



HUMANE SOCIETY
OF NEW ZEALAND INC

Newsletter

December 2009

2009—It has almost gone.

I hope that you have all made the best of it you could
and know that 2010 has the promise to be our best year ever!

Wishing you a Happy Christmas and Great New Year

Please remember to from our committee:
provide for your pets
if you leave home
for the holidays -
and enjoy a very
Happy Christmas
Don

Take the time over
the holiday period
to enjoy family,
friends + furries

Nicole

WISHING ALL OUR MEMBERS
& PETS A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND A FRUITFUL NEW YEAR
Don McK

Wishing you and your
pets, a safe and happy
Christmas and holiday
period.

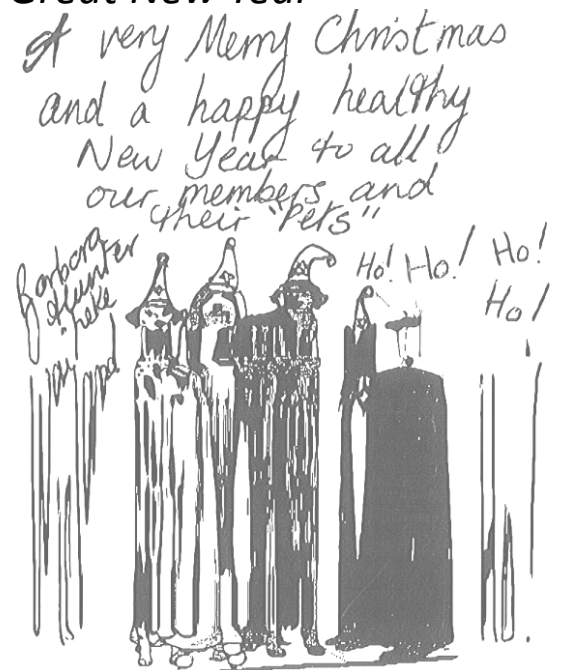
Jill

Wishing you a your
family (two legged a
four legged) a
Peaceful, happy a safe
Christmas Heather

Your committee:

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

Wishing you all
the very best for Christmas
and a safe and prosperous
New Year Trish.



Greetings to one
and all, Especially
furry friends and
family. Have a
Wonderful Christmas
and New Year
Johanna Shandy
Tanti+Mont

A Rescue Dog's Christmas Poem

Tis the night before Christmas and all through the town, every shelter is full - we are lost, but not found, Our numbers are hung on our kennels so bare, we hope every minute that someone will care, They'll come to adopt us and give us the call, "Come here, Max and Sparkie - come fetch your new ball!!

But now we sit here and think of the days... we were treated so fondly - we had cute, baby ways, Once we were little, then we grew and we grew. now we're no longer young and we're no longer new. So out the back door we were thrown like the trash, they reacted so quickly - why were they so rash?

We "jump on the children:, "don't come when they call", we "bark when they leave us", climb over the wall.

We should have been neutered, we should have been spayed, now we suffer the consequence of the errors THEY made.

If only they'd trained us, if only we knew... we'd have done what they asked us and worshiped them, too. We were left in the backyard, or worse -left to roam- now we're tired and lonely and out of a home.

They dropped us off here and they kissed us good-bye... "Maybe someone else will give you a try." So now here we are, all confused and alone... in a shelter with others who long for a home.

The kind workers come through with a meal and a pat, with so many to care for, they can't stay to chat, They move to the next kennel, giving each of us cheer... we know that they wonder how long we'll be here.

We lay down to sleep and sweet dreams fill our heads... of a home filled with love and our own cozy beds.

Then we wake to see sad eyes, brimming with tears - our friends filled with emptiness, worry, and fear.

If you can't adopt us and there's no room at the Inn - could you help with the bills and fill our food bin? We count on your kindness each day of the year - can you give more than hope to everyone here?

Please make a donation to pay for the heat... and help get us something special to eat.

The shelter that cares for us wants us to live, and more of us will, if more people will give.

--Author Unknown

If you are able to help our four legged friends by making a donation of animal food or money this year know that the animals and all those who are physically caring for them will appreciate it. Many of the supermarkets have bins that you can contribute to, as do some Vets. Where ever you choose to donate, the animals will reap the benefit and that is great. If you choose to donate to the Humane Society our address is on the second to last page of the newsletter.

Now is the Time

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.

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 to the beach with your dog and it appears to become unwell do seek medical attention promptly.

Spay / Neuter

By now, many unsprayed 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.

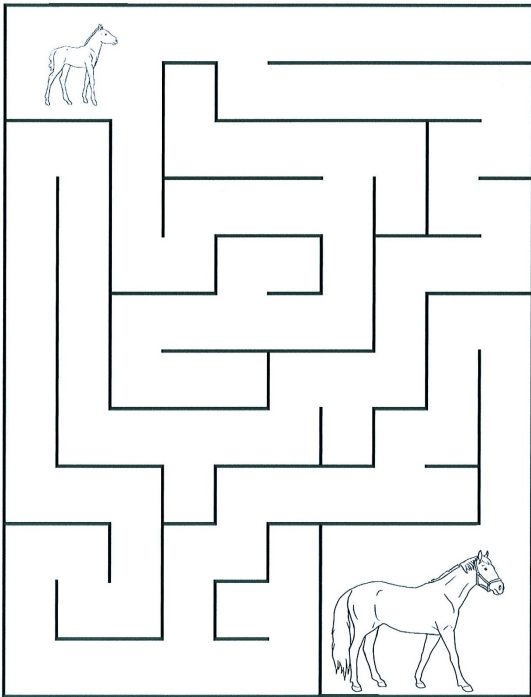
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Kids Corner

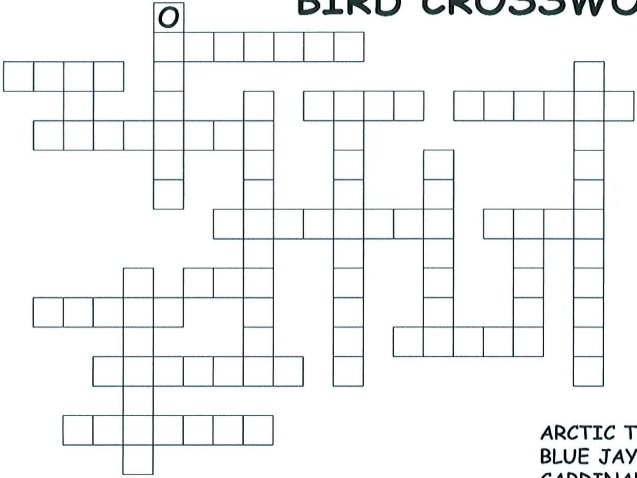
Q. What did Santa get when he crossed a woodpecker with kleenex?
A. Rapping paper!

A-MAZE-ING ANIMALS

Can you help the foal find his mother?

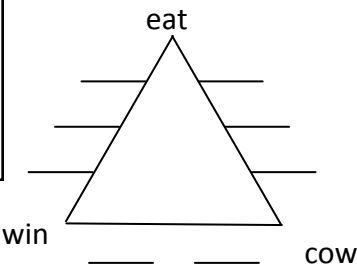


BIRD CROSSWORD



Can you move from one word to the next, one letter at a time, and still real words?

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



ARCTIC TERN
BLUE JAY
CARDINAL
CROW
EAGLE
EMU
FALCON
FLAMINGO
HAWK
HERON
KOOKABURRA
MOCKINGBIRD
OSTRICH
OWL
PELICAN
RAVEN
SEAGULL
SPARROW
VULTURE
WREN

Q How to cats greet each other at Christmas?
A "A furry merry Christmas & Happy mew year"!

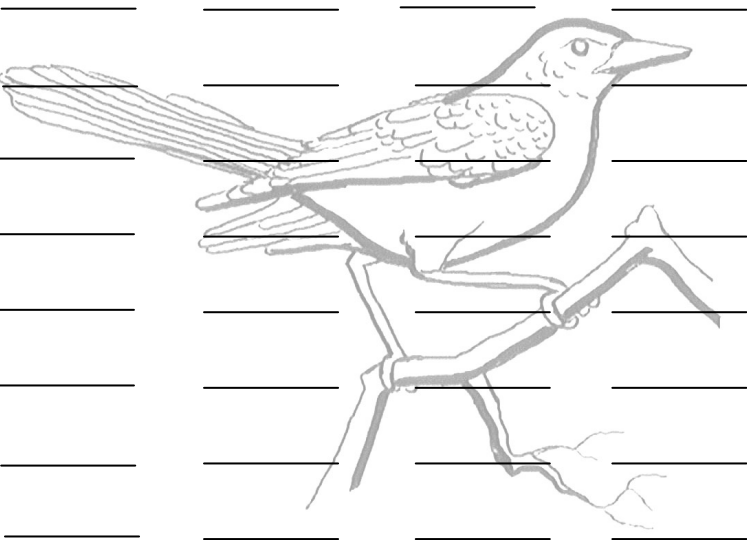
Word Find — Birds

BLUEJAY	CARDINAL	CROW
EAGLE	EMU	FALCON
FLAMINGO	HAWK	OWL
PELICAN	RAVEN	SEAGULL
SPARROW	WREN	

Q. What is the favourite Christmas treat for ducks?
A. Christmas Quackers!

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

Arctic Tern



Aim for 50 if you can

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

Can you use the 13 letters left over from the "Word Find" to make a phrase for the season?

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

Another year has nearly gone, seemingly faster than ever. We have placed more animals in the past twelve months than ever before, due to the tireless work of every Humane Society volunteer.

The process starts with our foster homes collecting the animals primarily from Shelters but sometimes from members of the public who have found or need to rehome them. They take them to the vet for checking, vaccinating and desexing, after which they are put on our website and Trade Me, with a detailed list being sent to the telephone volunteers who are then responsible for giving out details and vetting prospective new owners. Once they are as satisfied as they possibly can be, they then refer callers to the foster home, who grill them a little more before making a time for them to visit and meet the animal. When the foster home is 100% sure they have found the right family, another volunteer goes out and physically checks the property to ensure fencing is suitable prior to the animal being released.

This is an abbreviated version of the whole process, but does give all members some idea of what is involved. Without every volunteer doing their bit along the way, the system would break down and become unworkable.

So, once again, our heartfelt thanks goes out to all who volunteer within the Humane Society – you do a wonderful job in whatever field you assist with. We are very proud of our achievements, in no small part due to each and every one of you.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful 2010.

A BIG THANK YOU TO VETERINARY CLINICS & SHELTER STAFF

This year we have financially assisted with the desexing of large numbers of family pets and stray cats rescued by small groups from Wellsford through to Waiuku.

This could not have been achieved without the invaluable assistance of all staff at veterinary clinics. We very much appreciate your ongoing help and support with not only the spay/neuter programme, but with the increasing numbers of foster animals we take into care. We thank you for accommodating us so readily, sometimes in urgent circumstances, which is invaluable to our foster homes.

Foster dogs, of course, primarily come from city Shelters, so our very grateful thanks also goes out to the staff at all Shelters we deal with, from Redvale in the north, to Franklin in the south. You do a great job selecting dogs suitable for adoption that are deserving of a second chance, so on behalf of our four-legged friends, thank you so much!

We send our very best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and 2010 to you all.

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

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.

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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 _____

Wishing you All a Safe and Happy Christmas



From:
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