



HUMANE SOCIETY  
OF NEW ZEALAND INC

# Newsletter

July 2010

Membership Subscriptions Now Due

July 2010 - Has it really been so long. 20 years ago my ex informed me that “every boy should have a dog”. At that stage our son was 7 1/2. I had never owned a dog. I had always had cats. But I did know that owning a dog required a much greater time commitment than sharing your home with a cat. I knew that I did not want to commit to 12—15 years of walking the dog and being there for it. I had serious concerns about expecting a 7-8 year old to take on such a responsibility. But— “every boy should have a dog” so what was I to do?

By chance I saw an advertisement in the New Zealand Herald, “Adopt a Pet, Dogs and Cats available, also looking for foster homes.” Could this be the answer? I phoned, explained my dilemma and concerns, and after several conversations, a visit from a member of the Humane Society to check my fencing was secure, I, with my son, took on the role of fostering. Our first animal in care was a lovely golden Labrador with an excellent temperament—a great start out dog perhaps! Three weeks was all it took for the son to also realise that he didn’t want that permanent commitment any more than his Mother did. It was agreed that “**not** every boy will have a dog”.

During the process, however, we did agree that it was really good to be able to give an animal the chance of a fresh start. Fostering and placing animals was a great way to enjoy animals being around without the enduring commitment and was a great way to give a little back both to the animals and to the very many wonderful people prepared to take in a stray and give it a new home. Within 6 months we were fostering cats and kittens as well as dogs.

20 years on, with a smaller section, we no longer foster dogs but still take in the occasional cat or kittens and still enjoy helping out where we can. To be a volunteer is so positive. The Humane Society has always been enabled by volunteers. Their concern for the welfare of the animals they take into care is great. The animals must be right for the environment they are going to. (A hunting Jack Russell is not right for a wheel-chair bound, city flat dweller.) New families need to match needs of the animals. Not always do we get it right but we do try to.

As I look ahead I thank all those volunteers from the past and all those who will, in the future, take up the challenge to help in their individual ways to better the lives of these less fortunate animals that need our help.

## Your committee:

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

## Letter from our President

23 June 2010

This is Volunteer Awareness Week – a promotion to honour over one million volunteers throughout New Zealand who give of their time and skills for various causes in their lives. As well as recognition, it is a time to promote the ethos of community work and values.

We in the Humane Society, are well aware that the whole concept of the Society is founded on volunteer work. 'Volunteering across the generations' is the theme of this years Volunteer Awareness Week, whereby whole families are encouraged to become engaged in a community project. Our foster homes, in the Humane Society, are fine examples of this as everyone becomes involved in the care of our fostered pets.

This is an opportune time, during this volunteer Awareness week, to reinforce the message to our members and the public, and to explain the opportunities available to do voluntary work for the Humane Society. In addition to foster homes various kinds of other work is available – we have a telephone answering service, property checking, 'taxi' services for pets, and all manner of office type work is done by the committee – such as preparing the newsletter, organising the spay/neuter campaign, collating and updating the advertising – and so on – as well as letter writing and book-keeping.

These are the people of the Humane Society we would like to thank for their services during this awareness week and hopefully their example will encourage others to step forward.

Don

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### **Humane Society Annual General Meeting on 22nd July 7.30pm Ranfurly Room, Epsom Community Centre**

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#### **A Time for Remembrance**

During this quarter our committee, with your help, completed a task they were pleased to be a part of. Andrée Lynch was a member of Humane Society for over 20 years and after she died we were eager to show our remembrance of her and all the help she gave to both animals and people during her life time. With specific contributions given for the purpose a memorial plaque was purchased at the Eden Gardens where it will remain indefinitely.

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May we had a small ceremony with Fr Peter Tipene blessing the plaque amidst a small group of members and friends. The weather stayed kind during the ceremony (just) and we shared again stories of how Andrée volunteered her time and skills, so enthusiastically, in so many way to help the Humane Society.



## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### Annual General Meeting

We are again at the time of the year where we review our activities over the past year, consider what we are doing well, and what could be improved. As we are just people, we should invariably find that there are some things we could do better and maybe some new ideas that we could add to our 'portfolio'.

Now is the time for you to put forward your ideas. On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July it is our Annual General Meeting and we would love to see you and hear from you. Please join us if you can or if you have a burning idea or question and can't attend, let us know and we will bring it to the meeting for you.

You will find us in the Ranfurly Room at the Epsom Community Centre, 200 Gillies Ave, Epsom at 7.30pm on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Other contact details for the Humane Society are on Page 9.

### Membership Subscriptions

Now is the time to check whether your subscription is up to date. All subscriptions now come due on the 1 July each year. We do have some members who have paid their subscription two and even three times in the past year. If you are one of those we are not expecting a further payment from you. But for most of us mere mortals now is the time.

Family membership is \$15. If you are a supporting member – e.g. helping on the phones, doing section checks etc. the fee is \$12. The Senior Citizen rate is \$8. For any member who is unsure whether they have already paid you can check by email to [info@humanesociety.org.nz](mailto:info@humanesociety.org.nz) or phone and leave a message on 298-4875 and I will come back to you with the information.

### From the Mailbox

First a follow-up from our last mailbox. You may remember that Walter was going on a holiday .

Just a short note to say that Walter, our miniature poodle is a good traveller and has had lots of walks around the West Coast beaches, Arthurs Pass, and around Ashburton and Oamaru. Now we are at Dunedin and this morning he had a good walk along the promenade, a bit rough out to sea but the weather is good, only two days of drizzle. Walter has had so many good sniffs he's just about ready for a new nose. We are off to Invercargill tomorrow. Walter has only had to wear his raincoat once when he went out for his early morning walk. Lots of Oohs and Arrs from the school children. Well enough from us . Mary & Owen & Wally

### And along came Bindi

When I met my husband he was definite about NOT liking dogs. We soon had a toy poodle that within a few days he was potty about! 28 years and 4 poodles later (one of which is still with us) my dear friend Faye who I had got my poodles from, had a brain storm and got a couple of Chihuahuas. Yuk I thought. Then I went for one of my many 'breaks' with her and, oh yeh, I was won over.

Faye then decided to breed from one of them and offered me a puppy. Oh yes please, said I. Oh definitely not, said the husband. Having selective hearing, I went ahead and brought Bindi home. She has been with us for 6 weeks now and there is a nightly routine. After dinner the husband sits with his lips clamped together while Bindi races up his chest and proceeds to give his moustache a thorough cleaning. This involves her tongue occasionally going up his nose, and his prickles going up hers. So amidst much sneezing from both parties the job gets done.





## A Dog Well Placed .....

About 2 months ago New Zealand Detector Dog Services were on the lookout for a promising young recruit to join their team of drug detector dogs who provide drug screening services to the private sector. Our company has a policy to only take dogs from animal welfare organisations, as we are passionate about giving these dogs a chance to have a busy and fulfilling life and want to make a difference, no matter how small that may be.



I had noticed Bree on 'Trade Me' with the Humane Society for quite some time, and this was not the first time she had featured.

After talking to Bree's foster Mum, Tina, I thought that Bree may be exactly the type of dog who would be suited to drug work. She was energetic, cheeky and full of life and trouble—just what I look for in a working dog.

I drove out to see Bree, who bounded out of the house, raced down the stairs and galloped round the yard, greeted me like a long lost friend. She looked ideal for the role, and I had a pretty good idea that she would take to the training with enthusiasm.

Well I am pleased to say that Bree has flown through her initial Scent Association training with us and is well on her way to becoming a fully fledged detector dog. I will keep you updated on her progress, but it won't be long before she is out there working alongside our other rescued dogs such as Zara. Keep an eye on our website for pictures of Bree and our other dogs working:

[www.nzddsk9.co.nz](http://www.nzddsk9.co.nz)

Thank you to the great staff and people who support the Humane Society and give dogs like Bree a chance at having a successful and rewarding future, and all of us here at New Zealand Detector Dog Services hope that dogs like Bree will encourage others to think about making a difference.

A happy ending to Bree's tale!





## Pets Picnic in the Park - 2010

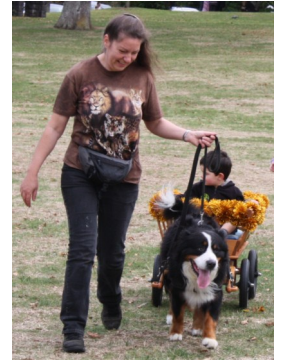
### “ A fun event to enjoy”

Our fun day in the park, beside the Auckland Observatory, was once again a day to remember. The weather may not have been as great as the previous year (as one smashed windscreen due to the wind -blown, crashing speakers attested) but the many people and dogs present were able to enjoy themselves greatly. There was much fraternising, sharing, and good will evident.



Once again we were pleased to have with us the great people from Animal Control. It was great to have them available for members to speak to about specific issues. And the little dog they brought with them received much attention. In the show ring their knowledge and impartiality during judging was much appreciated.

We also had Fiona again with her dog Oskar, complete with dog cart, available to give our very youngest members (under two years old) a ride around the show ring. This was very popular, with Oskar being kept busy for over half an hour.



Following that we had our very special performers, Owner and dog times 3, performing together to music. They may not have quite reached the standard of the finalist in the British Show “We’ve Got Talent” , but I think they did amazingly well. For one of these pairs it was their first outing in public and they both handled it very well. Please come again next year!

During all this our cheerful sausage sellers, merchandise sellers and white elephant sellers were kept busy with sales, questions, and general conversation. It is always nice to catch up with both people and animals that we

may not have seen since the previous year.

In the show ring there was much enthusiasm. Dogs of every colour, size and shape were present to challenge for the many ribbons and prizes that were on offer.



#### Results were as follows:

Best Groomed:	1st Stephanie Hancox	2nd Catherine Lamb	3rd Laura Cartwright
Best Rescued:	1st Eileen Clark	2nd Alison Turner	3rd Emma Walker
Dog most like Owner:	1st Linda Afford	2nd Scott Meiklejohn	3rd Lisa Brown
Best Veteran:	1st Robyn Meiklejohn	2nd Linda Afford	3rd Eileen Clark
Dog Judges would most like to take home:			
Amber	1st Alison Turner	2nd Laura Cartwright	3rd Casey Jenkins
Michael	1st Nick Meiklejohn	2nd Stephanie Hancox	3rd Olivia Gate
Best Quick Trick	1st Lyn Jones	2nd Olivia Gate	3rd Stephanie Ryan
Best Child Handler:	1st Elise Jacobs	2nd Daniel Baird	3rd Olivia Gate

**Best in Show: Elise Jacobs**  
**Runner Up: Olivia Gate**

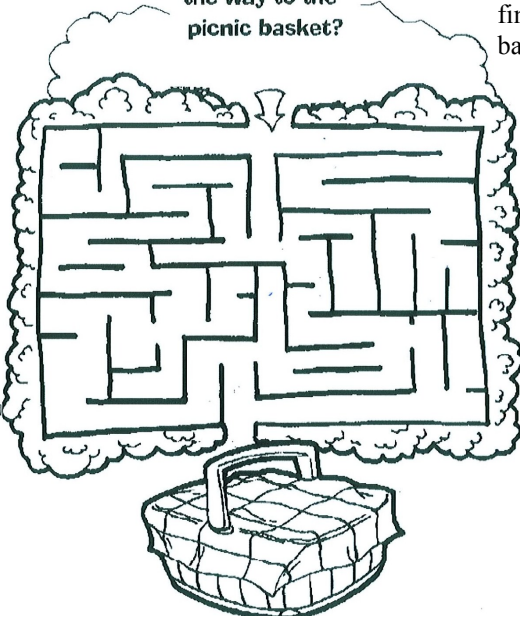
Once again our thanks go to the great judges from Animal Control. All the participants were special in their own way. Amber and Michael did a wonderful job, as they and their colleagues do in the many other ways they help us during the year. Thank you. If you missed the fun this year do remember to come next time.



# Kids Corner

Q. What starts with 't' ends with 't' and is filled with 't'?  
A. A Teapot!

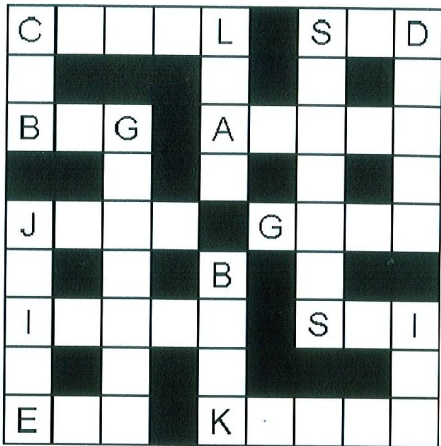
Can you find the way to the picnic basket?



If you are smart you will find three tracks to the basket.

Q. Why did the Bumble Bee put honey under his pillow?  
A. He wanted to have sweet dreams!

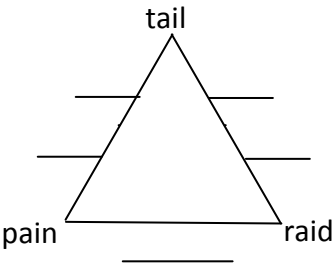
The first letter of each answer appears next to its clue in alphabetical order. All the first letters have been entered into the grid. Can you complete the puzzle?



- A. Fruit of the oak tree (5)
- B. Something to read (4)
- B. Insect (3)
- C. Taxi (3)
- C. Desert animal (5)
- D. Sand hills (5)
- E. The night before (3)
- G. Type of antelope (7)
- G. Precious stones (4)
- I. Ice hut (5)
- I. Writing fluid (3)
- J. Type of music (4)
- J. Fruit drink (5)
- K. Tap on a door (5)
- L. Jump (4)
- S. Unhappy (3)
- S. Brief periods of rain (7)
- S. Snow runner (3)

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



Q. What are the best days of the week in FastFoodLand?  
A. Fry-day and Sundae!

Q. How did the jury find the hamburger?  
A. Grill-ty as charred!

## Word Find:

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|---------|------------|------------|--------------|
| BigMac  | Burgerfuel | Burgerking | Chinese      |
| Chips   | Combo      | Dominos    | DunkinDonuts |
| Fish    | Ice        | Indian     | KFC          |
| Nuggets | McDonalds  | Pies       | Pizza        |
| Roti    | Takeaways  | Water      | Wendys       |
| Woppor  |            |            |              |

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

### TAKEAWAYS

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Aim for 30 or more

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## SPAY/NEUTER FUND

We are very proud to report that our spay/neuter figures for the last financial year have almost doubled from the previous one. We have assisted 249 animals from 31 March 2010 to when this newsletter went to press. These figures include the financial assistance we give to the various small cat and dog rescue groups (currently seven) who do not have the funding to desex all animals leaving their care. If they are able to do the hard yards caring and feeding for the various waifs and strays, it makes logical sense for us to share the desexing costs so all animals go to new homes unable to reproduce. Desexing has always been our core focus, with "Neuter and Spay - the only way" being our mantra for many years now. The Spay/Neuter Application Forms are now able to be downloaded from our website which is proving to be a very valuable tool with placement of animals and general information on the Society as well. If you know of anyone requiring financial assistance with desexing, then please either download the form off the website or call our phone volunteer who will post one out.

**AGM on Thursday 22nd July 2010 at 7.30pm in the Ranfurly Room at the Epsom Community Centre.  
I hope to meet you there.**

## ANIMAL ADOPTIONS

We have also had a very busy year with the adoption of dogs and cats with 76 dogs/puppies being adopted from the Society so far this year. We have rescued a number of litters of pups, plus a mum and her eight puppies which were born in one of the Shelters.

We have also placed more cats/kittens than in previous years, due to the fact that one of our dog foster mums decided to "defect" to looking after felines instead, which has resulted in a big increase in cat/kitten placements. At the present time, we also have a rabbit looking for a forever home.

Once again, our heartfelt thanks go out to each and every foster home, property checker and phone volunteer instrumental in making all of this happen. Your dedication, co-operation and sheer hard work is absolutely fantastic – as a 100% volunteer organization we are indeed proud of our achievements, as we go from strength to strength every year. We are also extremely grateful for each and every member, or member of the public, who sends regular donations towards our work – without these donations and bequests we would be unable to continue to assist increasing numbers of animals. And then, of course, there is the committee – quietly behind the scenes making everything come together ..... we have to give ourselves a little pat on the back too!!

We have placed the usual selection of lovely dogs of mixed parentage plus a number of pure breeds. The fact that 99% of these are unclaimed strays from city shelters continues to amaze us – why are the owners not looking for them? In the case of those around 6-12 months of age, it is obvious they were the cute puppies who were readily disposable once they had grown up and weren't cute any more. Most have no manners, haven't been taught a thing and desperately need even basic training. Others have obviously been much-loved pets who for whatever reason have not been claimed, and then there are those who have obviously been neglected, are in poor condition and whose lucky day it is when we collect them from the shelter, go about rehabilitating them and getting them ready for their new life with owners who will love them forever. This is when the reward for our foster homes come in, many of whom regularly hear from owners who have adopted their charges.

Many of these are on the Happy Tails page of our website – take a look!!

If you know of anyone looking to adopt cats/kittens or dogs/puppies, then please do tell them to call, check out our website and/or Trade Me.

Can you help? Blankets are being knitted for our foster dogs but we are looking for donations of wool. Please ring the phone line if you can help.



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Donation Form

**The Honorary Treasurer  
Humane Society of NZ Inc.  
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Greenwoods Corner  
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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

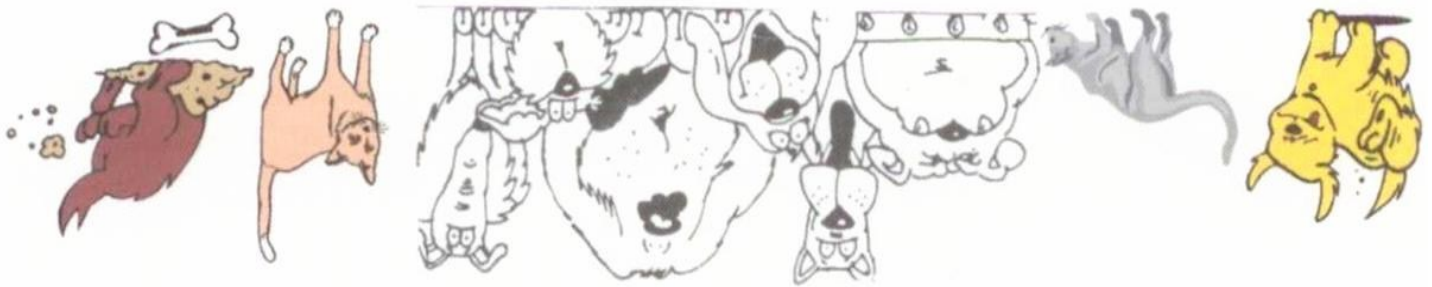
ENCLOSED:	\$12.00 (Supporting Member)	I am interested in helping the
		Society with:
	\$15.00 (Family Member)	WEEKEND PHONE VOLUNTEER
		WEEKDAY PHONE VOLUNTEER
	\$ 8.00 (Senior Citizen)	DOG FOSTER HOME
		DOG PLACEMENT CHECK

NAME: Mr/Mrs/Ms \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POST CODE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

***Come join us AGM on 22 July 2010 at 7.30pm***



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