



HUMANE SOCIETY
OF NEW ZEALAND INC

Newsletter

March 2010

Here we are, well into the next year and a new decade as well. I hope that the majority of you had a lovely Christmas and a great start to the New Year.

It seems that lately there have been many dogs in the news for the wrong reasons. Attacks in various parts of the country have resulted in injuries to people and other animals, not to mention emotional scarring for many. As a consequence some people are left feeling quite nervous as they set off for a walk/run either by themselves or with their dogs. If you are one of this group do see the excellent information put out by Animal Control which is included in this newsletter (Pg 4 & 5)

In amongst other news clips seen over the last two months was one that gave me great delight. In the depths of a northern hemisphere winter in Poland a frightened, shivering thick-furred dog was rescued after floating 75 miles (120 kilometres) on a ice floe down Poland's Vistula River and into the Baltic Sea. The temperatures were dipping down to below minus 20 Celsius. During the rescue it seemed at times that they were not going to succeed but the perseverance of the crew and ocean scientists on the Polish ship paid off ensuring a happy ending.



And what is our next fun event to look forward to! It is that time again—Pets Picnic in the Park. Next month, on Sunday, the 18th April we look forward to meeting many of you again for a day of fun, food and frivolity in the park. We will have our usual competitions: Best groomed, Best rescued, Dog most like owner, Best Veteran, Dog the Judges would most like to take home, Best quick Trick, Best child handler and of course—Best in Show. Circle the date on your calendar or record it in your PDA and come join us for a pleasant afternoon.

Your committee:

Don Sharp, Jill O'Keeffe, Heather Wade,
Barbara Hunter (ex officio) Johanna Brens, Trish Burke
Nicole Keller and Don McKenzie

From the President

You will not be surprised to find my comments are about the ever increasing problems of animal abuse and cruelty. Over the past few months the news media has reported many incidents.

There are two aspects to these problems of course— abuse both physically and by neglect, and secondly, specifically concerning dogs, where members of the public have been attacked without provocation. The common factor is the attitude of the owner—a problem which may well require draconian laws or a long term and very slow education programme.

Some of the reported cases have led to imprisonment—but often the offender appeared to have no remorse or awareness of what they had done—pets appeared to be treated as 'things' to own like a piece of machinery. Specialists in animal behaviour and psychology point out that we must be aware of an animal's viewpoint, as well as our own, if we are to take that wonderful relationship that is possible with our animal friends.

All Humane Society members and friends are well aware that all animal lovers take on a great responsibility when we acquire pets, but we also are aware we must defend it when we have to.

A very happy Easter holiday to you all.

Don

I found this note, along with an envelope full of small change, in my letterbox one afternoon from an 8 year old boy who was about to leave New Zealand for England. They were taking with them one of our earlier foster dogs 'Tess' at a cost greater than their own fares combined. I was touched that one of their last actions while in our country was to think of 'the animals'.

If you would like to help our animals, we always appreciate donations. We are constantly looking for old towels, blankets and pillows in reasonable condition for bedding. Extra bowls, toys, collars and spare runs and kennels for use by our new foster homes are also great to receive.

We have also been the grateful recipients of food that was left when a loved pet has died. If you have items no longer needed that our animals may appreciate it would be great to hear from you.

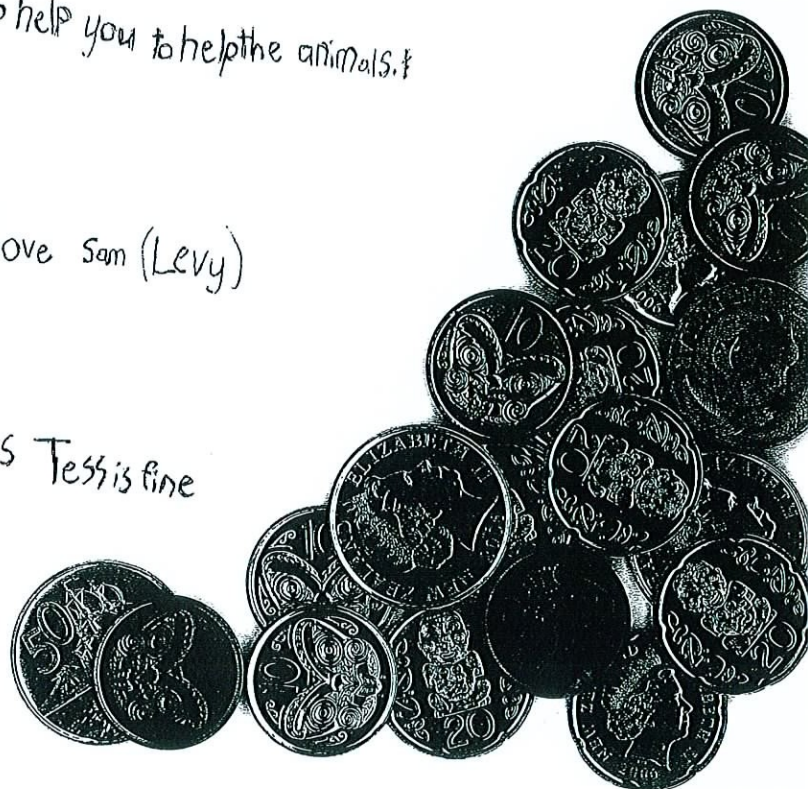
Trish

Dear Trish

Here is some money I have collected
to help you to help the animals.

love Sam (Levy)

P.S Tess is fine



Spay/Neuter Applications

We are very happy that we have processed a record number of de-sexing applications over the past few months with a total of **320** being put through from early December until mid-March.

These include applications from the general public through our website or word-of-mouth, vet clinics directly on behalf of clients unable to afford the total cost, and assisting with de-sexing only for a number of independent cat rescuers from Wellsford in the north to Waiuku in the south.

Our intention is to hopefully take this a step further following an excellent response to a campaign organized by Megan, who rescues cats in the north, whereby pre-Christmas we de-sexed **97** (included in above total) in conjunction with two local vet clinics who assisted by organizing the appointments directly with applicants, taking their share of costs prior to the animal being de-sexed and sending accounts to the Society for our portion. This was a very successful campaign all-round, but especially for the needy cats, many of whom would still be producing were it not for Megan's drive and our financial assistance. A win-win situation all-round!!

We are hopeful of expanding on this in future and are working on being able to streamline our systems even further.

We also wish to thank all the pleasant and friendly staff of the veterinary clinics who work in so well with us – you make it all so much easier!!

Animal Placements

We have placed many waifs and strays, both canine and feline over the past few months with numbers directly attributable to our willing and very hard-working foster families who very rarely say no and go well beyond the "call of duty" as volunteers.

We have also been fortunate to gain several new foster homes through our website.

We have placed many very cute kittens, some from birth, in all colors, with ginger being particular popular - we continue to advertise all animals on our website and Trade Me, both still proving to be the best medium for us.

We have also placed a great selection of puppies and adult dogs, ranging in age from 6 weeks, and size from Chihuahuas through to Mastiffs. The most popular are any of the cute small/toy breeds, Beagles, Border Collies, Spaniels, Labradors, Retrievers, German Shepherds and young mixed breed puppies and adults who make wonderful family pets.

Our grateful thanks go to all the Shelter staff, who choose dogs/puppies suitable for rehoming on our behalf, having observed and temperament tested them prior to contacting us – and of course the vet clinics who look after our animals in sickness and in health, often at very short notice!

From the Mailbox

Dear Everyone

We hope all goes well for you in 2010 and for our four legged friends. Just a wee update on our little treasure 'Walter' the miniature Poodle. He's a bit tired this morning; we went to Lawn Bowls yesterday and we drop Wall off at the kennels on the way and pick him up on the way home; well yesterday he was playing all day with an old foxey lady and a half grown Foxey dog. I bet they're buggered as Wally is absolutely shot; he usually plays with the Foxey lasdy, a brown and white Dalmation and a young black Labrador. But whoever Wally plays with he seems to have a ball, but he's always happy to come home for a rest.

We are planning a trip down to the South Island later on when its a little cooler staying a t Pet friendly motels. I don't like dressing animals up but because the South Island weather can be a bit changeable, and when you're away you can't pick and choose when you're going walkies; I've made Wally a rain coat. It will keep the cold wind out too. Well he stood like a little trooper while I was fitting him out for his coat, even my own children never stood that still. I am half way through trying to make him a souwester hat as Wally's ears take a long time to dry. Owen, my husband, wanted me to buy rescue orange material, but Wally would have looked like a road worker so we settled for frog green; at least we won't loose him.

Wally still goes a little crazy when anyone knocks at the front door, but that's minor. He's helped Owen such a lot keeping him mobile, as Owen gets down obn all fours to play with him and takes Wally on long walks which is so good.

Well enough of my useless information. I could go on and on as we love him to bits. Keep up the good work .

Best Regards

Mary & Owen

(Owners name changed to protect privacy)



STAYING SAFE

Around dogs, means not taking chances with dogs that are unfamiliar or unfriendly.

YOU CAN HELP

to protect yourself and others by knowing how to recognise the warning signals.

DOGS BITE

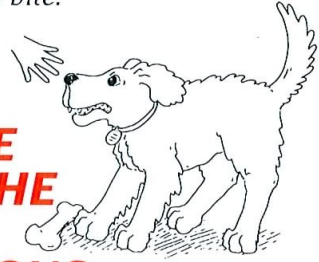
people when they are angry, afraid or hurt.

YOU CAN TELL

if a dog is likely to bite.

ALL DOGS WILL BITE UNDER THE RIGHT CONDITIONS

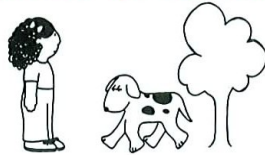
In most cases there are warning signs...



HOW TO MEET A DOG:



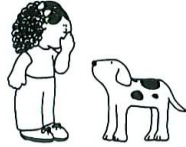
NEVER RUN UP to a stray dog and try to pet him



IF A STRAY Dog approaches you, stand still. Be like a tree!



LET THE DOG sniff you. This is how he gets to know you.



MOVE SLOWLY and speak softly. Quick movements and loud voices can scare a dog.



IT IS NOT a good idea to pet a stray, even if he does seem friendly.



AND REMEMBER NEVER RUN AWAY from a dog, because he might chase you.

Know How to Protect Yourself DON'T

- Wave your hands around or make nervous jerky movements around the dog.
- Make loud or threatening noises or gestures.
- Lean over the dog or touch the back of its head or neck.
- Make a dog feel trapped by cornering or boxing it in.

DO

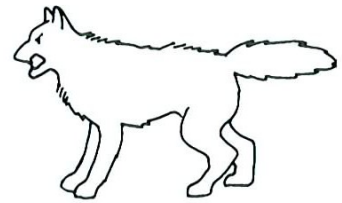
- Remain calm.
- Use slow, smooth and steady movements
- Use high pitched vocal tones, not gruff threatening ones.
- Always let the dog come to you.
- Pat dogs under the chin and on the chest, NOT around the head or neck.



BE ALERT FOR:

An Aggressive Posture

- Erect ears
- Stiff body
- Stiff tail
- Erect hackles



THIS DOG IS READY TO BITE

A Fearful Posture

- Ears are back
- Body is crouched
- Head is down
- Tail is between legs



THIS DOG WILL BITE if it feels threatened

A Playful Posture (Play Bow)

- Front half of body is low
- Rear of body raised
- Smiling with tongue out
- Wagging tail



This Dog wants to play. If play gets rough or dog gets too excited THIS DOG WILL NIP OR BITE

Other warning signs are:

- Growling, snarling, snapping
- Bared teeth, curled lips
- Raised hair on back
- Staring straight ahead



STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO AVOID TROUBLE

DO NOT enter a property until the dog has been properly restrained. Note: This does not mean the dog's owner holding the dog. If possible phone ahead to ask the owner to confine the dog. Take note of signs such as "Beware of Dog" notices, bones or droppings on the lawn, food and water bowls or a kennel. If you are not sure if a dog is on the property, rattle the gate or whistle.



NEVER approach or touch an unfamiliar dog.

NEVER tease or threaten any dog.

REMEMBER even small dogs bite.



DON'T

surprise a dog by creeping up on them, let them know you are there by whistling or calling softly.



NEVER interrupt a dog that is eating or sleeping.



WHEN you walk, jog or cycle and see a wandering dog, notify your Animal Control Department, so they can make the area safe for you.



REMEMBER

DOG BITES CAN BE PREVENTED

✓ **BE ALERT** and avoid trouble.
✓ **KNOW** how to protect yourself.

✓ **SEEK** immediate medical help if bitten or scratched.
✓ **REPORT** all incidents to your local Animal Control Department.



DON'T TAKE CHANCES WITH DOGS



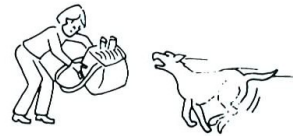
BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER
Remember Dogs must be under control AT ALL TIMES



IF A DOG IS AGGRESSIVE:

Don't turn your back and run away "BE LIKE A TREE" - stay in one spot and be perfectly still.

Don't stare into the dogs eyes. Look at a point above it or at its ears.



Try to keep something between you and the dog, such as a bag, parcel or clipboard.



Don't ever lie on the ground to protect yourself, but if you are knocked to the ground, curl up into a ball and use your arms to cover your head and neck.

ALL INCIDENTS SHOULD BE REPORTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO YOUR LOCAL ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

KNOW WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE BITTEN OR SCRATCHED

- Wash and disinfect the wound thoroughly.
- Apply a sterile dressing.
- Seek medical attention. You may need a tetanus booster or antibiotics.



TRY TO TAKE NOTE OF:

- The type, size and colour of the dog.
- Any collar or tags it was wearing.
- Time and location of the incident.
- The direction the dog took if it ran off.



REPORT THE BITE TO YOUR LOCAL ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Our thanks go to Animal Control Services for making this information available to us for our members. If you require further information they also have some other brochures available. Do feel free to visit their web site or to contact them.

If you find yourself in a situation where you are feeling in danger from a dog I do hope that the information on these pages does provide some help.

How to Stay Safe Around DOGS

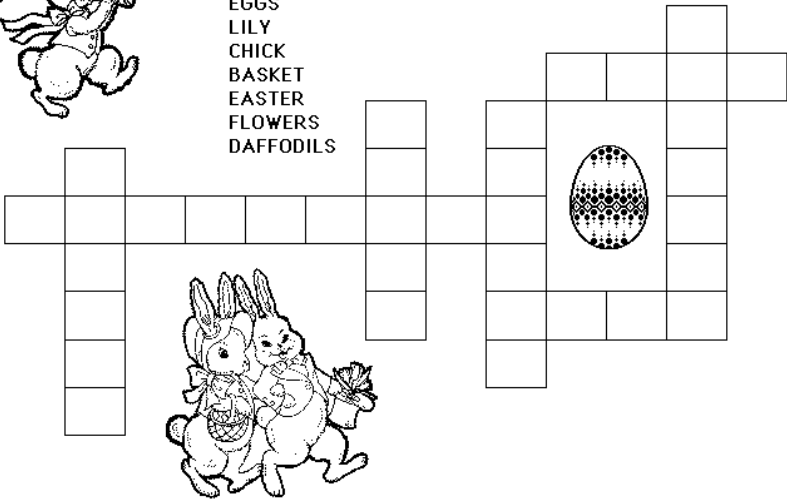
Kids Corner

Q. How did the little Scottish dog feel when he saw a monster?
A. Terrier-fied!

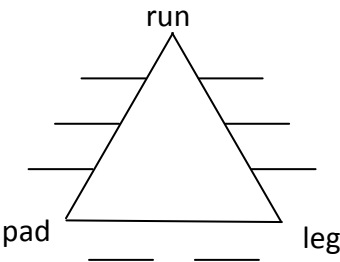
Easter Crossword



EGGS
LILY
CHICK
BASKET
EASTER
FLOWERS
DAFFODILS

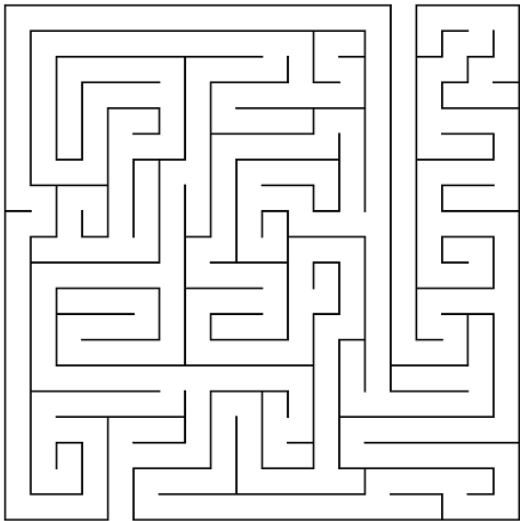


Can you move from one word to the next, one letter at a time, with each being real words?



Examples:
Cat Dog
Rat dot
Rag rot
Dag cot
Dog cat

Help the family to find the egg!



Q. Why was the Easter bunny so upset?
A. He was having a bad hare day!

Q. What happened when the cat swallowed a coin?
A. There was some money in the kitty!

How many words using 3 letters or more can you make from:

Chocolate

_____	_____	_____	_____
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Word Find:

BUN	BUNNY	CHOCOLATE	CROSS
DAD	EASTER	EAT	EGG
FEAST	FOOD	GIFT	HAPPY
HOLIDAYS	HOT	HUNT	RABBIT
RANG	SING	SUNDAY	TOP

S	E	Y	N	N	U	B	P	S
R	T	T	U	J	G	O	S	I
R	A	B	B	I	T	O	U	N
E	L	N	F	T	R	U	N	G
A	O	T	G	C	G	Y	D	F
S	C	F	T	G	D	P	A	E
T	O	O	E	I	A	P	Y	A
E	H	O	L	I	D	A	Y	S
R	C	D	T	N	U	H	R	T

Q. What do you get when you cross a cat with a tree?
A. A cat-a-logue

As usual we are looking forward to having another picnic in the park with both our two legged and four legged friends, some that we see many years and others that may not have joined us before but whom we would love to see.

Typically we enjoy a fun filled day with entertainment, a sausage sizzle, cold drinks, competitions, a trading table, and raffles. If you have good quality goods that could be added to the trading table they would be appreciated. Final details are being confirmed and I am confident that once again it will be a great day. Do remember the weather—Don't get sun burnt like I did last year.

For many of the dogs that have come through our foster homes it provides an opportunity to show how well they have settled in their new homes and show previous foster parents the fabulous results that have been achieved.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you and hopefully taking lots of photos.

Pets Picnic in the Park

Sunday 18th April 2010

From 12.00 Mid day - Judging from 1.00pm

One Tree Hill Domain

(by the Observatory—Manukau Rd Entrance)

The competitions this year will be:

BEST GROOMED

BEST RESCUED

BEST VETERAN

BEST QUICK TRICK

BEST CHILD HANDLER

DOG MOST LIKE OWNER

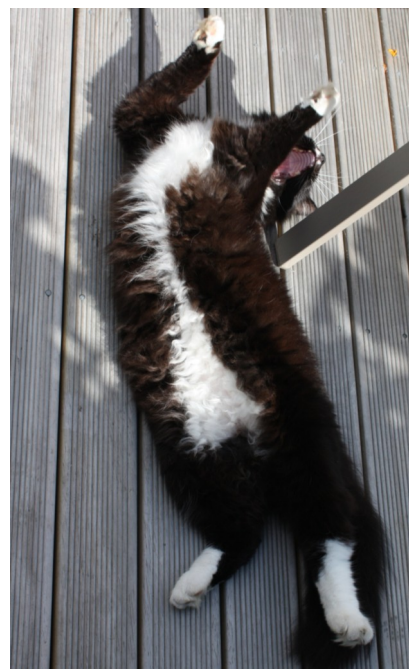
DOG THE JUDGES WOULD MOST LIKE TO TAKE HOME

BEST IN SHOW

We do not involve our cats in these competitions as they are usually happiest at home in their own environment, however we would be interested to see photos of your feline friends. There is a prize for the photo of the **'most relaxed cat'** as voted for by attendees on the day.

Only one photo per cat. Photo size limit is 15cm square.
Entries limited to the first 40.

'Oliver' relaxing in the last of the summer sun on the front deck.



Humane Society Merchandise Available

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A Water Bowl to take with you \$10



A Handy little Gift Pack - Just \$4



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Keep your Drinks Cool for just \$10



Humane Society Pen \$2

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.
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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 2009

ENCLOSED:	\$12.00 (Supporting Member)	I am interested in helping the
		Society with:
	\$15.00 (Family Member)	WEEKEND PHONE VOLUNTEER
		WEEKDAY PHONE VOLUNTEER
	\$ 8.00 (Senior Citizen)	DOG FOSTER HOME
		DOG PLACEMENT CHECK

NAME: Mr/Mrs/Ms _____

ADDRESS: _____

POST CODE _____ PHONE _____

Come join us in the Park from mid-day 18th April



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