



HUMANE SOCIETY
OF NEW ZEALAND INC

Newsletter

July 2009

Here we are, another three months on and I have the opportunity to help bring you our next newsletter. As I type, my three cats observe in their sleepy indifference. “You know you could be playing with us instead” I feel them thinking. But they are well trained and know that to interfere would not be a good plan.

At this time, when there are so many concerns for all of us—the weaker economy, for some, job insecurity and the advent of swine flu, it is pleasing that some things do not change. Those of us who are ‘animal people’ have the great fortune to share our lives, the good bits and the bad, and so enjoy the daily delights that our animal friends give us.

The enthusiasm with which they greet us in the morning—“You’re up, breakfast is near!” or in the evening—“You can spend some time with me now” is a pleasure that I, for one, find very difficult to be without.

While I enjoy my cats, I must include a special tribute to all of you who treasure dogs of many shapes and sizes in your families. I am inspired by your commitment to meeting their needs. Daily exercise, wiping dirty feet, shampooing when necessary. You do a great job.

Long may we enjoy the company of our loved and loving friends and may we be worthy of the love, trust and generosity they show us.

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

Recently I was researching a word in an encyclopaedia when something totally unexpected caught my eye – there was a section of idiomatic phrases concerning animals so I transferred my research.

We are all familiar with such sayings as “every dog has its day”, “dogged dog” and “love me, love my dog” – but I found one with an ancient history. “Every dog is allowed one life” has its origins in a 17th century law which declares the owner was not liable if his dog bit someone, provided he could prove he was unaware the dog had vicious tendencies. If such a law existed today I think it would prove a gold mine for lawyers.

And so to cats – but it is the origin of the phrases that is interesting – “to put the cat among the pigeons” is said to originate from the early 18th century when a man unexpectedly walked in on a group of ladies – and it startled them so much they were ‘all-a-flutter’.

The horse has a few interesting catch phrases too – “to flog a dead horse”, which we understand as wasting one's time, or a no-win situation, originates from the use by workmen using the term “dead horse” for work they had already been paid for and it was all really a waste of time. And did you know that a horse fly or horseradish really was a large fly and large radish.

A bit of research on a cold winter day can be great fun - so happy reading to you all.

Kindest regards
Don

Humane Society AGM

This year our AGM will be held on Sunday the 19th July at the Epsom Community Centre, at 200-202 Gillies Ave in Epsom at 2.00 pm. Do come and meet the present committee. Have your say and enjoy meeting others with similar interests over a great cup of tea/coffee and refreshments afterwards. We hope to see a lot of you there.

Spay/Neuter Figures

Since the last newsletter, sent mid-March, we have assisted with desexing **196** dogs and cats through our Spay/Neuter Fund.

As well as members of the public and some smaller welfare groups, we now also assist Sharon from Waiuku, Megan from Mangawhai, Margaret from Mt Roskill and Ann from Birkenhead who rescue/rehome stray cats/kittens in their area, and Charmaine who rescues from a recycling centre in West Auckland.

From the Mail Box

Address
On Sheepskin Rug
On My Bed
Next to Dad's Bed

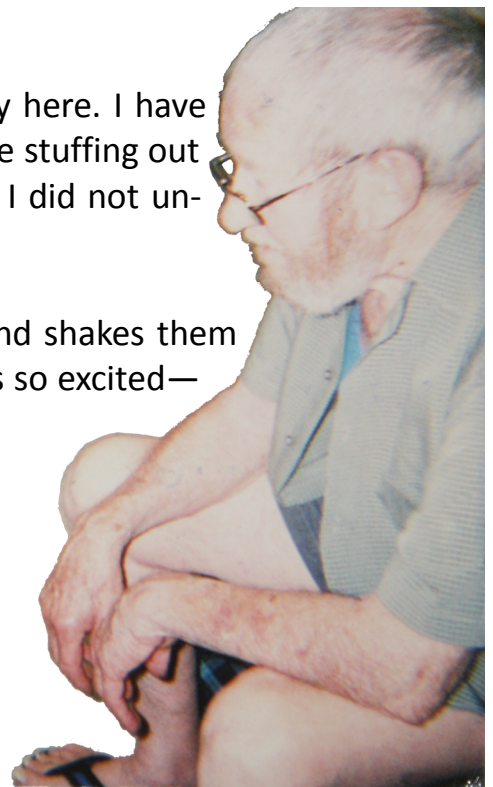
Dear Humane People

Thank you for finding me a home. I am pretty happy here. I have put two photos in—one is of my Teddy. I pulled all the stuffing out of him and She had to clean it up, said some words I did not understand. Funny eh.

He does funny things to. He gets the car keys out and shakes them and says "We going out in car—going in car." He gets so excited—strange eh.

I go and sit now and give him
google eyes. That does
wonders.

Love from Emma
And Him and Her XXX



PETS PICNIC IN THE PARK 2009

"A great day for man and beast"

Well, it's been and gone again, our one big event of the year, the "Pets Picnic in the Park" - did you miss it? If you did you missed a great day.

We had a good turn out as usual with all shapes and sizes of dogs and their families and the day produced no major problems. The dogs were on their best behaviour and there were no dog fights, dogs going missing, dogs biting the judges or dogs pinching sausages from the sausage sizzle table!

The weather was perfect for a picnic in the park, sunny and warm with a light breeze and plenty of shady areas for those who needed it. The show ring was humming as dogs and owners entered and left with some proudly displaying their prizes and ribbons as they made their exits.

Results were as follows:

BEST GROOMED: Teddy owned by Diane Barker

BEST RESCUED: Bess owned by Sonja

DOG MOST LIKE OWNER: Axyl owned by Melanie

BEST VETERAN: Jordee owned by Jamie Hall

DOG THE JUDGES WOULD MOST LIKE TO TAKE HOME:

Kippa owned by Rachel Douglas & Axyl owned by Melanie

BEST QUICK TRICK: Nick owned by Cheryl Atkins

BEST CHILD HANDLER: Skip owned by Hamish (See below for photo)

BEST IN SHOW: Monty owned by Hearing Dogs. (recipient Johanna Brens)

Our thanks go to the two judges from Animal Control who did such a wonderful job, as it would not have been easy deciding as all the participants were "special" in their own way.



Hamish Armstrong
Age 9 3/4 is in
Year 6 at River-
head School.
He loves animals
and swimming and
wants to be a zoo
keeper or a marine
biologist.

Skip is a Jack Russell X
Age 2-3 years

Best child handler:
1st
Dog most like owner:
2nd

The sausage sizzle was popular as usual, with man and beast, and the trading table turned up some treasures that people eagerly snapped up, plus our merchandise went well.

This year we had the added attractions of Rainbow Rascals who provided some very unique face painting which proved very popular. I watched as with great care the clever artist carefully painted the face of one boy to match his dog who was sitting so patiently. She did a great job as he won 2nd place in "Dog most like its owner"!

Another attraction was Fiona and her dog Oskar complete with dog cart which the small children loved having a ride in.

Other memorable moments included "Best quick trick" category where most of the dogs refused to do their party pieces in public much to the dismay of their owners. The sure hit winner was Nick whose trick was to have a piece of food placed on the top of his nose, on command he would flick his head to send the food spinning in the air and within seconds the item was grabbed by his teeth and devoured --- something like a scene from "doggy jaws". Needless to say the food fetish dog was a Labrador!

In the "Best Child Handler" category, one little boy had trouble getting his dog to "sit". The dog would do the motion but every time keep its posterior 2 inches from the ground but I reckon that was good enough! In "Dog Most Like Its Owner" the 3rd prize went to Zorro with his owner Steve who both had very similar characteristics including that they were both neutered!

It was good to see so many of our members and the general public as well who may decide to join our society after seeing and hearing about the great work we try to do for the animals. Everybody seemed to have a great time, enjoying a day out with their dogs which is the main purpose of the exercise and we could see that the dogs enjoyed it too by the abundance of wagging tails!!!! Here's to 2010!!!

REMINDER

AGM TUESDAY 19TH JULY, EPSOM COMMUNITY CENTRE, AT 2.00 PM
SEE YOU THERE!

Goodbye to Tessa White.

Betty White, of Waiheke Island has sadly lost the second of her dear rough coated collies, given to her by the Humane Society. Some of you may remember Dougal who we asked Betty to look after for a couple of nights and who ended up staying with her till his passing many years later.

Tessa was the same, given to Betty as a young dog to be “looked after” for a few days until we could get her to Auckland, and once again Betty decided Tessa was not going anywhere.

Both Dougal and Tessa lived a grand life with dear Betty and her grandson Steve and had the best of care. They are now at the “rainbow bridge” together. Betty will miss them greatly but still has merry Merlin the cat for company.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO FOSTER OR ANSWER PHONES FOR HUMANE SOCIETY?
DO TALK TO US ABOUT IT.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT A DEW CLAW IS FOR?

Dogs almost always have dew claws on the inside of the front legs and occasionally also on the hind legs. There is some debate about whether a dew claw helps dogs to gain traction when they run because, in some dogs, the dew claw makes contact when they are running and the nail on the dew claw often wears down in the same way that the nails on their other toes do, from contact with the ground. However, in many dogs the dew claws never make contact with the ground; in this case, the dew claw's nail never wears away, and it is then often trimmed to keep it to a safe length.

The dew claws are not dead appendages. They can be used to lightly grip bones and other items that dogs hold with the paws. The extra pad above the dew claw also has its uses and is supposed to act as a form of brake for the dog as it makes its way down slopes etc.

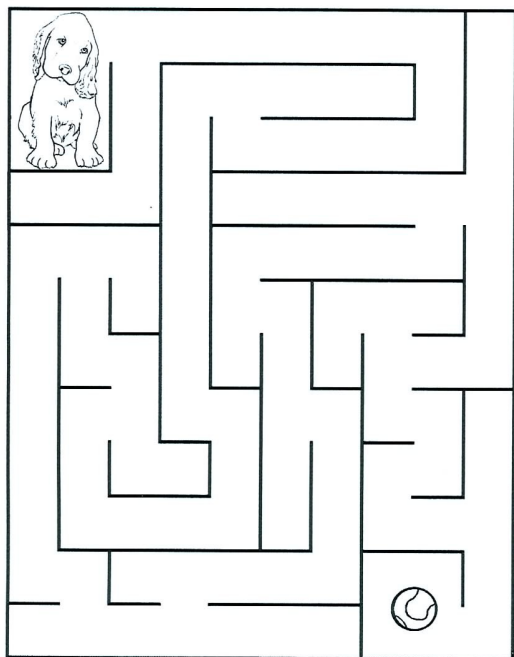
Kids Corner

Q: Why do dogs run in circles?

A: Because its hard to run in squares!

A-MAZE-ing ANIMALS

Help the puppy find the ball.



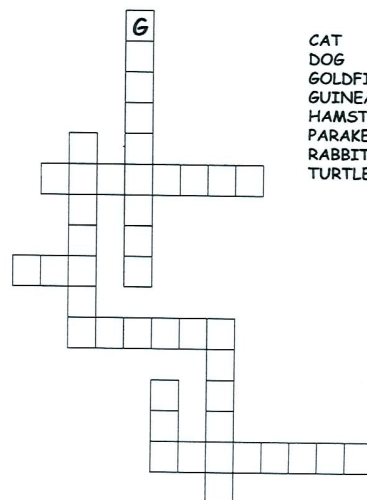
Q: What's the unluckiest kind of cat to have?

A: A catastrophe!

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



ANIMAL PETS CROSSWORD



CAT
DOG
GOLDFISH
GUINEA PIG
HAMSTER
PARAKEET
RABBIT
TURTLE

Q: How is a cat laying down like a coin?

A: Because he has his head on one side and his tail on the other!

Word Find - Zoo Animals

HIPPOPOTAMUS
LION
SEAL
TIGER
ZEBRA

CHIMPANZEE
ELEPHANT
FLAMINGO
GIRAFFE
GORILLA

U F B J S C N H B T P F
O G T N A H P E L E R K
Z O I W G I R A F F E R
S R A S E M S T R P L M
H I P P O P O T A M U S
Q L T F L A M I N G O E
J L I O N N U G Z I A C
S A R B E Z D E Q F E O
Z E H K M E B R F B W A
W S Z S Q E Q G Z M E O

Q: What happens when it rains cats and dogs?

A: You can step in a poodle!

Placement of Animals

Our new website www.humanesociety.org.nz is bringing more enquiries daily. Members of the public can view our animals and email enquiries directly to us. They can read delightful stories of animals adopted from us and how they have settled into their new homes – they all make great reading. Check it out to see what else is available on the site.

Our foster homes have been very busy placing ever-increasing numbers of waifs and strays. Ginny, one of our longest stayers is a lovely 18 mth-2 year ginger girl, who mothered five kittens, all of whom have now been placed. She would love a happy forever home, so please contact us if you can help her.

We have placed a wonderful selection of canines, including several labradors, golden, black and chocolate, foxie x, and jack russells; Martin, a shih tzu x jack russell, Holly, a pointer x, two delightful little maltese, mother and daughter, two blue heeler puppies, Rex, a border collie, Harry, a corgi x, Faith, a miniature pinscher x, Turk, a rotti x, several bull mastiff x puppies and adults, Walter, a miniature poodle and Archie, a cocker spaniel, to name just a few. At present we have some lovely puppies, including german shepherd x and a bernese mountain dog x, plus adults - Bobby, a foxie x, Fergy a dachshund x and Jonah a 6-8 month neopolitan mastiff x.

Photos and information on them all can be viewed on our website and Trade Me.

The One Eyed Tailless Kitten It found a home for itself and another.

“Trish” I heard and turned around to see a small, grubby, white looking bundle of fluff in the arms of a teacher at school. One look was all it took. This tiny tailless waif (it was a Manx) looked so hungry and one of its eyes was puffed out to such an extent that I knew it had to be in great pain.

My Boss was in a meeting but I couldn't wait. “I'll look after it” I said. “It will play beautifully with my other foster of about the same age.” “But it won't be put down will it?” cried the child at the teacher's side. Not if I can help it I thought.

Ten minutes later and I was at the Vets what would he think? The eye will have to come out he said, confirming that it would be extremely painful for the little stray.

Did I say stray. Not for long. What a special kitten she was. By the time I got back to work I had a staff member contacting her husband to agree that she could have 'Smudge'. In the background two other staff members were indicating that if she couldn't take her they would.

Meanwhile back at the Vets another regular client had come in. She also fell in love with her. Phone calls followed to Jill, at Humane, and it was agreed that the client, a caring lady who has had cats from us before, would make a donation to cover the kitten's vet bills and give her a home.

My problem, when I found out, (my email was down) this kitten was now promised to two homes. Both believed the kitten was theirs. And in one case there were two small children to be disappointed as well.

The resolution – I did say that I had another kitten in care. Fortunately the family with the two children were happy to take him instead. How great was that.

Another day with the satisfaction gained from seeing two strays safely re-homed.

A PET'S TEN COMMANDMENTS.....

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment.
You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.
9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.
10. On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so.

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HAVE AFTERNOON TEA ON US!

AND EVEN MORE IMPORTANT

For all those who have not already renewed your subscription to Humane Society, NOW is the time. If you have complimentary membership through a dog adoption, membership is renewable after the first year.

Payment covers your membership from now through to 30 June 2010.

See the second to last page for Subscription Renewal form.

Humane Society Merchandise Available

Orders should be sent to: Humane Society, PO Box 29060, Auckland 1347

A Water Bowl to take with you \$10



Keep your Drinks Cool for just \$10



Humane Society Key Ring \$2



Humane Society Pen \$2



A Handy little Gift Pack - Just \$4



Order Form

Item	Quantity	Amount
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Donation Form

**The Honorary Treasurer
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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 200

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 _____



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