



A NEW LEASH ON LIFE

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

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News Briefs



Many changes have taken place at LCHS since the last newsletter. To make it easier for the reader, the Newark Advocate's editorial style of using pluses and minus will be high-jacked for this issue. Those tidbits marked with an * will be further discussed on another page. So, here we go:

PLUS: The 10th annual Jazz and Rib Fest was the best ever—good food, great music, and a huge crowd. This is LCHS's most profitable fundraiser. Thanks to the Newark Parks and Recreation Department for coordinating this community favorite.

MINUS: The Jazz and Rib Fest was Beca Saad's next to last time to coordinate volunteers for a LCHS fundraiser. She has submitted her resignation following the Golf Outing on August 4. She will be missed.

MINUS: Three Board Members have also resigned. They are Will Kennard, Gloria Pack, and Deb Turner. They are wished all the best.

PLUS: A number of people have expressed an interest in serving on the Board and will be interviewed and referred to the Nominating Committee for the January election.

MINUS: *Four long-term shelter cats were designated by the Board to be unadoptable, and therefore, needing to be euthanized. Two were diabetic, two were aggressive and no one seemed inter-

PLUS: *Through the efforts of staff, Board Members, and shelter friends, all four cats were accepted into loving homes and are doing well.

PLUS: Thanks to Lowe's, Sherwin-Williams, and about fifteen or so State Farm employees, the shelter and out-buildings have a new yellow coat of paint along with fresh white trim.

PLUS: We have four new part-time employees at the shelter with outstanding job skills. They are Skip, Sharlene, Wendy, and Kayla. They are a terrific addition and we are fortunate to have them with us.

PLUS: Rob Viores, our veteran shelter tech has created a nursery at the shelter for all the new kitties that Rhoena Scaffide rescues and bottle-feeds. Children as well as adults love watching Rhoena when it is feeding time. Stop in and check it out.

PLUS: Village Landscapes, Ltd. provided a spring clean-up for the shelter grounds and prepared the flower bed for planting. Flowers, planted by Barb Leamy and Dee Williams, are now in full bloom and looking their best.

PLUS & MINUS: The Board has decided that a capital campaign for a new shelter must be postponed till our funding is more stable, and all organizational systems are in place.

PLUS: We have more pluses than minuses.



Don't forget the next Board meeting will be August 21, at 6:30 p.m. in Room B of the Licking County Administration Building.

HBHS BOARD

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Robert Viores, Shelter Tech
Wendy Weigand, Shelter Tech
Kayla Miller, Shelter Tech
Sharlene Burford, Shelter Tech
Floyd (Skip) Shumaker, Shelter Tech

BIRDHOUSE BUZZ

The LCHS Voice Mail number has been disconnected due to lack of interest. In order to continue to provide the opportunity for you to register concerns and complaints, a birdhouse, complete with locked entry, has been placed in the entrance area of the shelter for your comments. Messages



to the Board can be dropped into the birdhouse and will be retrieved and read only by a Board member. Board members welcome your suggestions and concerns. In addition you can call Dee Williams, Acting President, at (740) 344-7403 from 7 in the morning till 5 in the afternoon. She says, "If the President of Park National Bank can give out his number, the President of the Humane Society should be willing to do so."

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

McNALLY'S PET CORNER

Dear Julia,

How can I determine if my dog is just acting like a “puppy” or has Deficit Disorder?

Ans. Many excitable and rowdy behaviors that we see in puppies will diminish with time and proper early training as well as plenty of exercise. Training is a way to communicate to your dog and teach it human words paired to expected behaviors. All dogs in a pack would have rules and boundaries implemented by the leader—when to be quiet, receive attention, eat, play, and sleep.

A puppy needs at least 90 repetitions paired with the expected behavior before it can perform the behavior by verbal command along with a reward. Example; do not call for it to “come” off leash until the puppy responds perfect on a 6 foot leash and then on a 30 foot line. Always reward the dog with a treat to reinforce what the word means., or the dog will appear to be not responding when in fact it has not been trained properly.

Do dogs get “attention deficit disorder” or can they be “hyperactive”?

Ans. While hyperactivity disorder does exist in dogs, it is rare. Dogs that are hyperactive, a condition also known as hyper kinesis or attention deficit, can be diagnosed by veterinary examination and testing. Dogs with hyper activity disorder are difficult to train, respond poorly to tranquilization, may exhibit repetitive behaviors such as circling, may have gastrointestinal

disorder and resistance to restraint. These dogs may respond to amphetamines, which paradoxically help them to calm down. Most cases however, are simply overly energetic dogs that may not be getting sufficient exercise, or are being accidentally rewarded when they act excited.

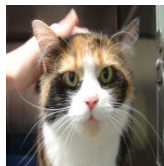
BE GOOD HUMANS

E-mail questions to Julia@McNallys dog center @ windstream.net.

NO MORE PMS*

(*Pet Meanness Syndrome)

By: Amelia



Hi! Remember me? I was at the shelter for a long time—long enough to get pretty angry about being caged up. My friend

Belle and I both were considered to be too unpredictable to ever be adopted. Unfortunately, our behavior toward visitors tended to reinforce that opinion. We both just want to let you know that a wonderful family rescued us and we are currently living “the life of luxury” with another cat—and would you believe—DOGS! For now all I can say about those big creatures is that Belle and I both agree that they smell bad and are awfully drooly.

Belle has made friends with the guy cat that came with the house. They chase each other all over the place like two young teens with raging hormones. As for myself, I prefer to be carried around by my human companion so as to give her a kiss from time to time.

We both want to thank all our shelter friends and sponsors Thanks to all of them we have found our “forever home.”

OTHER ANIMAL UPDATES

For all those who visit the shelter regularly, here is an update on more of our long-term residents.

Olivia has a “forever home” with her own room and private bath. She is on high doses of insulin, but her vet thinks they can be reduced as soon as her diet is controlled. Her fur is looking better and she is getting more exercise in her improved environment. Her PMS* has fully subsided.

Frauline in her new home has claimed the litter box room as her own and forced the other house cats to find different facilities. Her diabetes seems to be under control. She allows some nurturing but PMS is still evident.

Bailey may have a forever home by the time you read this. A family has shown real interest and filled out an adoption application. It will be a day for rejoicing at the shelter when Bailey finds a home. So many have been rooting for him, and it will be an indication that the shelter’s pro-active efforts to find homes for their older pets is starting to work.

GOLF OUTING

AUGUST 4



The summer newsletter took a back seat to the Jazz and Ribs Fest; thus causing it to be

published too late to include a flyer for the Raccoon Valley Golf Outing. We hope to see this event become an annual fundraiser for the shelter, and it is regretful that our timing was off for advertising it. Fortunately announcements were made at the Jazz and Rib Fest and flyers were distributed there.



PAUSE FOR THE CAUSE-

WHAT DOES “NO-KILL” MEAN?

Over the past few weeks there has been a great deal of confusion over (1) whether the Licking County Humane Society is a “no-kill” shelter, and (2) what does “no-kill” really mean.

There seems to be no set definition for the second issue. Every shelter has its own idea of what “no-kill” means, but most consider themselves to be “no-kill” if they do not have adoptable animals euthanized. The problem occurs over the subjective definition of the word “adoptable.” This can vary from one person’s point of view to another.

The California State Legislature has passed what is called the Hayden Law which lists the State’s idea of what is “unadoptable.” The four reasons they have come up with are as follows:

1. Animals eight weeks of age or younger at or subsequent to the time the animal is impounded;
2. Animals that have manifested signs of a behavioral or temperamental defect;
3. Those that could pose a health or safety risk or otherwise make the animal unsuitable for placement as a pet. and
4. Animals that have manifested disease, injury, or a congenital or hereditary condition that adversely affects the health of the animal and is likely to affect the animal’s health in the future.

In order to maintain a “no-kill” status humane societies do not accept dogs or cats that are considered unadoptable. These animals (often strays) are turned away and sent to a refuge, a rescue group or a municipal shelter.

The first issue as to whether we are a “no-kill” shelter will probably always remain debatable. The definition of the word “adoptable” is of a subjective nature and varies according to each individual’s opinion.

None of our governing documents state that we are a “no-kill” shelter. Neither does our mission statement mention this term. “No-kill” is a more recent “buzz” word that has swept like wildfire across the country, and means different things to different people.

With all this information in mind, the LCHS Board feels it has every right to consider itself a “no-kill” shelter. The current Directors have no knowledge of any animal ever being euthanized, or recommended for euthanasia, that did not fit the unadoptable definitions listed by the California State Legislature. LCHS membership can rest assured that all decisions made by this Board will always be carefully considered and in the best interest of the animals and the adherence to

DENISON MUTT MARCH



A great big “thank you” goes to Lauren Delaney and her Denison volunteers for the fantastic job they did organizing and running the spring Mutt March. Between the Mutt March and the Cutest Pet Contest, held earlier, the group raised \$829.00 for the Humane Society. Besides the fundraising they do, the students contribute countless hours walking the dogs and helping out at the shelter. We are fortunate to have them supporting our cause.

WE WANT YOUR OPINION

There have been rumblings heard throughout the community regarding Homeward Bound’s name change to Licking County Humane Society. Since it might be possible to work out a solution with the State Department, we ask that you voice your opinion by calling 323-2100 and leaving a message, by e-mailing the shelter at homewardbound@windstream.net, or by placing a check mark in a square below and mailing your vote to LCHS, P.O. Box 933, Newark, OH 43058.

Licking County Humane Society

Homeward Bound

Signature (optional):

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Go to www.goodsearch.com. And enter HBHS as the organization you wish to support. One hundred of us searching only four times a day could net the shelter close to \$1500 a year without spending a dime. Spread the word.



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