



# A NEW LEASH ON LIFE

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

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## President's Message

Dear Friends,

This is a very exciting time at Licking County Humane Society and I am proud to be able to lead an organization that makes a difference to so many in the community. Any successful organization is made up of so many components, all working together for a common goal and pulling in the same direction. You—the best volunteers, Board members and a public who are all willing to help and support the Licking County Humane Society--all have a reason to feel proud about the roles you play.

During the past several months we have made many changes to our policies, with the goal of improving the lives of homeless animals throughout Licking County, as well as assisting other animals in staying in their homes for the long term. These goals will not be possible without help from the public as a whole. It is my sincere hope that you join me, the other Members of the Board and staff of LCHS, in helping to make our community a truly empathetic one.

For the past forty-two years, the Licking County Humane Society continually changed to meet the needs of the animals in our community, and 2007-2008 has been no exception. Our primary focus is on making Licking County a more humane community. We want to educate the community on the importance of systemic changes in animal welfare in the County.



Change can be very challenging, yet nothing is as important to the very relevance and survival of our organization. We have begun to look beyond our humble little shelter to help address the County's issue of pet overpopulation and have cre-

ated partnerships with rescues and local agencies to examine how through education and community outreach we can help to make this a better world for animals and their human companions.

But one thing never changes and that is the support we continue to need from our volunteers and donors.

To our current benefactors and volunteers I extend gratitude for all that you do to help us. We work hard every day to save as many lives of animals as we possibly can. Because of you the success is greater each day.

*Danielle Wilson*

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Fax: 740-323-2107  
homewardbound@windstream.net  
www.lchspets**

### 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



## *From the Manager's Desk...*

Hello to everyone! I want to take this opportunity to tell you how much I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the Licking County Humane Society. I have not had the pleasure of meeting everyone but I hope to in the near future. I believe WE can truly make the LCHS a model for others to follow. We have been working hard to improve the image of our facility, getting the word out about our vision, and enlisting volunteers to help us reach our goal.

I wish I could say that everything has been an easy process starting out but there are a few who have been uninterested in change. The only thing I'll say in regard to that is things, and times, do change. It's a part of life. To ease your concerns, you should know that the LCHS has my full attention. I take great pride in doing my job to the best of my ability and will stop at nothing in order to care for those entrusted to me. Our employees are terrific, caring people who give their hearts to the animals and concern themselves with finding the best homes for each. I have full confidence in them and you should too.

We have a new employee that is doing a fantastic job. His name is Mike Pennell. Mike is an animal care provider and will be assisting with our building and new construction endeavors. He has a wonderful personality and is very attentive to the animals and customers that spend time at our facility. He will be a terrific ambassador for us as we move ahead and I look forward to seeing his smiling face as we continue to grow.

Kim Lovell, who many of you know, is back as an animal care provider. Kim is always full of stories and possesses a great attitude that makes everyone she works with much more relaxed. She has been terrific in helping me get accustomed to my new surroundings.

I also want to take this moment to acknowledge Steff Kennedy. Steff is our Animal Care Coordinator. She is truly an animal lover and does everything she can to see that they are cared for in the most effective way. When Steff is not working, she comes in on her own time and checks on the well being of each and administers medications as needed. She recently finished her education to obtain a certificate as a veterinary assistant. We are fortunate to have her and, I for one, feel blessed that she is a person to depend on.

I've been in contact with agencies such as Goodwill

Youth Services, Licking County Job and Family Services, and the Licking County Court systems. We have been able to get things done such as yard work, interior renovations, and animals being exercised/socialized due to their acceptance of our goals and initiatives. I have taken no less than a dozen calls in the past eight (8) working days from people in the community that have complimented our agency's inventiveness in reaching out into the community. Folks I have to tell you, we are doing good things here. And we are going to continue to do these things as we grow, as we help, and as we make a difference in the lives of animals and of people. I hope you all join us in our quest to achieve the prominence that I have described.

Until the next time, *Kenny*

## CATS IN TREES



We are not talking about trees like the one the little darling in the picture is clinging to, but the manmade kind found in Pet stores. All our cats love being able to perch up high on a carpeted tree or shelf in their

new cat enclosure at the shelter. Thanks to Tom Burford, and his friend Terry Brewer, all the old cat cages have been removed and replaced with a screened in area that allows our kitties to move around from perch to perch, and even sit in the sun on a window ledge. Sharlene Burford, our part-time Animal Care Provider who works full-time at the Animal Care Center at Granville, talked her husband into volunteering his time and expertise in building the enclosure and it went up in record time with little disturbance to the animals. We can't thank these guys enough for the great job they did.

A catwalk between the two cat enclosures is being planned and will allow the cats to pass from one room to the other. Mike Pennell, one of our animal caregivers, will be installing this addition as soon as he finishes building our new outdoor shelter in the play yard. Both projects are expected to be completed by October 1.

*I looked at all the caged animals in the shelter—the castoffs of human society.  
I saw in their eyes love and hope, fear and dread, sadness and betrayal.  
And I was angry.  
“God,” I said, “this is terrible! Why don't you do something?”  
God was silent for a moment and then He spoke softly.  
“I have done something,” He replied.  
“I created you.”*



# CAUSE FOR THE PAWS



## CRUISIN' & A'COOKIN'

(Submitted by Cathy Jones)

Thanks to everyone who participated in our first picnic of the year on June 14! Despite the rain during the early part of the day, everybody had a great time at Buckeye Lake "Cruisin' for the Critters".

The 11 o'clock boat trip had to be cancelled for lack of participation, but the 12 o'clock launching took place right on schedule. As the Queen appeared on the horizon returning to the dock, a very heavy rainsquall started pouring down. It poured like crazy for several minutes right as our first group was making port. A few brave souls toughed it out and ran for cover, the rest waited patiently for Mother Nature to blow on by!!! Within 10 minutes the rain subsided, everyone disembarked and hurried to the shelter house for food.

J-Me Braig, Director of the Buckeye Lake Historical Society, acted as Captain of *Queen of the Lake II*. She's a charming lady who has been a life-long resident of Buckeye Lake and was able to tell many an interesting story about the history of the Park and the surrounding area.

We had two more successful launches at 4 and 5 p.m. By the day's end, we had gone through over 100 hot dogs; several bags of chips; a Texas sheet cake, two pans of mac & cheese, a large bowl of kraut salad; dozens of cookies, and two large pans of baked beans. Food was supplied and prepared by Board Members on the Fundraising Committee—Cathy Jones, Rachel Powell, Dee Williams, Danielle Wilson, and Becca Fulkerson. Throughout the day, a number of park visitors, who were either fishing or boating, stopped by and donated money for a lunch of hot dogs & lemonade.

The 50-50 drawing handled by Rachel was won by Wes Williams of Reynoldburg, Ohio. He immediately donated the \$57 he won back to the shelter. All in all we had a great time and made close to \$500 after all expenses were paid—including the rental of the *Queen of the Lake*. Thanks to all who supported our effort.

## HELP WIN A SHELTER MAKEOVER

Kenny has entered us in a contest that affords us the opportunity to win a one million dollar shelter makeover. All you have to do is (1) Log on to [www.zootoo.com/reg/aff/lickingcountyhumanesociety](http://www.zootoo.com/reg/aff/lickingcountyhumanesociety) right away; (2) register and affiliate with the LCHS; and (3) Start earning points, which count toward becoming a semi-finalist.

## THE LEGEND VALLEY CONNECTION

Board Member, Rachel Powell, through her friendship with Steve and Laura Trickle (owners and operators of Legend Valley), has made it possible for LCHS to raise over \$3000 in less than four months. Rachel made arrangements with the Trickles to designate LCHS as the "charity of choice" at two of their major music festivals—one held on Memorial Day weekend and the other over Labor Day. Ordinarily booth space would cost us \$500, but we are given free space to promote our services and accept donations. This requires nothing more on our part than putting up our booth and passing out materials. Cathy Jones and Rachel have done this willingly at each event, and it has proved to be a worthwhile effort. Thanks Rachel and Cathy.

## THE 11TH ANNUAL JAZZ AND RIBS FEST

The Jazz and Ribs Fest netted around \$5000 this year. One bill is still in dispute and holding up the final figures on this annual fundraiser lead by the Newark Parks and Recreation Department. Unfortunately just as the most anticipated band began to play, the rains came and flooded everybody out. The food vendors, guests and volunteers all struggled to stay dry under open sided tents as the down-pour began to look as if it really meant business. Once it started to slack off for a bit, folks began to pack up and head for home; but most of the clean-up was done with the rain steadily drenching the remaining workers. Nearly 100 of LCHS's T-shirts had to be divided up and taken to different homes to be dried in the dryer. The wind blew so hard there was no way to protect either the shirts or ourselves.



Someone said it was beginning to look like "raining cats and dogs" was just another attempt of ours to promote the humane society, but that's not so. We would have done just fine without the rain at the Buckeye Lake boat cruise, the Jazz and Ribs Fest, and without Hurricane Ike blowing in the evening before the golf outing.



## PARS FOR PAWS GOLF OUTING

Despite Hurricane Ike knocking out the power lines and blowing down trees, the first annual Pars for Paws Golf Outing on September 15 was a great success—thanks to the tremendous support from the community and the “over the top” effort by the Moundbuilders County Club. Course Superintendent, Greg Goedde, had the greens and fairways cleared in time for the 1:00 p.m. shot gun start and; without any electricity, Chef Rodney McIntyre crafted a great cookout for 80 some eager eaters.



We had nineteen teams signed up and nineteen teams playing. The Energy Cooperative was the only team that had to cancel since all personnel were out working on power outages. Another team stopped in thinking they had registered, paid their entry fees and joined the crowd, bringing the starting number of teams back to nineteen.. In addition to team interest, we had 90 gifts donated ranging from \$10 to over \$200, and 34 hole sponsorships (see below). An estimate of the income from the event is between \$5000 and \$6000 dollars. Jim Riley, Golf Outing Chairman, is just glad that it is finally over, but without his knowledge of golf outings and his business connections, we would not have had nearly the success that we enjoyed. We can't thank Jim and the Fundraising Committee enough for all that they did.

Glenn Abel was introduced and recognized for his part in organizing the original Society of Humanitarians in 1966. This later became known as the Licking County Humane Society. Glenn was Charter President and served in that capacity for seven years. He is currently a LCHS lifetime member

**The following list of individuals and businesses helped to make the 2008 Pars for Paws golf outing a success. Please look over the names and support their business or make it a point to thank them personally.**

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# Happy Tails

## THE “SAVE TUNDRA” FUND

This is Tundra. Tundra was rescued from Animal Control a few weeks ago and is now living in a LCHS foster home. Tundra is a beautiful two year-old, male Husky.



His past life before coming to us, was not a happy one. His previous owner left him at the dog pound because they no longer needed him as a stud dog in their breeding kennel. He was never given a chance to play or socialize and because of

this he doesn't know how to interact with other dogs. Tundra is very good with adult humans. He is quiet, gentle and submissive. One of his favorite activities is to receive belly-rubs. Tundra needs to find a very special home. A home with a family that understands his early life experiences.

We recognized the potential in Tundra and wanted to give him the chance he so desperately deserved. However, his training and rehabilitation are going to take extra time and money. Therefore we created the “Tundra Fund” to help offset these unplanned expenses.

As the word has gotten out, we have received a tremendous response. One donor wrote us to say “it’s wonderful that you are going the extra mile for this dog,” and offered to help in any way if we found we needed further assistance.

If you feel you would like to donate to the “Tundra Fund” to help Tundra and any other of our animals needing special services, please mail a check to the Licking County Humane Society, P.O. Box 933, Newark, Ohio 43058; or stop in the shelter and speak to one of the staff. No amount you can offer will be considered too small.

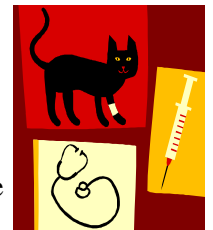
## PET FOOD PANTY ON THE WAY

A committee headed by Debra McDonald Claeys is working to set up a LCHS pet food pantry for needy families. The committee has already received donated warehouse space and hopes to have a program up and running by the early part of October. The plan is to have local food pantries help identify those families that are in need of pet food. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this new venture, please call the shelter at 740-323-2100 to receive a volunteer application form.

## ROCKY THE MIRACLE CAT

From LCHS Catnip Chronicles  
By Daneille Wilson

Rocky, the Miracle Cat, was rescued from Animal Control several weeks ago by Jodi, our Veterinary Technician. Shortly after being moved to LCHS, Rocky was taken to the Animal Care Center at Granville to see Dr. Morris about a bit of “snip-snip” regarding his maleness. A pre-op by Dr. Morris revealed that our little guy was carrying a very high temperature along with a sniffley nose. Dr. Morris postponed the surgery only to discover Rocky’s temperature was even worse the next day. Dr. M. then ran a number of tests on Rocky in addition to consulting specialists at OSU. All tests came back negative, and still one day Rocky’s temperature would be normal and the next day raging. Through the entire time Rocky maintained a wonderful disposition and ate like a horse. Everyone at the Animal Care Center fell in love with Rocky, but they were all at a total loss as to what was wrong.



After a couple of weeks of extraordinary measures and different antibiotics, Rocky’s up and down fever finally broke for good. The final diagnosis was that Rocky had several medical problems going on at the same time, keeping everybody mystified.

Rocky was such an adorable cat that he was adopted before he ever got back to the shelter. He went through the LCHS adoption process, but not without Dr. M.’s approval of the adopting family. If you happen to be out near Granville, stop in and thank Dr. Morris and her staff for making Rocky a “Miracle Cat.”

## LCHS GIANT YARD SALE, COOKOUT AND OPEN HOUSE

The Fundraising Committee, headed by Gloria Goodwin, raised over \$500 in August hosting a yard sale and cookout. Becca Fulkerson acted as chief hot dog cooker and chicken sandwich chef. Gloria furnished nachos and nacho toppings while her mother brought homemade cookies. Riley’s Bakery donated donuts and cookies. We sold bottled water and soda left over from the Jazz and Ribs Fest. Since the play yard was needed for the dogs, all the remaining items were donated to and quickly picked up by the Salvation Army.





#### **SHELTER INFORMATION**

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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.  
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##### **Website**

[www.lchspets.org](http://www.lchspets.org)



**Mr. Ed is looking up at you with his big pleading eyes begging you to pick him as an addition to your family.**

Mr. Ed is a 3 year old neutered black Lab—house trained and great with cats and other dogs (especially female)! Ed is incredibly friendly, intelligent, easy going and a perfect gentleman on lead. Ed is crate trained, but prefers some space, which isn't a problem as he's very well behaved in the house, and can be trusted when left unattended while the family is away. Ed is a real charmer—a really great dog and a pleasure to live with. Ed loves the water! Give him a few inches of water to play in and he will be delighted. The fun begins when you get the hose out and he says, “MAKE MY DAY! SPRAY ME!!!” He loves this and you will love Ed!! If you are looking for a great companion, please consider opening your heart and home to Ed. To adopt or learn more about Mr. Ed, please contact the shelter at (740) 323-2100 or e-mail [homewardbound@windstream.net](mailto:homewardbound@windstream.net)., or visit [www.LCHSpets.org](http://www.LCHSpets.org) (our new website)