



HUMANE SOCIETY  
OF NEW ZEALAND INC

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# Newsletter

July 2019

Welcome and greetings from your committee.

Well, the AGM is rolling around again., years just seem pass ever faster. If any of you are interested in attending the details are on the next page, we'd love to see you there, and you can put forward any ideas you might have for the direction the society should be heading.

With subs now due it would be great if you could ensure you include an email address on your forms 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.

Sadly, due to health reasons, Don Sharp has resigned from the committee. He has been a calm and steadying influence, and the voice of reason in our meetings for over 30 years and will be sadly missed. Jill has stepped up as President, and Jenny has become Vice President, thank you both of you. Both Jill and Jenny do an enormous amount of work for the Society and we would be lost without them. We hope to get some more committee members at the AGM to build up our numbers a bit, we are so appreciative of everybody who gives up their time for the Society. In this day and age, when everybody appears to be so time-poor, it is wonderful that some still freely give their time for the animals.

As you may have heard dogs are now allowed on the trains in Auckland, of course they have to be small enough to fit in a carry cage on your lap, but I suppose every little step in the right direction is a bonus. Anything that normalises dogs being on public transport can only help the dog owners of Auckland. I constantly hear how Auckland Council wants to get people out of their cars, but if you have large dogs your options are severely limited, so my car (well van actually—I have very large dogs) will not be replaced any time soon. For smaller dogs, however, the options are increasing. I saw an article today on how the pest detection border terriers used by the Ports of Auckland are driven there in a special buggy attached to the back of an electric bike, which sounds like a very green and fun way for them to get around Auckland.

There was an article a little while ago about 2 dogs going to the vets on consecutive days for major surgery to remove \$5 Kmart chew toys from their gastrointestinal tracts. This serves as a warning that when it comes to things dogs chew cheaper toys are often a bad idea. Any chew toy should be supervised until you have established it's not going to be demolished. I remember once I got a chew toy that was supposed to be for 'heavy chewers' that could be chilled. I got it for my puppy who was teething and within 5 minutes there were sharp, hard, plastic shards all over the floor. Luckily I was there and removed it before any real harm could be done, but it gave me a real fright. Take care of yourselves and your animals and have a warm and safe winter.



## Your committee:

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

# Society News

## Annual General Meeting —2019

This year's AGM is being held on Saturday 27th July at 11:15 am in the Parish Lounge of St Marks Anglican Church, 95 Remuera Rd. 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.

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.

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

## HOMEMADE CAT TREATS

Ingredients:

- 1 can tuna in oil, drained
- 1 Egg
- 1 1/4 cups of flour, plus extra for dusting
- 1/2 cup water
- Dash of parsley
- Bottle cap for cutting out treats



Preheat oven to 350.

In a food processor mix tuna, egg, flour, water and parsley until a dough forms. If the dough looks too sticky add a bit more flour.

Dust a surface with flour and roll out dough to 1 1/4 cm thick.

Use a bottle cap to cut out treats from the dough.

Bake for 20 minutes on a cookie sheet lined with parchment

Let cool and serve to your cat.



# The Pound Dog's Plea

Now I have arrived at your home everything is strange and I don't feel good.

Do not feel impatient if I don't sleep in my new basket. Yesterday I slept on a stone floor.

Do not be terrified if I gobble up my food. Yesterday I had to to survive.

Do not get angry if I pee on your floor. Yesterday it did not matter.

Do not be sad if I am afraid of your loving hand. Yesterday I did not have one.

Have patience with me, it's your world, but not yet mine.

If I trust you I can give you the greatest gift I have to give... my heart.

Please never forget, I was a pound dog. All I need is a bit of time to adjust.



## A great suggestion from a member

### DOING OUR BIT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Now that we are finally realising what dreadful and irretrievable damage is being caused to our rivers, our oceans, our wild life and our entire planet, including human beings, due to the use of plastic in its many forms, it is surely time, that we as dog owners should do our bit to help save the environment before it is too late. When we learn about the billions of tons of waste plastic choking and killing life as we know it, something must be done.

As we are aware, most supermarkets have phased out the use of plastic shopping bags so it occurred to me that I would soon run out of useable bags for doggy poo, then the guilt set in ... why am I thinking that, when I can go back to basics and use .... NEWSPAPER ... yes good old newspaper, and of course it works, so come on dog owners, do the responsible thing, and pick up the 'doggy do' with a sheet of newsprint, it is clean, quick, and easy, and makes a neat parcel to dispose of in the bin when out walking.

Most of the time, a healthy dog will pass a firm poo but it's always sensible to carry a plastic bag for emergencies of course, but overall, using newspaper will save a huge number of plastic bags being used every day. It's a case of re-educating our way of thinking as we are so used to using plastic for everything.

I have suggested the idea to several dog owner friends who have now happily adopted the idea. "We would never have thought of it" they said!



# INTERESTING TRIVIA

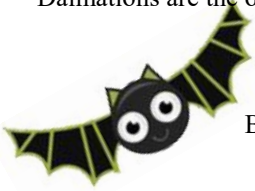
The original word for *bear* has been lost because our ancient ancestors were so worried saying the name of the animal would cause it to come after them. Instead they used the term *bruin*, meaning the brown one, which then segued into *bear*



The Roncalli Circus in Germany has replaced live animal acts with holographs created by 11 specialized projectors displaying from multiple angles to create a flawless visual for all guests.



Dalmations are the official firehouse dog because in the 18th century they would run alongside horse-drawn “fire engines” and prevent other dogs or animals from spooking the horses.



Bats are a key player in the production of tequila. The agave plant is pollinated by bats.



Australia’s largest lizard, the Perentie, can run as fast as Usain Bolt. They can grow to over 8 ft in length and have been clocked moving at nearly 25 mph.



A new study found that Horseshoe Crabs are a member of the arachnid family tree and are genetically more closely related to spiders than to other crabs.



Seahorses beat their dorsal fin (30 – 70 times per second) nearly as fast as hummingbirds beat their wings.



Research has found that chimpanzees recognize the butts of their relatives just as well as humans recall familiar faces.



Gray whales always mate in a threesome: two males and one female. The non-dominant male braces the female and helps holds her next to her mate.



During World War II, the crew of the British submarine HMS Trident kept a fully grown reindeer called Pollyanna aboard their vessel for six weeks (it was a gift from a USSR naval admiral).



The largest dam built by beavers is over twice as long as the Hoover Dam. The busy beavers have been building it for over 40 years in Northern Canada.



A theme park in France employs ravens to clear the park of cigarette butts in return for a reward (bird food).



Bees can fly higher than 29,525 feet above sea level. That’s higher than Mount Everest, the tallest mountain in the world.



The female Kangaroo can produce both full fat and low fat milk at the same time in order to feed two joeys at different stages of development.



When a decapitated flatworm regrows its head it gets all of its old memories back too.



Dragonflies have one of the highest hunting success rates in the animal kingdom at 97% (compared to a lion’s mere 20%).



The Albatross is a large bird that can go years without landing. They spend their first 6 years of life flying over the ocean without ever touching the ground.



Female Dragonflies will fake their own deaths in order to avoid sexual advances from unwanted males.

# THREE TRICKS TO TEACH YOUR KITTEN

**Can you train your cat?** There are cats all over the world that will come when called, sit when asked and can even be taught to give their owners a high-five, but for some reason the perception of cats as 'un-trainable' persists. The good news is that most cats – even the most independent – are easy to communicate with and more than capable of learning new skills. All it takes is the right incentive.

Unfortunately, our feline friends are often wrongly viewed as disobedient and stubborn – when, in fact, they are supremely intelligent and extremely trainable,' says Kim Houston, one of the UK's leading cat behaviourists. 'However, the key to training them lies in understanding what motivates them, and using positive, reward-based techniques.'

Training not only helps to keep your cat's mind as agile as his or her body, but can also help to strengthen your bond. And in the case of recall it might even help to draw your cat away from potentially dangerous situations.

Kim recommends clicker training as the most effective way to teach cats. A clicker is a small plastic device that makes a distinct sound. You can put it into action by 'clicking' it every time your cat performs the behaviour you want (for example, coming when called) and then giving a reward.

'Your cat learns to associate the sound of the clicker with a treat,' Kim explains. 'Cats' natural instincts compel them to hunt and they're generally food-motivated. So always make sure the click is followed by an immediate edible reward. For the best chance of success, it's important to find extra-special treats, such as small pieces of cooked chicken.' Keep in mind that when rewarding your cat in this way, you'll need to monitor her overall intake of calories.

'You'll find that clicker training is fun and stimulating for your cat and, helpfully, it can also improve any less-welcome behaviours,' Kim says. 'I've used the same technique to teach cats to enter their travel baskets with ease, where previously they were too frightened or reluctant to even approach the carrier.'

## 1. Fetch



- To teach your cat to fetch, rub some of the water from a can of tuna on her favourite toy and throw it just out of reach. This will engage their natural hunting skills.
- If your cat walks to the toy or picks it up, 'click' and give a treat. Be patient – it may take a few sessions for your cat to get the idea.

**If your cat brings the toy towards you, click and treat. Your cat will then release the toy to eat the treat. Once he or she is reliably retrieving the toy, you can add the cue word 'fetch' each time you throw it.**

## 2. Sit



- Sit on the floor with a clicker in one hand (out of your cat's sight) and a treat in the other. Then call your cat to you.
- Hold the treat slightly above your cat's head. As a cat's eyes follow the treat, they'll automatically take a sitting position. Then 'click' and reward.

**As your cat becomes more proficient, reward him or her only for a very good sitting position. When your pet is reliably sitting nine times out of 10, start adding the cue word 'sit'.**

## 3. High-five



- Call your cat to you, encouraging recall by using a high-value reward such as a piece of chicken.
- You can then start to engage your cat's natural 'paw' action by getting him or her to reach up for the treat. Hold the piece of chicken above your cat's nose, and wait for them to reach up with a paw. When they do so, add a command word like 'tap', then praise and reward.
- Practise this daily, as a fun game with your cat, and you'll soon be receiving high-fives on command.



# Humane Society Merchandise Available

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



**Keep your Drinks Cool \$10**



**Humane Society Key Ring \$2**

**A Handy little Gift Pack - Just \$4**



**Humane Society Pen \$2**



**A T-shirt \$30**



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



## Order Form

Item	Quantity	Amount
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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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  
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.

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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

If you wish to pay by bank deposit our bank account is: 12-3025-0177631-000

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 2019—THANK YOU**