to: Humane Society, PO Box 29060, Auckland 1344

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 |
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| Please send to: | Post and Packaging | 4.00 |
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Donation Form

The Honorary Treasurer
Humane Society of NZ Inc.
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Epsom
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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 20____

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 _____