



Newsletter

October/November

As I sit down to write this, knowing of just some of the things happening in the animal world I am inspired by the weather. We had lovely spring like weather, followed by very unpleasant weather and now, for the long weekend, it has been enjoyable for most. Like life some is good, some bad. And it is up to us to make the best of it regardless.

8 weeks ago, in my garden, my tomatoes were happily pushing their way up through the soil eager to meet the early sun and warmth that we had. Surprisingly, despite the extreme rain and having had a black frost they are still standing, determined to complete their life cycle.

As I look at their resilience I can feel hope that despite the troubles there have been in our corner of the world, with earthquakes, tsunamis and earthquakes the good is still possible. Perhaps some people who previously would not concern themselves with the needs of others will discover they do have the ability to help in a way they would not have thought of before. Maybe eyes will be opened to the needs of those people and animals affected by trouble and aid given. Each of us may query the amount one person, me, can achieve. We are not alone. A group of individuals working together can achieve amazing things.

As a child I heard a lot about team work in sport. As an adult, teamwork became the buzz word in my business environment. Each person has a part to play in the team of life and if each of us plays our part to the full—doing what we can to be the best we can be, just maybe our world and that of our animals will become a better place.

In this newsletter there is a petition that you can take action with or ignore. It is your choice. But whatever your choices are, do believe in yourself! Life is not a rehearsal. Go out and do it! Then you will have made a difference.

Your committee:

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

Message from our President

This year we have seen an increasing number of instances of animal abuse, but with, for the first time, some cases resulting in successful prosecutions leading to a gaol sentence. It is gratifying that at last the legal system is acknowledging that cruelty to animals must be dealt with appropriately.

Currently the government is considering a review of the laws concerning dogs and their owners—which are described as “onerous”. One of the issues which arises is whether the registration should be transferred to the owner, rather than the dog. I hope the reviewing panel looks for the loopholes. If it goes ahead, will the owner’s feelings about responsibility be changed?

It is over this responsibility that a problem may arise — there is a minority group of owners who do not accept that they have any responsibility to a dog — treating the animal as a mere possession. I cannot see that a transference of ownership from dog to man is going to reach this sector, as many dogs are kept hidden from sight. A change of law may well mean that they can be prosecuted ‘on paper’ but the costs of prosecution and collecting fines will far exceed the registration fee.

All Humane Society members are aware that our help is fairly limited, but we do have many individual members who achieve amazing results. Some new legislation will help our cause.

Don

Random Acts of Kindness

Our telephone volunteers all field a variety of callers and requests, but we think a recent one was a first!

Rhys took a call from an Emergency Department Nurse at North Shore Hospital, who was phoning on behalf of a patient who had been hospitalised after suffering an asthma attack.

She had left her little cat shut inside the house, assuming she would be returning the same day. However, that was not to be. She didn't really know her neighbours, so the request was for someone to go to the hospital, collect a set of house keys, feed and let the cat out. Just one phone call sorted it as Robin, who was relatively close, very kindly offered to do whatever was required.

She said the little cat was very pleased to see her, was very affectionate and happy to be picked up and cuddled. Robin intended to return, feed and look after the cat for as long as the owner was hospitalised, not expected to be more than a day or so. Our very grateful thanks to Robin for offering to assist without hesitation - in Rhys' words, she deserves a medal!!

Fleas

With the weather starting to get warmer, fleas start reappearing on our pets. Fleas love the hot humid weather and their population explodes during summer. The easiest and most effective

way to treat your pet for fleas is to use one of the spot-on treatments available from any vet clinic. There are several different treatments available each with differing advantages. To find the best product for your pet and situation do talk to your trained vet clinic staff who will be happy to help you.

Now is the Time

Slug & Snail Bait

Spring has sprung and many of us are busy in the garden. The slugs and snails are delighted as there is much tender new growth coming through for them to enjoy. Remember your pets, as you gear up to retain your plants. Each year, especially during spring and summer, one of the more common poisonings seen in dogs is slug bait poisoning. Dogs, by nature, are scavengers and will often eat anything resembling food, with slug bait being no exception. Cats can also be affected but due to their fussy eating habits it is rare. Symptoms may include panting, drooling saliva from the mouth, muscle tremors, shaking, in-coordination, hyper-excitability and convulsions. If you suspect your pet has slug bait poisoning seek urgent veterinary attention, as if left unattended, the condition can be fatal.

Sea Slugs

The warning signs are up on many beaches from the Firth of Thames and throughout other areas in the upper North Island. At least 5 dogs have died and 15 showed signs of TTX poisoning in the past few months. Grant Barnes from Auckland Regional Council predicts that the sea slugs will continue to be a problem for dogs exposed to them. "This is something that we believe in the short term at least is unlikely to be eradicated. It appears on all accounts to be a natural phenomena," he said. If you have been/are going to the beach with your dog and it appears to become unwell do seek medical attention promptly.

Spay / Neuter

By now, many unsplayed cats will be showing signs of pregnancy. Some, those kittens born late last season, are barely past the kitten stage themselves and are now having kittens themselves. It really is not fair on them. If you have an animal that needs to be desexed please do something about it. Do not put it off. If you are finding it tough to make ends meet, do **not** use that as an excuse. There is help available. You can visit our web site <http://www.humanesociety.org.nz> or call one of our volunteers (you will find their number by ringing the referral line 09 630 0510 to see who is on duty) for a spay/neuter form. If your animals are in need the Humane Society will do all they possibly can to help.

Christmas Holidays

If you are going away over the Christmas period, please make sure you have either Kennels booked or a responsible person organised to look after your pets if you are unable to take them with you. Don't leave it too late and find you have little or no choice. Many kennels are booked from year to year, so now is the time to get organised to ensure your animals are well taken care of.

Dogs in Hot Cars

As the weather starts to warm up. Please leave dogs at home in a nice cool place rather than take them out and leave them in hot cars. It takes no time at all for them to become overheated and subsequently very ill. They are far better off at home.

BAILEY'S BIG ADVENTURE

Bailey's big adventure happened on a warm sunny afternoon when Lesley and Jenny had just returned to the farm. They had been away visiting their grandchildren in Auckland. They hadn't taken Bailey because sometimes she was naughty in the car and chewed up the car seats.

Bailey had stayed at Kay's boarding kennel. Bailey liked it there because there were lots of other dogs to check out and boss around. Of course it was not like her own home though and Bailey was always very happy when it was time to go home.

Now the afternoon of Bailey's big adventure, Lesley and Jenny decided to take a walk around their little farm. Bailey thought it was a pretty good idea too, especially if they went down to the river. She loved swimming in the river. And so without changing out of the flash clothes that they wear when they go to Auckland, they all set off through the garden gate, down the hill, stopping to pat Snowball the pony as they went, then through the next gate, over the flat paddock and down to the river.

Bailey trotted along with her tail up, waving like a flag. She was keen to get to the river. Once there, she would stand and watch the water, rippling and tumbling along, with little shiny bits flashing and glinting as if there were bits of silver paper in the water. Then she would jump into the stream and swim across, swimming hard against the current in order to get to the other side. She would stand there for a while and then she would swim back again, chasing the silvery, glistening water.

On this day of Bailey's big adventure, Lesley and Jenny wanted to keep walking and so they called Bailey and carried on across the paddock along the river to the end of their valley. Then they turned up the rocky track by the pool where the small waterfall is and

climbed up the hill, looking for little orchid flowers as they went. They came out at the top just before the big waterfall which is as big as three people standing on each other's shoulders. The water gushed and crashed, foamy white as it fell onto the rocks below.

Bailey trotted ahead, past the waterfall. She knew that she was not allowed in the water above the fall. The rocky banks dropped down to the water which flowed more and more strongly and swiftly until it shot out over the edge and tumbled down into the whirlpool below, crashing noisily onto the rocks and sending spray up into the air. Bailey sensed that it was dangerous and stayed away from the rocky ledges. A little further on though, the river became wider and there were some grassy patches along the bank. Bailey still stayed out of the water here because it was already strong and swift.

Well, usually. But that afternoon she wanted to swim or have a drink maybe. Suddenly she was in the water. Jenny yelled out "Bailey" as she caught a glimpse of the dog's black and white head. Bailey was swimming as hard as she could. Yet, no matter how hard she tried she just couldn't swim against the current and was moving rapidly downstream, closer and closer to the big waterfall. Jenny called "Bailey! Come!" but Bailey was being swept away faster and faster. Suddenly she was gone. In a flash. Over the edge of the waterfall.

Jenny and Lesley ran back to the waterfall, not daring to think what might be happening to Bailey. They stood at the edge of the waterfall looking down into the white foam. They looked as hard as they could, hoping to see Bailey come to the surface.

It seemed as if a long time passed. No black and white dog bobbed up in the swirling water. They looked at each other, thinking that they had lost their happy little dog.

All of a sudden something caught Lesley's eye further down the narrow valley below the waterfall.

"Look! There she is!" shouted Lesley. There indeed was Bailey, sitting on a small ledge 20 metres downstream.

"Woohoo! Bailey Bailey! She's made it!" they yelled. They hurried along the track above the waterfall and round the corner until they were above Bailey. The bank was steep and rocky. It was slimy and slippery underfoot. They slithered down, grabbing hold of the few hebe and mahoe plants that grew there. Then they picked their way along until they reached the ledge where Bailey was sitting. The wagging tail and the look in her eyes told them how pleased she was to see them but she sat still, holding her right leg up in the air.

"You crazy dog! Did you want to smash your silly brains out on the rocks? You crazy dog!" If Bailey could have understood all that, she wouldn't have cared one bit what they said. She was just pleased to be sitting where she was – even if her leg did hurt heaps.

But now, how to get her home when she couldn't walk?

"If we carry her up here, there are a few plants we can hang onto." Jenny suggested. Lesley carefully lifted the sopping wet and injured dog up in her arms. Jenny carefully went a little way up the near vertical slope, made sure her footing was secure, and then took Bailey from Lesley who scrambled up above Jenny and took Bailey in her turn. Slowly they worked their way up until they came to the last metre.

Lesley wedged herself and the dog between the bank and a manuka tree. Jenny went to the side of them, pulled herself up onto the track above and then leaning over the edge she grabbed hold of the dog's collar at the same time that Lesley hoisted the wet black

body up as high as she could.

Bailey just allowed it all to happen and ended up sprawled, with Jenny, on the grassy ledge at the top of the steep valley.

There was still a difficult five minute walk over rocky ground until they came out at the bottom of the valley. Jenny and Lesley took turns at carrying Bailey who kept still and did not struggle at all.

They put her down on the grass and Lesley sat beside her while Jenny went to get the tractor. It seemed a long while before the old red Fergie came chugging to the end of the valley but Bailey made no effort to get up. Her leg must have been very sore. Lesley and Bailey rode on the tray of the tractor up to the house.

Of course Bailey had to go and see the vet to find out if her leg was broken. Luckily for her it wasn't, but a stringy ligament inside the leg was torn and she couldn't walk on it. The vet said it would take six weeks to get better and she would have to have a cast and a bandage to keep it still.

Ha! You don't think Bailey wanted that thing on her leg, do you? She chewed it off and every time they put it on again she chewed it off again. Eventually her leg got better anyway. It's a little bit crooked and now and then she limps a bit.

She is just lucky to be alive. Don't you think so?

Thank you very much to Lesley who adopted Bailey from us some time ago and was good enough to send in this tale along with some photos after Bailey had his big adventure. Unfortunately the disc of photos did not make it to me but as an avid reader I was sure that you, our readers, would also enjoy reading about the exploits of just one of our former foster animals.

SPAY/NEUTER FUND

We have all been feverishly working away spaying and neutering everything we possibly can – over the last four months we have desexed a total of **254** animals, with the majority being cats.

We are now working in with a number of small rescue groups from Waiuku through to Wellsford who are doing a great job in their local communities, with some arranging sponsorship for advertising a localized desexing campaign in their area, and the Society assisting financially. We are seeing great results, as the above figures illustrate.

ANIMAL PLACEMENTS

Over the past four months we have placed a total of **81** cats and dogs, with the majority being dogs and puppies.

Much of this is due to the fact that we currently have fifteen foster homes and are therefore able to take more into care than in the past. We cannot praise all of them and their families highly enough – they do an amazing job, especially as most work, many fulltime, as well as having their own animals and families to care for.

Our heartfelt thanks also goes out to the twenty volunteers who answer phones on a roster basis from their own homes, and the many property checkers who go out in all weathers to ensure all our dogs and puppies are rehomed in a secure and safe environment.

The willingness of all of you to assist is truly heartwarming and as we keep repeating, the Society could not exist without you.

As always, 99.9% of dogs taken into care come from city shelters (pounds) with most of the cats being abandoned/strays. We have had some delightful puppies, under six months, including ridgeback x, lab x, foxie x, dachshund x, border collie x, german shepherd x, bernese mountain dog x, bulldog x boxer, blue heeler, staffie x, mastiff x, dachshund x jack russell, lab x staffie, two bichon frise and a chihuahua.

Adult dogs include Duke, a 5 yr sheltie; Pepper a 12 mth chihuahua x; Molly, 2 ½ yr beagle, Trevor, a poodle x; Indie, an 8 mth wire-haired terrier; Dexter, a 9 mth black labrador; Beau, a 3-4 yr Bichon Frise x; Peppa, a 2 yr cairn terrier; Jenny a 2 yr blue heeler; Bailey, a 2 yr cavalier king charles spaniel; Merlin a 9 mth collie; Izzy, an 11 mth wheaten terrier x lowchen; Bessie, a 5 ½ yr Australian terrier x; Sparky, a 4 yr wire-haired jack russell x foxie; Fergy a 2 yr dachshund x; Jester, a 2 yr shih tzu; Frankie, a 1-2 yr bearded collie x and Jake a 5 yr golden retriever, plus many many more.

Our website is constantly attracting more viewings with the email facility available from it increasing on a daily basis. These include enquiries about dogs and cats listed, desexing and general information. If you haven't taken a look, please check it out – www.humanesociety.org.nz

Last Reminder

For those who have not already renewed their 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.

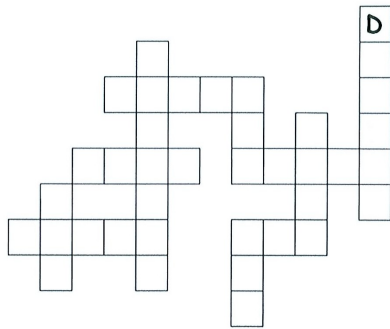
Kids Corner

Q Who was the most powerful cat in China?

A Chairman Miaow!

FARM ANIMAL CROSSWORD

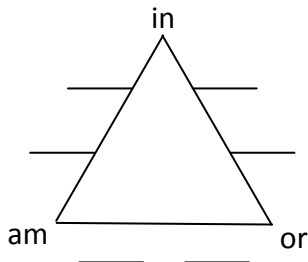
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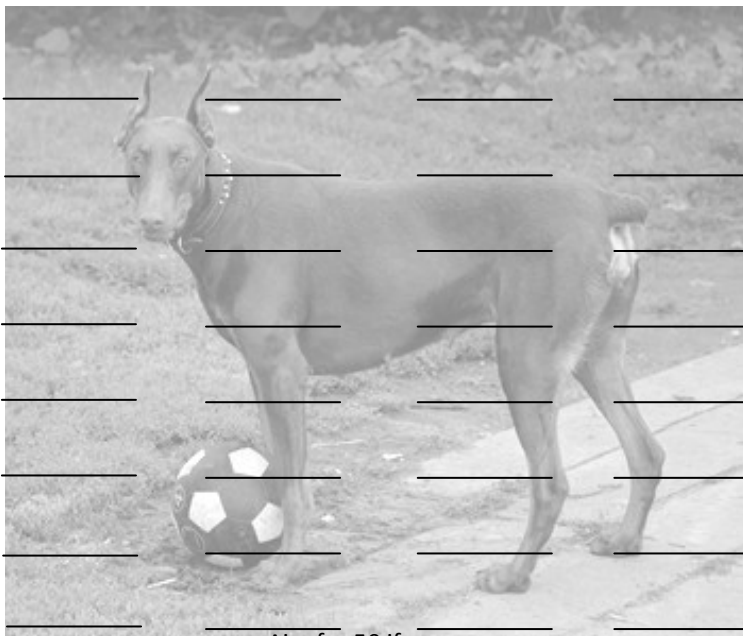
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Dog cat



Can you get from meat to fish in 4 moves?

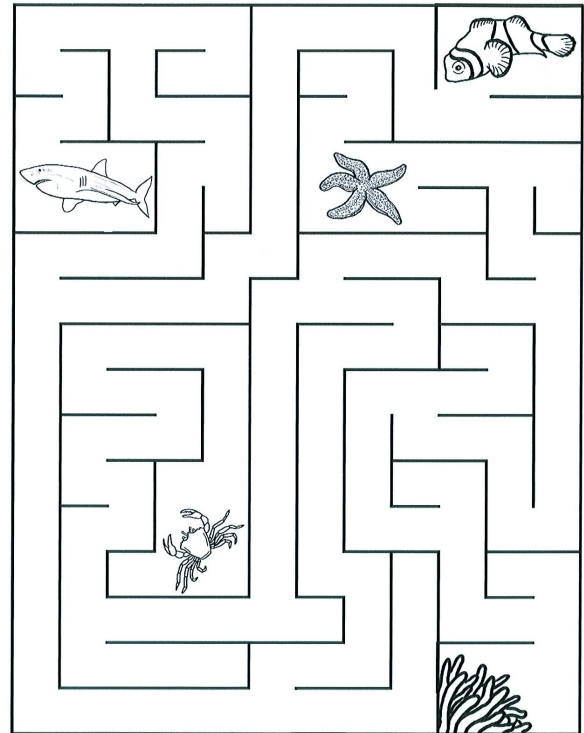
How many words using 3 letters or more can you make from: DOBERMAN



Aim for 50 if you can

A-MAZE-ING ANIMALS

Help the clownfish reach the sea anemone.
Avoid the shark, crab and starfish!



Q Why is it called a "litter" of puppies?

A Because they mess up the whole house!

Word Find — Dogs

BEAGLE

BULLDOG

CHOW

COLLIE

CORGI

DOBERMAN

HEELER

LABRADOR

MASTIFF

POODLE

PULI

PUG

SPANIEL

TERRIER

WOLF

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Can you use the 9 letters left over from the "Word Find" to identify another breed of dog?

Q What's worse than raining cats and dogs?

A Hailing taxi cabs!

PAW JUSTICE

While we like to be positive there are times when it is necessary to recognise the realities around us. Sadly we continue to hear of increasing numbers of injustice for the animals. A dog that was so emaciated that each rib bone stood out from its clinging flesh—the owner had tied him in a barn and moved away. Another dog hung from a gum tree. An 18 month old Jack Russell was strangled with a chain for 30 minutes and when that didn't work petrol poured down its throat, a pillow case put in its mouth and finally killed when hit with a spade. The cat killed with a cross-bow. The list goes on.

Paw Justice believes that offenders should receive harsher penalty fines, longer prison sentences for inhumane acts and be placed on watch lists.

Statistics show that people who commit violent acts against animals go on to re-offend against people and commit violent crimes including rape and murder.

What can we do about it? On the next page is a copy of the petition. Gather signatures and send it on if you would like to help make a difference.

For more information visit <http://www.pawjustice.co.nz>

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

A DOG'S PRAYER

Treat me kindly, my beloved master, for no heart in the world is more grateful for kindness than my loving heart.

Do not break my spirit with a stick, though I would lick your hand between blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me things you would

Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when your footsteps falls upon my waiting ear.

When it is cold and wet please take me inside for I am now a domestic animal no longer used to bitter elements. I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet.

Keep my pan filled with water for although I would not reproach you were it dry, I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst. Feed me clean food that I may stay well to romp and play and do you bidding, walk by your side and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life should yours be in danger.

And beloved master should the Great Master see fit to take my health or sight, do not turn me away from you. Rather, hold me gently in your arms as skilled hands grant me boon of eternal rest....and I will leave you knowing with the last breath I draw that my fate was ever safe in your hands.

**SEND TO: Paw Justice, PO Box 74415,
Market Rd, Remuera, Auckland, 1052**

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Humane Society Merchandise Available

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

A Water Bowl to take with you \$10



A Handy little Gift Pack - Just \$4



Humane Society Key Ring \$2



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.
P O Box 29 060
Greenwoods Corner
Auckland. 1347**

☐ **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.
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Auckland 1347
Ph. (09) 630 0510**

☐ **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 _____



From:
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