



A NEW LEASH ON LIFE

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Meet the 2009 Board Candidates

Daneille Wilson, Becca Fulkerson, Gloria Goodwin, Jerry Datz, Rachel Powell, Lori Carlson, Deborah McDonald Claeys, and Amy Barnes will all be returning to complete their two year terms. **Cathy Jones'** two-year term is up, but she plans to run again. The terms of Dee Williams, and Rob Leamy end at the January meeting and they have chosen to retire.

Nominees for officer positions are Daneille, Becca, and Gloria who will be seeking the offices they currently hold—President, Vice President and Secretary respectively. Deborah McDonald Claeys has agreed to run for Treasurer, taking over for Jerry Datz who prefers remaining on the Board as an At-Large member. This still leaves us with a solid Board of Directors, but you will think it even better as you discover who the Nominating Committee has come up with to fill three open seats.



Dave Lehman, well-known and beloved member of the community says that if elected, he will strive to make LCHS more visible, increase the number of adopted pets, and secure a new physical facility. Some of you may know Dave as the entertainment specialist for Park National Bank's Freedom Years. Some may remember him as the Advertising Director of the Newark Advocate; and others as the Goodwill Ambassador for two

Newark Mayors. Others of you have been introduced to Dave through his work as a professional Comedy Magician, and Inspirational Speaker.

Dave has been married to his wife, Patty, for 49 years. They raised three children—Cheryl (deceased), Lynn and Tim. Many of you will remember Cheryl Lehman as a precious angel and benefactor of LCHS. Do you say "like father; like daughter" or like daughter; like father?" Which ever, LCHS considers itself blessed by both.

Marilyn Beesley comes to us from Bruckler and Kishler Funeral Home where she is a licensed funeral director and serves as a coordinator of the Coalition for End of Life Choices. She has spoken to groups throughout Licking County on the importance of having advance care documents in place. Marilyn spearheaded the "Paws to Remember: Pets are Family Too" which won an International award for the "Best of Best" community event. The local event honored the pets in our lives, and memorialized those that had passed on. The Licking County Humane Society was recognized for their role in protecting animals and the Newark Police Department K-9 Program was recognized for the part animals play in protecting the community. "Paws to Remember" was one of only nine programs throughout the world to receive this award. Licking County can be proud to have been recognized in such a distinguished fashion, and to claim Marilyn as one of their own. Marilyn is married to Harold Beesley, and together they have two children, three grandchildren, and two toy poodles—Rudy and Giuliani.

Rick Orr is a life-long resident of Licking County. He is currently a member of the Hebron Zoning and Planning Board, and the Hebron American Legion. He graduated from Lakewood High School and worked 14 years in their maintenance and transportation department after attending the New York Technical Institute and serving in the U. S. Army. In 1994 he became the first Village Administrator of Hebron and secured 1.3 mil-

LCHS BOARD

Daneille Wilson, President
Becca Fulkerson, Vice President
Gloria Goodwin, Secretary
Jerry Datz, Treasurer
Dee Williams, Membership
Rachel Powell, At-large
Cathy Jones, At-large
Rob Leamy, At-large
Amy Barnes, At Large
Lori Carlson, At Large
Deborah McDonald Claeys,
At-large

Board Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every month in room B of the Licking County Admin. Bldg. at 20 S. 2nd St., Newark, Ohio

STAFF

Sharlene Burford, Shelter Manager
Steffanie Kennedy, Animal Care Coordinator
Jodi Morris, Vet Technician
Mike Pennell, Animal Caregiver
Skip Shumaker, Animal Caregiver

**The LCHS shelter is located at
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MISSION STATEMENT

The Licking County Humane Society is a nonprofit volunteer organization devoted to the humane treatment of animals. The Society furthers its mission by providing shelter and adoption opportunities for homeless animals, by educating the public in regards to the humane treatment of animals, and by reducing over population of cats and dogs through spay/neuter procedures.



SHELTER MEWSINGS

Cheyenne and Miss Diva: Long-term Residents of the Shelter



Hello, my name is **Cheyenne** and I am looking for a forever family. I currently live at the Licking County Humane Society where I have been for quite awhile now. I get discouraged sometimes because I so want to be adopted. The staff and volunteers at the shelter

love me but it's not the same as having my very own family.

I am a Shepherd mix who is approximately 4 years old. I was rescued from the pound by LCHS. Little is known about my background because of this. I like to take walks and have my head rubbed. I do best with male dogs but really don't like to play rough. I'm all girl in that respect. I'm very nurturing with the puppies that come to the shelter, but they have all been readily adopted (puppies are so cute) while I am still here.



My name is **Miss Diva** and I am a long-term resident of LCHS currently living at Complete Petmart in the Southgate Shopping Center. I am staying at Petmart for awhile

in hopes that my forever family will discover me there, and take me home..

Here are some important things to know about me. I am a female Calico, and throughout history many cultures have considered the calico cat to be lucky. For instance at one time in Japan, a calico cat was thought to bring good luck to a home and to protect sailors on their ships.

But back to me. My name suits me perfectly. I am definitely a Diva. I like and expect to be "Queen of the House". I welcome and enjoy your attention but, when I'm finished with the lovey-dovey stuff you will be advised in no uncertain terms. I am very independent. My favorite activities are sitting in the window or on a cat tree looking down on the world. I would be best matched with a family without young children who would not understand my independent ways. Naturally, I would prefer to be the only cat in the house. However, if you insist, I will live with other cats but they would have to adjust to my diva-style. I would do fine in a family that worked, as I enjoy my "alone time." As long as I had your full attention when you got home, we would get along splendidly.

I'm looking for a family who can appreciate my Diva requirements (knowing they are just a cover-up for a lonely girl who doesn't want to be hurt ever again) Stop in Complete Petmart and see me. I have been waiting a long time for a forever family and am aching for your company. If you know someone who might be interested in my being their loving friend, please ask them to contact the Humane Society. I'm such a good girl and I'm ready to go home.

Board Members Make Thanksgiving Possible for Pets

Deborah McDonald Claeys has done a great job in organizing the LCHS pet food pantry for families with pets in need; and **Gloria Goodwin** has arranged to have 1/2 a semi-load of pet food donated and delivered by Kroger every other month. **Becca Fulkerson** has offered to have the food dropped off at Complete Petmart where volunteers will be recruited to separate and bag it for distribution at Last Call Outreach Ministries located at 310 Everett Ave. **Lori Carlson** has handled the publicity, to make sure people are aware of this resource. Board Members like these are what allows us to continue to operate solely on memberships, donations, and good deeds.

To volunteer your help in operating this worthwhile program, please call the shelter at 740-323-2100 for more information.



CAUSE FOR THE PAWS

LCHS SCHOOL PROGRAM



Did you know about the Humane Education classes that Sallie Carlson, our Education Coordinator, offers to all the elementary schools in Licking County? At the beginning of the new school year, Sallie mailed out letters to 48 schools telling them of our Humane Education Program. By the end of September eight schools had re-

sponded and more are expected to continue to do so.

Sallie introduces students to the care and treatment of their pets through her own creative puppet show, along with age appropriate handouts. One school has requested once again that they receive "Kind News," the United States Humane Society's school newsletter. These newsletters are provided at a small cost to LCHS and help educate our young people on the humane treatment of animals.

If you have a child in school and have not heard that Sallie is scheduled to speak, please have your youngster ask his teacher to get in touch with Sallie by calling the shelter at 740-323-2100.

Christmas Gift Wrap



WHERE? Indian Mound Mall

WHEN? Monday, December 22

WHAT TIME? Noon till 8:00 p.m.

FOR? LCHS Homeless Animals

Start having a Merry Christmas early. Call the shelter at 740-323-2100 or

e-mail Gloria Goodwin at gjgoodwin@roadrunner.com. to volunteer for a two hour fun shift (noon till 2:00, 2:00 till 4:00, 4:00 till 6:00 or 6:00 till 8:00).



Memorial Contributions were made by L.M.H. Patient Accounts Staff and Beth Hunter - Hannah in memory of Beth's beloved dog Hershey. Fran Heimerl made a donation in memory of her little shih tzo, Chin. Hershey and Chin wait at the rainbow Bridge.

TIME FOR 2009

MEMBERSHIP

RENEWALS

Please complete the application form on the next page and mail it with your donation in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Your support allows the Licking County Humane Society to continue to provide shelter and adoption opportunities for homeless animals.

Don't forget you must be a 2009 member to vote at the annual meeting on January 20.



LICKING COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

"We can judge the heart of man by his treatment of animals"—Kant

Membership Status: New Renewal Date: _____

Individual \$25.00

Family \$30.00

Senior \$15.00

Student \$15.00

Business \$50.00

Donation \$_____

Memberships run from January 1 to December 30.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Mail this form with your check to the Licking County Humane Society, P.O. Box 933, Newark, Ohio, 43058. If you have any questions call the LCHS shelter at 740-323-2100 or stop by 548 Dog Leg Road, Heath, Ohio. Be sure to ask about our volunteer and sponsorship programs to discover other ways that you can help provide opportunities for homeless animals in Licking County.

Donations are tax deductible under section 501(c) (3) of the IRS Code



Happy Tails



From the President's Desk

Adoptions continue to bring us much joy at the shelter as Titan, the German Shepherd and Jake, the Gentle Giant have found their forever families. These were just two of about twenty other lucky pets making November a month truly full of blessings.

As the weather is turning and perhaps keeping many of us more indoors, we want to encourage pet lovers out there to go to www.zootoo.com and log-in to help raise points for our shelter. If we can get to 25,000 points by March, we can go into a drawing for a possible million-dollar makeover of our shelter! We can only dream of something this big for our animals! You don't have to buy anything, just go to the website, register, pick our shelter and then do things like upload pictures of your own pets, review pet products, write comments on pet places, etc. Nineteen other shelters will win up to \$5000 so we would love to be in that bunch if we aren't the big winner! You and your friends can even compete to see who can get the most points!

Christmas is right around the corner and we often warn people that giving pets as gifts is often not the best idea. If you have a family member or friend wanting a pet, perhaps consider a gift certificate from the shelter so they can come at a later time to find that perfect pet for them. That allows the person to make sure the pet is the right one for them and vice versa. And giving pet beds, treats, toys, food, books ahead can also be a great way to get a child excited about coming to the shelter later to find their own new friend! While we love all of our pet adoptions prior to Christmas, please plan ahead as our shelter will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 24 & 25.

Thanks to your generous donations, both of caring volunteer hours and generous financial support throughout the year, many of our shelter dogs and cats will be spending perhaps their first Holiday as a valued member of a loving family.

Many visitors comment on the friendliness and positive expectations of our cats. First-time dog walkers are surprised how well socialized our dogs are and what a joy they are to walk (Okay, admittedly some are more of a joy than others). This is due to the time, love, and attention they receive from our staff and dedicated volunteers.

We have a number of parent/children volunteers which is so beneficial to the animals that have the chance to interact with and learn to love children. A number of our cats are especially attracted and attentive to the disabled. With volunteer interaction we gain valuable information to be considered when it comes to the animals' adoption. Even in this financial climate, these volunteers continue to care about the plight of our pets and do not fail to give of themselves for their benefit.

Our staff wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and please don't forget to include your pets in the family gathering over the holidays.

Danielle Wilson, President

If at First You Don't Succeed...

Over a year ago the Board of Directors wanted to hire Sharlene Burford as a shelter manager. Unfortunately they were unable to steal her away from her regular job. However, she continued to work once a week at the shelter caring for the animals. When the newly hired shelter manager failed to be exactly what the Board was looking for, the Board once again turned to Sharlene. This time she agreed to accept the position of LCHS Shelter Manager. Sharlene has 13 years experience as a Veterinarian Assistant and 12 years as a Medical Assistant. Her most recent employment was as a Surgical Assistant for Dr. Morris at the Animal Care Center at Granville. She and her husband Tom live in St. Louisville with their one dog and two cats. They have one adult daughter and a two-year old granddaughter. Welcome aboard, Sharlene!

Board Candidates (Cont. from page 1)

Rick Orr (continued from page 1): In 1998 he accepted the position of Facilities Manager at C-Tech which includes overseeing all functions related to transportation, safety, building maintenance, grounds keeping, mechanical and technological issues, capital improvements construction and budget restraints.

Rick lives in Hebron with his wife Terrie and they have three sons—Michael, Greg and Chris; plus three dogs—4-Wood, Maxfli and Lucy. 4-Wood and Maxfli have names that tease us into thinking there are stories waiting to be told. We'll have to ask.

For more detailed information on these candidates (and any others that may be added by the Nominating Committee prior to the January election) their resumes will be available for you to review at the shelter. They also will be made available at the January meeting.



SHELTER INFORMATION

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IN LOVING MEMORY

Donations have been made to Licking County Humane Society

In memory of:

Mary Kay Marti, , Susan Gage, Betty Morrison, Gary Strum, Mary E. Turner, Doreen Loucks, Sheldon Humiston, Ginny Wachaya, Dorothy Waters, George Fisher, Kinsey Dunbar, Patricia, Heimerl, Launa Spiker, Larry Moreland, Dorothy Kunkle and Irene Pocius

By the following family members and friends:

Mary Kishler, Allen & Sandra Anthony, Marilyn Hiles, Sharron Powell, Park National Bank, Joseph Parkinson, Amelia Jones, Martha & Gary McDonald, Romona Howard, O.K. Waters, Tom & Gayle Mulvey, Pamela Maggied, Fran Heimerl, Dick and Linda Reynard, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Reynard, Christina Morgan, Lester Hadyn Tim & Karen Sullivan

Note: LCHS apologizes for any names that have been missed over the last six month period. Some of our data got messed up one morning when the cats were out playing on the computer keyboard. We suspect they were trying to send an e-mail to Santa.