



A NEW LEASH ON LIFE

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

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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN



The election of Board Members and Officers is once again fast approaching. The LCHS annual meeting will be held January 15, 2008, in Room B of the Licking County Administration Building. All current Board members will be continuing their two year terms. Lisa Stepson is a candidate for President, and Dee Williams is seeking a second term as Membership Secretary. In the coming year, all Board members will be expected to have oversight of some operational detail related to the shelter. In addition they will be encouraged to spend one day a year at the shelter in order to understand the complexities of the services provided.

Amy Callander is Chairwoman of the nominating committee with Gloria Goodwin and Brooke Datz assisting. This group has recruited five outstanding candidates for the 2008 Board of Directors. They are as follows:

Deborah McDonald Claeys is a lifelong resident of Licking County. She has 17 years of accounting experience, and is currently employed at the Licking County Foundation. Deborah started rescuing stays over six years ago and began the group called Stop the Suffering. She has fostered over 30 dogs in her home along with approximately 100 "over nighters." Deborah lives in Pataskala.

Jerome Datz is the CFO for the Golf Works in Newark. He has over 25 years experience with budgeting, accounting, and investments. His office is very close to the shelter and he feels their close proximity would be advantageous to his being a Board member. Jerry lives in Granville with his family. They are currently fostering a LCHS dog.

Gayle Mulvey is an Area Trainer for PetSmart Stores. She oversees the Columbus, Zanesville, Dayton and Mansfield areas. She has been a trainer with PetSmart for 8 years and an Area Trainer for the past year and a half. She has three children, 6 dogs, several cats, a horse, birds and fish. She lives in Granville.

Danielle Wilson is a small business owner who produces some of the best natural pet food in Central Ohio. Prior to raising her family she spent seven years as a veterinary technician and zoo keeper/docent. After her children were born she continued in the veterinary field and then went on to manage several hospital and medical offices. She has regular contact with a number of rescue groups including those for Pugs, American Eskimos, Greyhounds and German Shepherds. Danielle lives in Granville.

Amy Barnes is a computer engineer for AT&T. She has been involved in Basset Rescue for many years. Her family owns Broadway Kennels where she is a regular visitor and helps with group play and daycare. She is dedicated to her mission of making a difference in the animal community through fostercare and adoption programs. She lives in Johnstown.

The LCHS By-Laws do not require that all officer positions be filled, but should any candidate decide to run, the office they seek will be stated on the ballot. Nominations from the floor will be accepted prior to the voting. You must be a member to vote.

Don't forget the Board meeting will be December, 18, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in Room B of the Licking County Administration Building.

HBHS BOARD

Dee Williams, Acting President
Cathy Jones, Treasurer
Rob Leamy, At-large
Amy Callander, At Large
Lisa Stepson, At Large

STAFF

Tammy Evans,
Shelter Office Coordinator
Diana Loewendick,
Shelter Animal Coordinator
Jodi Morris, Vet Tech
Rhoena Scaffide, Shelter Tech
Kathy Burnette, Shelter Tech
Kayla Miller, Shelter Tech
Sharlene Burford, Shelter Tech
Floyd (Skip) Shumaker, Shelter Tech



CONTACT INFORMATION

Board members welcome your suggestions and concerns. If you can't reach the shelter staff at 323-2100, call Dee at (740) 344-7403 from 8 in the morning till 5 p.m. If you prefer e-mail, the office address is home-wardbound@windstream.net. Dee's e-mail is deewill@roadrunner.com.

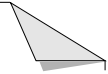
Visit the shelter in person on Monday, Tuesday, Friday or Saturday from noon till 4:30; on Thursday from noon till 7 and Sunday from 1 till 4.

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



Member Generosity Gives Shelter Pets A Merry Christmas



In response to the 2008 LCHS membership drive letter seeking funds for the purchase of warm beds for our

shelter animals, a total of \$610 was donated by Ruth Stefanich, Carol Carter and Dee Williams. The particular beds that are being purchased for the shelter, are called Kuranda beds, the only bed that has been proven safe and durable for our dogs and cats.

One dog bed with a chew-proof pad costs, with a shelter discount, about \$65.00. Comfortable beds have become an issue at the shelter because the dogs typically can't have towels or blankets to sleep on. These soft materials invite chewing and are a health risk. The \$610 donations will give us a start on providing all our animals with a comfortable sleeping place off the cold cement floor.

To donate a Kuranda bed, visit the Licking County Humane Society page on Petfinder.com., then click on the Donate-a-Bed link. You can also visit Kuranda USA at kuranda.com and select LCHS from the list on the Donate-a-Bed page.

For more ideas for donations/gift giving, please contact the shelter at (740) 323-2100 for information as to what is needed and what is safe for the animals.

Counting Our Blessings

The year 2007 is nearly over. LCHS has undergone many changes over the past year and we all know how difficult changes can be even when they are for the best. However, the struggles have been worth the effort. We have definitely made great strides in community relations and operational procedures.

At the start of the year, President Will Kennard set things in motion for us to be designated a public non-profit organization. The "public" designation improves our chances of receiving corporate donations and having grant applications approved.

Later in the year he was responsible for seeing that a crew from State Farm gave the shelter a new look with a fresh coat of bright yellow paint.

After Will's resignation, Lisa Stepson joined the Board and set up a formal Foster Care program that has allowed us to take in more animals and nurture those with behavior or health problems. She also developed new forms and set up procedures to expedite the adoption process.

While the Board and staff were busy implementing these many changes, the community was at our door offering to help in countless ways. Businesses such as Village Landscapes, Complete PetMart and Cherry Valley Lodge have made

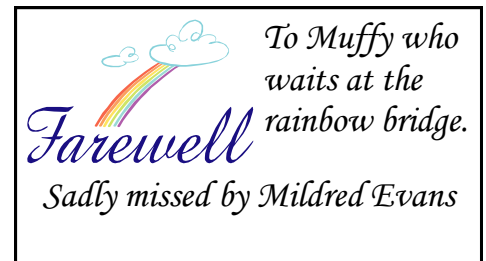
material as well as monetary contributions. Students from St. Francis Elementary, Excel Academy, Licking Valley and Welsh Hills School have donated time, money, and/or goods towards the care of our animals.

The list goes on as more and more children are celebrating their birthdays by forgoing presents and having party guests donate toys, food and supplies to the shelter. Individual community support is such that it is impossible to name all those who have contributed. We can only hope that all these good people know and understand how much their offerings are appreciated. Our goal is to continue to do our best and to be good stewards of all that so generously comes our way.



Angel Remembered

This time last year we were mourning the loss of one of our shelter angels. Cheryl Lehman passed away and took with her a huge amount of compassion and love for animals. On the anniversary of her death donations were received in her memory from Anna Lou Jones, David and Patty Lehman, and Beverly Harris.



CAN'T TAKE US ALL HOME?



YOU CAN STILL HELP BY SPONSORING ONE OF THOSE LEFT BEHIND

A \$20.00 sponsorship helps provide food, healthcare, and a safe environment for the cat or dog of your choice. In addition, sponsorship donations can be used to lower adoption fees on our harder to adopt animals. To sponsor one of our pets go to www.hbhs.petfinder.org and choose an animal, or visit the shelter at 548 Dog Leg Road, Heath, OH. Sponsors will receive a picture and a message from their sponsored pet, and the sponsor's name will be prominently displayed on the door of the animal's quarters. Sponsorships make

great gifts for animal lovers who already have pets or for some reason can't have a pet.

Complete and mail the form below, or visit the Licking County Humane Society and become a sponsor. For additional information call 740- 323-2100.

SPONSOR A SHELTER PET

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State/Zip Code: _____ E-mail address: _____

Name of animal you wish to sponsor: _____

Date: _____ Donation: _____ Check enclosed

Call me about volunteering my time

**The Licking County Humane Society is a non-profit organization
Funded entirely through general memberships and donations
A 501 (c) (3) status allows all donations to be tax deductible**



SHELTER INFORMATION

Address

548 Dog Leg Road, Heath, Ohio

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 933, Newark, Ohio 43058

Hours

Mon / Tues / Fri / Sat: 12:00-4:30 p.m.

Thursday: 12:00-7:00, Sunday: 1:00-4:00

Wednesday closed

Telephone

740-323-2100

Fax:

740-323-2107

E-Mail

howewardbound@windstream.net

Website

www.petfinder.com/shelters/hbhs.html

IN LOVING MEMORY



Donations have been made to Licking County Humane Society

In memory of:

Chelsea Frick, Carl Frost, Chetty Morris, Linda Applegate,

Patricia Heimerl, Sue Cox, Stardis Hulhorst,

and Francis Wohlheter

By the following people:

Dorothy & Robert Clow, Pamela & Jerry Ainley, Pud Baird, Linda Christman, Fran Heimerl, Tracy Hughes, Beth & Rich & Mitchell Crist,

Susan Hughes, James & Phyllis Penick, Jim & Diana Haren, Alfred & Barbara Kanuch, Ralph & Sharon Nethers, Gaynel Kern, Christine Burkamp, Kenneth Billig, Jerry & Linda Boyles, Johnda Orndorff, Richard & Mary Lewis, Dr. Suzette Hamilton, LMF Information Systems, Sarah Coventry, James Riley, Beverly Harris, Donald & Barbara Dolwick,

Joseph & Marilyn Johnston, Michael & Barbara Henderson, Paul & Josephine Baran, Betty Dodson, Tim & Sandy Mercer, Dorothy Waters, Bob & Marjorie Hill, and James &

June Sachs