



A New *Leash* on Life

Licking County Humane Society

Spring Newsletter 2011

Membership, What Does it Mean to You?

By Roy Sabo—LCHS Membership Chairperson

Why should you be a member of Licking County Humane Society? A good question indeed and I thought I'd ask you, because if you're reading this then you're possibly already a member. As you consider your answers let me discuss a few points that come to mind. The LCHS is a major no-kill shelter, dedicated to the safe haven of hundreds of dogs and cats each year. Each year thousands of meals are served, fresh drinking water poured, and clean kennels are made available for dogs and cats either directly in our small shelter or by our many generous community partners or foster homes.

The humane society spends thousands of dollars each year to local area veterinarians to spay or neuter surrendered or confiscated animals so that unwanted kittens and puppies won't endure a life of neglect, abandonment, or cruelty. Trips to the vet also include many emergency life or death visits, diagnostic testing, and treatment. Sadly, sometimes these veterinarian trips don't always have the positive outcome we wish for, and the LCHS staff is sometimes the last caring humans animals have contact with when they pass away. It is not unusual for a staff member to hold the soft paw of a dog or cat when its final breath is taken.

The Licking County Humane Society provides education on the proper treatment of pets in area schools and other outreach programs. Children learn the value of life in caring for their pets, they learn responsibility for proper nutrition and exercise for their pets and in the process they learn that sometimes lifelong friends have four legs and a tail. Additionally other outreach programs provide pet food for those struggling economically during these difficult times, so that owners don't have to make hard decisions regarding their furry friends.

The LCHS could have elected to stay in its old small home and not expand, but they didn't. The local need is too great with countless dogs and cats each day struggling to find food and shelter while the less fortunate are subjected to inexpressible cruelty. It is for these animals that your Licking County Humane Society has chosen to expand its operations. We do our work, quietly and professionally on the generous contributions of area citizens, businesses, and members, who like you, know that animal suffering cannot be tolerated.

If you already are a member of the Licking County Humane Society, we can't thank you enough. We appreciate your kindness as we pour each scoop of pet food, drive a distressed pet to the vet, and cover an anxious dog for the night with a warm blanket. Please encourage your friends, family and co-workers to become part of Licking County Humane Society. Please visit our website at <http://www.lchspets.org> for the full list of membership plans. For as little as \$25 a year you can make a difference in the lives of the pets in Licking County!!



LCHS is very happy to announce that we applied and received a grant from the Ohio Pet Plate Fund!! Please support the pets in Ohio by purchasing a Pet License Plate with your 2011 renewal.

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LCHS Board Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the OSU Newark Warner Library Norm Slight Room., Newark, Ohio @ 6:30 PM.

The LCHS Shelter is located at

548 Dog Leg Road, Heath Ohio
Phone: (740) 323-2100
Fax: (740) 323-2107
info@lchspets.org

MISSION STATEMENT

The Licking County Humane Society provides a secure shelter for dogs and cats while maintaining the resources needed to ensure they are placed for adoption with care and respect. Furthermore, we are a public advocate for the proper treatment of all animals and to ensure that their overpopulation is controlled by spaying and neutering. The Licking County Humane Society is a no-kill, 501(c)(3) non-profit volunteer organization.



PAWS FOR THE CAUSE

Dear LCHS Members,

The exciting news this quarter is that we are in contract on a property which will hopefully be the site of our new shelter. It is located on Thornwood Drive in Heath. We are currently working to complete the various environmental studies and zoning requirements needed. Stay tuned for a press release in April regarding closing on this property. It will be a great day in the history of LCHS!

We are working closely with the RASCAL unit out of Columbus to bring low cost spay/neuter to Licking County. The first session will be in May with monthly sessions following. We recognize that there are limited resources here for these services and we want to be the leader in the community to assist with this gap.

Another undertaking that is keeping us busy is the work with the Humane Agent, Paula Evans. Paula investigates animal abuse/neglect cases for us in the unincorporated areas of the county. We currently have 12 animals that were confiscated that are being managed in boarding facilities or foster care. We are in desperate need of foster families for confiscated animals so if you have room in your heart or your home for one of these needy pets, please call the shelter or fill out the foster care application on our website.

Happy Spring from the Humane Society!

Sincerely,

Lori Carlson, President

Det Food Pantry News

By Deborah McDonald

On Tuesday, February 8th the following fabulous volunteers sorted another 24 skids of pet food donated by The Kroger Company: Luann Louttit, John Oravec, Connie & Amy Barnes, CJ McCreary, Rick Orr, Will Rorrer, Maryann Lavigne, Bill Orr, Darrell Nichols, Chris Orr, Chelsea Mealick, Brooke Datz, Reni Nichols and Gloria Goodwin. The following day Rick Orr and Will Rorrer delivered nine skids of dog and cat food to Last Call Outreach Ministry, part of the Licking County Food Network, to be distributed to Licking County Families in need. Thank you to all the volunteers, Kroger, Jeff Moore and Mid State Warehouses, Inc. who help make this community outreach program possible.

It's that time....Spay and Neuter

Paula Evans LC Humane Agent

Each day 10,000 humans are born in the US and each day 70,000 puppies and kittens are born. As long as these birth rates exist, there will never be enough homes for all the animals. With these numbers three to four million dogs and cats are killed in shelters across this country every year, which is every 8 seconds. These staggering numbers do not include animals that die on our roads or from unreported cases of animal abuse.

Here are some facts:

- * Over \$2 billion is spent annually by government to shelter and ultimately destroy millions of adoptable dogs and cats due to shortage of homes. On an average it costs approximately \$100 to capture, house, and feed and euthanize an animal. Spaying and neutering saves the taxpayer dollars.
- * The perceived high cost of altering is not the problem, there are low cost spay and neuter clinics available.
- * The main reason for cat overpopulation is feral or free-roaming. An unsprayed female cat, her mate and all of their offspring, producing 2 litters per year, with 2.8 surviving kittens per year can total 11,606,077 cats in 9 years.
- * Neutering the male before he is sexually mature will inhibit such territorial linked behaviors like urine-marking and aggressive posturing.
- * Unsprayed females have incidences of mammary tumors, uterine infections and cancer.
- * There's absolutely no truth to the myth that it's best to let a female give birth to a litter before getting her spayed.

Pet overpopulation reaches into our homes, neighborhoods, shelters, rescue, humane societies and county facilities. A solution is possible and starts with each of us taking one small step in getting our own pets spayed or neutered. Our hope is to become aware and remember many of these problems of overpopulation start with the irresponsible person and in the end the animal becomes the victim and products of what humans have done. Make a difference and be a voice in your community to promote spay and neuter!

RASCAL UNIT



Dog Spay		Dog Neuter	
Up to 20lbs	\$57	Up to 20lbs	\$47
20.1 to 40 lbs	\$62	20.1 to 40 lbs	\$52
40.1 to 60 lbs	\$67	40.1 to 60 lbs	\$57
60.1 to 80 lbs	\$77	60.1 to 80 lbs	\$67
80.1 to 100 lbs	\$87	80.1 to 100 lbs	\$77
100.1 to 150 lbs	\$107	100.1 to 150 lbs	\$107
150.1 lbs & up	\$132	150.1 lbs & up	\$132
Cat Spay	\$52	Cat Neuter	\$42

Cryptorchid males (retained testicle): Price is 1/2 to full price of spay in addition to price of neuter for both dogs and cats. Pricing depends on location of retained testicle.

Dentals: Start at \$65 and go up based on need for extractions and antibiotics

Heartworm Test: \$15 Fecal Exam: \$15
Feline Leukemia / FIV / HWT: \$20

Vaccines: Rabies vaccine: \$7.00 (required for all spay/neuter patients over 12 wks)

DHLPP (dogs) \$10 Bordetella (dogs) \$10
Vaccine package \$25

FVRCP (cats) \$10 Leukemia (cats) \$13
Vaccine package \$25

Flea/Tick for dogs: Vectra 3D up to 55lbs: \$13
56 to 210 lbs: \$14

Heartworm Prevention: Interceptor

0-25 lbs \$4.50 ea 25-50 lbs: \$6 ea 50-100 lbs: \$7 ea
Over 100 lbs: \$11.50-14.00 ea

0-25 lbs \$50/yr 25-50 lbs: \$65/yr 50-100 lbs: \$75/yr
Over 100 lbs: \$125-150/yr

- * Deposit due at time of appointment to reserve spot.
- * Additional monies may be due the day of appointment for weight adjustment or if you choose to have additional services done.
- * No food after 9pm the night before surgery.

Arrival time: 9am May 22nd Dogs May 29th Cats

825 Thornwood Dr., Heath OH 43056

Please stop by or call LCHS @ (740) 323-2100 to reserve your spot!



BECAUSE THEY CARE

Happy Tails!

Valentine's Day turned out to be Romeo's lucky day. He was found in the middle of the road by a caring person who scooped him up and brought him into the shelter. He wasn't in the best of health and spent some time at the local vet's office. We are delighted to announce little Romeo, who doubled his weight during his stay has now found his forever home!! With a name like Romeo how could you not be charming.



DID YOU KNOW?

In 2010, LCHS placed 333 animals for adoption. Of these 333, 35 were saved from animal control where they were at high risk for euthanization. 153 were owner surrenders or animals abandoned. We also had 36 humane agent animals and accepted some pets from other rescue groups. We found homes for 73 cats, 70 kittens, 111 dogs and 79 puppies!!

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!

We are in need of foster homes on a short term basis for dogs or cats in need of a little extra TLC before they are adoptable or for humane agent cases pending trial/release into our program to save on boarding costs. You may get pre-approved by filling out an online foster application. We will provide all medical care, food and a crate. You simply provide TLC and a loving, caring home for these animals. You may specify dog, cat, puppy, kitten, size, gender etc. If you are interested in fostering or would like more info please contact us at 740-323-2100.

Kroger Community Rewards

Do you know you can give to the local pets in need by registering your Kroger Card to give 5% of your total purchase to LCHS? This will not affect your fuel or shopping reward points. It's easy to do! Go to <http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards> For those of you who are currently registered, you will need to renew your card in April for 2011. Thank You Supporters Who Shopped Kroger between 11/01/10 and 01/31/11.

Sue Baker	Gloria Goodwin	Sue Redmond
Cathy Ridenbaugh	Tauni Graham	Teresa Orr-Conrad
Terry Baker	Gary Harris	Shelly Ringler
Amy Barnes	Sharon Harris	Kari Sears
Robert Barnes	Kimberly Kyle	Lisa Shook
Connie Barnes	Sherry Mechling	Tamara Stein
Michelle Brady	Kasey Moore	Sharon Sykora
Sharlene Burford	Crystal Morgan	George Traicoff
Thelma Calhoun	Shelley Morgan	Katie Wallace
Lori Carlson	Duane Morrison	Tyler Weese
Douglas Carter	Damien Neely	Laurie Wells
Diane Charles	Julie Peacock	Carrie Wheeler
Melinda Claggett	Fred Procence	Cheryl Conley
Heather Acheson	Ken Drake	

In Memoriam

Donations were made in memory of the following special people and pets between 1/1/2011 and 3/11/2011.



In Memory of By

Eileen Stalter	Contour Forming Inc Richard & Yvonne Wood Douglas & Marianne Amspaugh Jamie Montealegre Bob & Barbara Spencer Yoland Rosato Florence Fisher
"Lightning" (daughter's family cat)	Patricia Hollingsworth
Cheryl Lehman	Nathan Buchanan Family
Della Hall	Beulah Varney
Maxfli (dog)	Jane Nugent
Millie (cat)	Frances Litten
Regenia Walbrecker	Sue Ety
Vincent Datz	Brooke & Jerry Datz
"Alley Girl" shelter adoptee	James Riley

In Honor of

Donations were made in honor of the following special people between 1/1/2011 and 3/11/2011.

In Honor of By

Dave Lehman	Nathan Buchanan Family
Robert & Joan Cullen	Abby & Zoe Knobloch

Sponsor-A-Pet Program

A \$20.00 sponsorship helps provide food, healthcare and a safe environment for the waiting pet of your choice. Sponsors will receive a picture and a personalized message from their sponsored pet. The sponsor's name will be prominently displayed on the animal's living quarters. You will also receive an adoption announcement when your pet goes home which professes your sponsored pet's eternal gratitude. Please visit our website for more info.

Special Thanks to Our Spring Sponsors!

LCHS

A Huge Thank You to our friends at Fado's Irish Pub & Restaurant and all of our GREAT volunteers who helped work the door during the St. Patrick's Day festival!!

Fundraising is an important part of caring for the pets at the shelter. Please consider volunteering for one of our upcoming events. For a complete list of events, please visit our web site at <http://www.lchspets.org>.



Mutt March Saturday April 16th 1-2:00 PM
(Registration 1-1:30 PM, Walk 1:30-2 PM)
All Dogs & Pet Lovers Welcome!
Join volunteers from Denison University and LCHS on a walk around Granville to support LCHS. All dogs must be on leashes and up-to-date on vaccinations.
Entry fee is a \$10 donation to LCHS.
Meet on South Quad of Denison University

Blessing of the Pets Saturday April 30th 1-2:30 PM
Christ Evangelical Lutheran
732 Hebron Rd
Heath, OH 43056
(740) 522-4505
All denominations welcome. Pets must be on leash or in a crate and must be up-to-date on vaccines. Come and get your pets blessed by Pastor Kristin Santiago. Donations go to LCHS.



Licking County Humane Society
P.O. Box 933, Newark, Ohio 43058

Adoption Hours are

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 12-7PM
Friday & Saturday 12-4:30PM
Sunday 12-4PM
Wednesday CLOSED

Receiving Hours are By Appointment Only.

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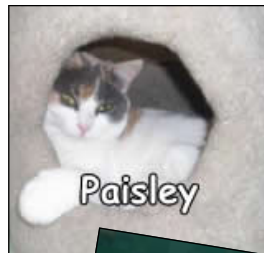
- April 10, 2011 Pins For Pets @ Valley Lanes in Newark
- April 16, 2011 Mutt March @ Denison
- April 30, 2011 Blessing of the Pets
- May 22, 2011 Rascal Unit - Dogs
- May 29, 2011 Rascal Unit - Cats
- June 11, 2011 Rascal Unit- Dogs
- June 12, 2011 Rascal Unit - Cats
- July 9, 2011 Jazz & Ribs Festival
- Sept. 3, 2011 Pet-A-Palooza

More info: <http://www.lchspets.org>

Meet Benny! 100% charm, guaranteed to win your heart! Benny was rescued from the Licking County Animal Shelter several months ago. Sadly, he was diagnosed with heart worms shortly upon his arrival. Heart worms, if left untreated are a certain death sentence for a dog. After a month of limited activity and treatment, Benny is very happy that he can run and play again. He has been learning to walk on a leash, sit and some basic manners. Benny has been with LCHS for over 4 months now and he is VERY excited to have a forever home of his home. Please can you be this happy ending for Benny? He would do best in a home without young children, he is very playful and can be too rough at times.



Meet Paisley, Riley, Colby, Laverne, & Sasha! These are just a few of the many cats & kittens who are waiting for a loving home at the shelter. Please stop by and meet your next furry friend!



- Shelter Wish List**
- * Scoopable Kitty Litter!!
 - * Kong® Dog Toys
 - * Postage Stamps (We like the pet ones)
 - * Cat Toys
 - * Staples Gift Cards
 - * Leather Leashes
 - * Heavy Duty Leashes
 - * Small & Medium Size Dog Collars
 - * Bleach
 - * Towels
 - * Donate A Kuranda Bed

**Meet Your Next
Furry Friend at the
Licking County
Humane Society!**

