



HUMANE SOCIETY
OF NEW ZEALAND INC

Newsletter

July 2018

Welcome and greetings from your committee.

Well, it's winter again, and so far has been very chilly. I hope you and your animals are all managing to keep warm and dry. Coming up very shortly is the AGM, if any of you are interested in attending the details are on the next page, we'd love to see you there. With subs now due it would be great if you could ensure you include an email address if we don't currently have one for you. These days email is far more reliable than the postal system, and the money we save on stamps is also a bonus.

This year's Pet Expo is on the 13th and 14th of October. We will have a stall again, and if anyone is interested in helping out with or without their dog they would be most welcome, it's great fun. Further information is available overleaf.

I recently fostered a dog that was in danger of being put down because of her lack of ability to cope with the world, in the environment she was in at the time she wasn't coping at all. When this girl came to my place she immediately bonded with my dogs and turned out to be one of the sweetest dogs I've ever fostered. She was one of only 2 foster dogs that I have ever been tempted to keep, she was lovely. She went through some trials finding the perfect forever home, but she is now happily established in an ideal home. Getting that dog her best possible outcome is what makes fostering, which can be a very frustrating job, worthwhile. You remember the special dogs when you come home to chewed furniture and trashed gardens, take a deep breath and give the little angel that caused this destruction a hug and contemplate how lucky the person will be who ends up with the older, calmer, version of the ball of energy you now have. Dogs are often diamonds in the rough, and there's nothing better than getting them to shine.

Lately, possibly because of all the nice, slippery, mud around, my younger dog has hurt his back twice. This has led me to seek out a chiropractor for him, and it is amazing the difference that it can make. I notice a far greater improvement in my dog from treatment than I ever noticed when I was being treated. Apparently the fact that they are quadrupeds helps a lot. If you have a dog with a sore back it's worth trying, many human chiropractors will also treat dogs on request. Dougal went from not wanting to sit down to leaping around like an idiot in one visit, but then that's what led to the visit in the first place, sigh!

If, like me, you have dogs with quite a bit of fur between their toes it pays to check them regularly at this time of the year. The mud can cake between their toes or pads and become quite sore and surprising hard to remove. I tend to trim between their toes and under their feet to keep the amount of mud they collect to a minimum, it also helps to limit the number of paw-shaped decorations that appear on the carpet. I hope you and your fur-babies have a pleasant and warm winter.



Your committee:

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

Society News

Annual General Meeting —2018

This year's AGM is being held on Saturday 28th July at 11:15 am in the Ranfurly 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 lunch and conversation will be provided afterwards. We'd love to see you there.

We have spayed and neutered 330 dogs and cats since the beginning of April, this is a really impressive number and represents a huge amount of work on the part of Jenny and Jill so thank you so much for the time and effort you put in.

Speaking of which, if anyone is interested in helping out with the committee in either an actual committee position or just to give one of our hard-working committee members a hand please contact Jill on our website, I'm sure she'd appreciate the offer.

Membership Fees

These are due on the first of July.

The Pet Expo on the 13th and 14th October

Yes, it's coming up to that time of the year again. Thank you to all the fantastic volunteers who help us out with this every year. There are invariably a few who can't make it for various reasons so we're looking for people available to help out this year. There are two types of volunteers on our stalls. The people who come without a dog, they are there to tell people about the Humane Society, take money for the raffles, hand out sweets and generally talk to the public, and their shifts are 3.5 hours. The people who bring a dog are there to tell the public about the Humane Society and to introduce their dog to the public, which means keeping a constant eye on what is happening. However good your dog is you never know what young children are going to do around them, so vigilance is key. The dog handler's shifts are 2.5 hours to prevent the dogs getting too tired. If you have a dog that really enjoys meeting people, has no problem with crowds and is good with other dogs then they will probably really enjoy themselves. Mine just love all the attention, and I really enjoy them interacting with an appreciative audience so everybody has fun. It also gives you free access to the Pet Expo, and a Humane Society T-shirt, not to mention a Bandana for your dog. If this all sounds like a great idea please email Fiona on dogmad@orcon.net.nz or phone **5767411**.

Dogs learn not to trust people who mislead them

Japanese researchers at the Kyoto University of Japan studied 34 dogs and published their findings in the journal *Animal Cognition*. With the knowledge that dogs will explore an area or object pointed out by a human, they wanted to discover how long it would take dogs to realize they were being misled by humans, if they realized it at all. It turns out the dogs picked up on untrustworthy people pretty quickly. In one round, an experimenter pointed to a container with food inside. The second round, the container had no food and in the third round the food was put back inside. But from following the experimenter to the empty food container in the second round, the dogs had learned not to trust that they would be rewarded, so they stopped following the experimenter's cues. However, when they brought a different experimenter out, the dog would initially trust that person until they were misled.

This illustrates how important it is to be consistent when training your dog. To gain back your dogs trust once lost takes much longer than to lose it.



DIY Toothpaste for Dogs

Ingredients:

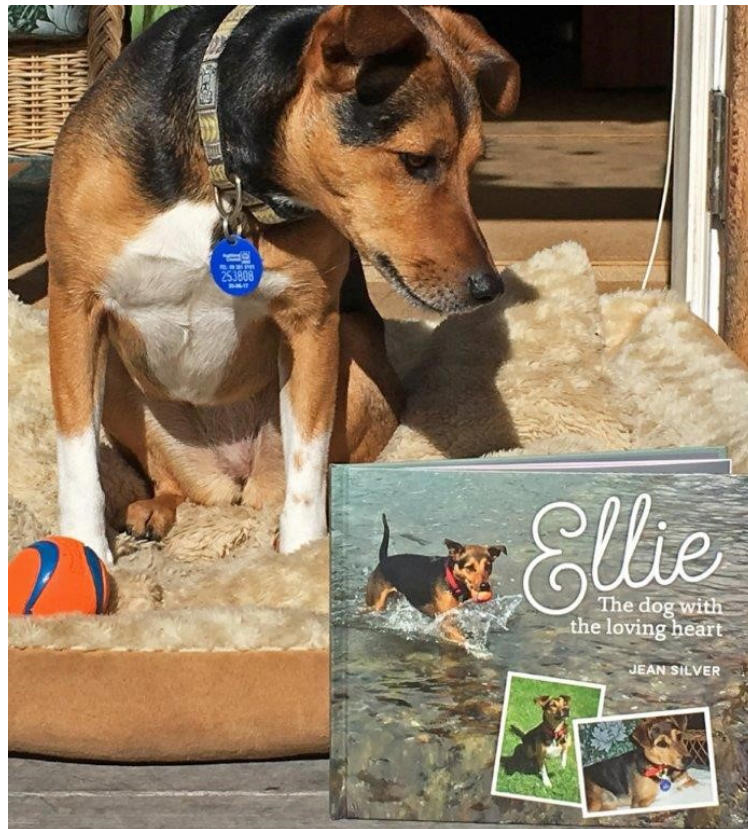
- 1/4 cup coconut oil
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 cube of chicken or beef bullion
- 3 Tbsp. baking soda
- 6-7 mint leaves

All you have to do is measure out the ingredients into your blender and blend until the mint leaves are thoroughly chopped and everything is mixed nicely.

Put your toothpaste into an air tight container and store in your fridge. When you are ready to use, just take your puppy's toothbrush and apply about a pea sized dollop of the toothpaste. It's ok if your pup swallows this stuff, it won't hurt them. Just make sure they don't swallow any more than what is on the brush.



THANK YOU FOR AN AMAZING EFFORT



Since 2015 the incredibly industrious Jean Silver has raised \$10,000 for us through sales of her book about Ellie, the dog she adopted from the Humane Society. She has sold the book all over the world, from South Africa to Canada. It is also in over 100 primary and intermediate schools in Auckland.

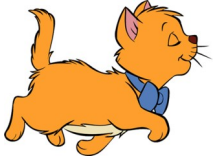
The book shares the life of Ellie from the time she is rescued from an animal shelter until she is sure she has found her forever home. Written as if Ellie (shown above) is exchanging letters with her foster mother.

If anyone would like to purchase one of these books the details are on our website under the 'News and Events' section.

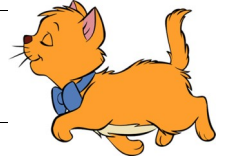
Thank you so much Jean, we really appreciate all your hard work.

Thank You!!!





22 Interesting Cat Facts



1. **Cats can drink seawater.** Unlike humans, cats have kidneys that can filter out salt and use the water content to hydrate their bodies.
2. **But they can't taste sweet things.** Scientists believe that a mutation in a key taste receptor has prevented cats from being able to taste sugar. No cat will ever know the joy of a cupcake.
3. **The furry tufts on the inside of cats' ears are called "ear furnishings".** They insulate the ear, and help filter out direct sounds and debris.
4. **Cats can hear dolphins. *Theoretically.*** Cats can hear the ultrasonic that rodents (and dolphins) make to communicate.
5. **The ridged pattern on a cat's nose is as unique as a human fingerprint.**
6. **But cats can't see directly below their noses.** That's why they miss food that's right in front of them.
7. **Isaac Newton invented the cat flap after his own cat, Spithead, kept opening the door and spoiling his light experiments.** And when Spithead had kittens, he cut each kitten a cat flap of its own.
8. **Nikola Tesla was inspired to investigate electricity after his cat, Macak, gave him a static shock.**
9. **Kittens start to dream when they're about a week old.**
10. **Kittens sleep a lot because their bodies release a growth hormone only when they're asleep.**
11. **Adult cats don't release any particular key hormones during sleep.** They just snooze all day because they *can*.
12. **In fact, cats sleep so much that, by the time a cat is 9 years old, it will only have been awake for three years of its life.**
13. **By neutering a cat, you add about 2 to 3 years to its life.**
14. **Most female cats are right-pawed and most male cats favour their left paws.**
15. **Cats can run 3 mph faster than Usain Bolt.** Usain's record is 27 mph. A domestic cat's fastest time is 30 mph.
16. **In the original Italian version of Cinderella the benevolent fairy godmother figure was a cat.**
17. **Russian scientists discovered in the 1930s that Siamese kittens kept in very warm rooms didn't develop the breed's signature dark patches.**
18. **A cats' homing instinct may be due to magnets in their brains.** Cats find their way home through a process called "psi-travelling" — experts think they navigate via the angle of sunlight, or that they have magnetised brain cells that act like compasses.
19. **Cats may have evolved their "tone of voice" to communicate with humans.** Cats' natural vocal range would be inaudible to humans, but they communicate feelings such as affection, hunger, and fear within the range of human hearing. Some researchers believe that this is learned behaviour to help cats to relate to humans.
20. **The more you talk to your cat, the more it will talk to you.** If you chat to your cat, it will increasingly chirrup and meow at you.
21. **In fact, cats can make over 100 vocal sounds.** Dogs can only make 10.
22. **Cats purr at the same frequency as an idling diesel engine** (26 purrs per second)



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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please send to: _____ Post and Packaging 4.00

Name: _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Address: _____ ENCLOSURE

Donation Form

The Honorary Treasurer
Humane Society of NZ Inc.
P O Box 29 060
Epsom
Auckland. 1344

☐ **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.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF N.Z. INC.
P O Box 29 060,
Epsom
Auckland 1344
Ph. (09) 630 0510

☐ **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 _____

NOW DUE FOR 2018—THANK YOU