



A NEW LEASH ON LIFE

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

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LCHS NEW FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

(Warning: This message contains subliminal messages that may cause the reader to act unexpectedly. Proceed with caution.)



LCHS has launched its new and improved Foster Program. *(While reading this, you hear a small voice inside your head, softly saying ...Become a foster caretaker....)* The Foster Program allows an animal to temporarily live in a caretaker's home as part of the family until an adoptive forever home can be found. *(You want to become a foster caretaker...)* Fostering is an ideal solution to shelter space constraints, but more importantly, allows for socialization, training and individual care and attention – all resulting in a more adoptable pet prepared to enter a home environment. *(Call Lisa ... foster a dog or cat...)* It also eliminates stressors present in the shelter environment that can sometimes result in personality changes that would hinder an animal's opportunity for adoption. *(You REALLY want to become a foster caretaker...)* Through direct daily observation in a home setting, Foster allows us the opportunity to provide potential adopters with a first hand assessment regarding health, temperament, behavior and other important information unique to a particular animal. *(Everybody loves a foster caretaker...)*

Foster animals are typically assigned by LCHS, but you may also request a particular animal residing at the shelter or on the waiting list. *(You sense an overwhelming urge to become a foster caretaker ...)* Fostering can last from days to months and foster volunteers may indicate their preferences or limitations as to which animals they're willing and able to accommodate, and for how long. *(Say "yes" to foster caretaking...)* Foster caretakers provide housing, socialization, training and love, and LCHS provides all food, necessary medication, cat litter and reimbursement for pre-authorized medical care. *(You can't get foster caretaking off your mind ... You feel as if you MUST call Lisa at 258-7885 and become a foster caretaker ...)* Foster caretakers attend to any necessary vetting, provide information to potential adopters and are able to participate in adoption events to actively promote their animal. *(Fossss-terrrrr...)*

In the interest of privacy, foster caretakers operate on a first name basis only, and are not required to furnish their phone numbers or allow potential adopters to visit their home. *(The voice in your head grows louder, more insistent, begging, urging you to become a foster caretaker ...)* Instead, the foster coordinator or shelter staff will provide the necessary information so the caretaker can initiate contact to answer inquiries. *(You know you want to...)* If someone wants to meet a pet, the caretaker may present the animal to pre-approved adopters at the shelter during business hours while staff is present. *(You are mysteriously left with the compelling urge to foster a dog or cat ... again, that number for Lisa is 258-7885....)*

For more information on the foster program or to request a brochure, please contact Lisa *(Do it!)* at (740) 258-7885 or email LCHS_Foster@yahoo.com.

Don't forget the next Board meeting will be October 16, at 6:30 p.m. in Room B of the Licking County Administration Building.

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BIRDHOUSE BUZZ

The birdhouse is a suggestion box placed in the shelter for your comments and suggestions. Last month a volunteer complaint about staff was looked into and addressed; a compliment concerning staff was shared with staff; and a suggestion that we return to cage-door feeding stations was



followed up with an order for new food and water dispensers. They are on their way. A wish that younger children could accompany parents doing TLC has been referred to the Board. 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. If you can't get to the shelter, call Dee at 740-344-7403 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.)

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,
At what age do dogs really learn good behaviors and at what age will they grow out of them?

Joan
(age 12, Newark, Ohio)

Dear Joan,

Dogs in general cannot grow out of behaviors whether they have been reinforced or not reinforced by humans. Dogs can be trained at any age and it is the responsibility of the dogs' owners to provide that training.

The leaders and elders of a dog pack train all the dogs' other K-9 behaviors—acceptable to humans or not. A puppy's temperament and personality are well on their way to being established by 16 weeks of age. The dog learns easiest during this time, but can still keep learning throughout its life.

However, the dog cannot learn what its human expects all on his own. Showing a puppy how to respond appropriately in a new environment is very important, and should be introduced in a controlled setting with exposure to all kinds of sounds, places and activities that will occur in the animal's new home. Your responses to your pet's reactions are the key to animal's understanding.

Joan, the first thing you teach your puppy, who I will call Sam, is what is called by psychologists "positive reinforcement." This is referred to as the Law of Effect and states that if a behavior is followed by a satisfying result, that behavior is apt to increase in frequency. Example: If Sam responds to the tone of your voice when asked to "come" and is praised, given a treat, or rewarded in

"come" when you call him the next time. In contrast the owner who reassures his nervous, barking dog by petting him, will only reinforce the unwanted behavior because the dog views the petting as a reward.

Sam is a social animal and needs to belong to a group. Ideally, this group should be your family, with you playing the role of pack leader. If Sam perceives a lack of leadership, he may struggle for that role.

This struggle is at the root of many common behavior problems in dogs. Give Sam a sense of security by showing him you are a leader. You do not need to be heavy handed or domineering. Instead create rules and be consistent and fair. Every dog, thoroughbred or mutt needs pack leadership and patience.

Sincerely, McNally Dog Center

e-mail questions to Julia@McNallysDogCenter.com

Fence Me In!

(This article, by an LCHS member, is in response to a shelter visitor who expressed regret about not being able to allow his cat to enjoy the outdoors.)

Cats love the outdoors. They love basking in the sun, prowling the moonlight, sniffing the breezes, chasing bugs, birds, squirrels and chipmunks. They love climbing trees and generally exploring and patrolling the outdoor environment. All of these activities allow them to

fully express their basic nature, experience change, reduce stress and keep physically, mentally and emotionally fit. But letting your cat outdoors can be extremely hazardous to its health.



Most cat rescue groups and shelters insist that adopters promise to keep the cat indoors—and with good reason. The great outdoors is dangerous enough for us, how much more so for cats who simply don't grasp the ugly details of what is possible.

On the other hand, there are quality of life issues. You can work very hard to create an ideal indoor environment for your cat, yet your cat will undoubtedly be happier if it gets to spend some time outdoors.

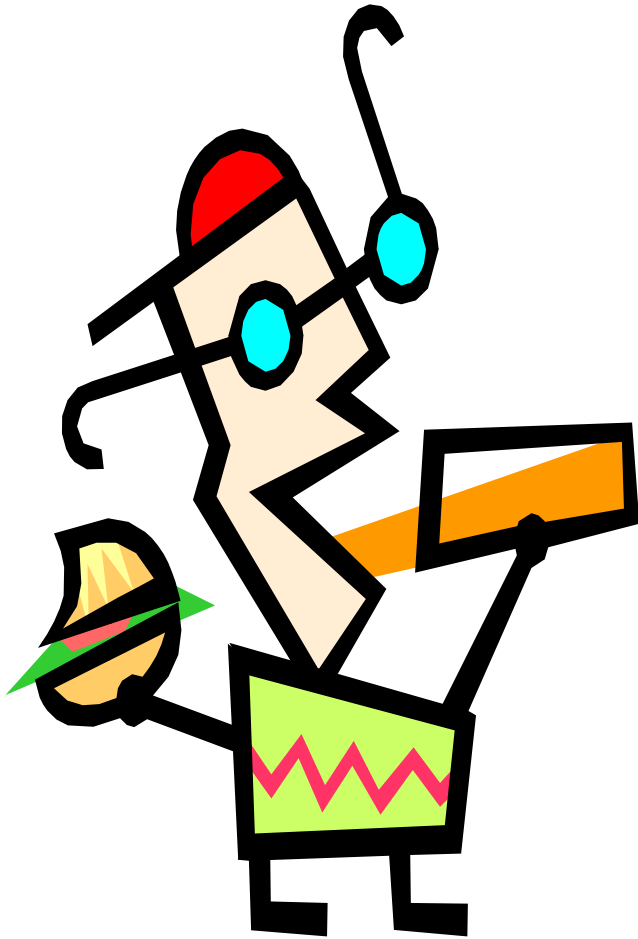
An outdoor cat enclosure is a practical solution. Outdoor cat enclosures allow the cat the benefits of the great outdoors without the dangers. As more and more cat lovers come to this conclusion, the variety of products available means that almost anyone can provide their cat with a bit of outdoor time. The spectrum ranges from modest cages that attach to a window of the house, to enclosed cat gardens, to fencing solutions that promise to keep the cat in your yard.

The Internet is replete with ideas for building your own cat enclosure, complete with photos and plans appropriate for a moderately skilled do-it-yourselfer. There are also a variety of sites that offer commercial solutions ranging in price from a couple of hundred dollars into the thousands.

Affordable Cat Fence (www.affordablecatfence.com) is a worthwhile site to visit, but if you would like to actually see how a cat fence works, you can call (614) 866-6546 and arrange to see one actually in use. Signed: *W.G. Williams*

To Hopper who waits at the rainbow bridge.
Farewell
Sadly missed by Lori Ann and Dr. Mark Stewart

LCHS APPRECIATION PICNIC



WHY: To Thank all the members, friends, donors and staff for all they do for the Licking County Humane Society.

WHERE: Maennerchor Park, 195 West Orchard Street, Newark, Ohio.

WHEN: Sunday, October 14, 1:00 p.m. till 5:00 p.m.

WHAT: A picnic lunch of sandwiches, side dishes, desserts, and soft drinks. Vegetarians accommodated. (No alcoholic beverages)

COST: \$00.00

- Plan to attend come rain or shine, hot or cold. Indoor and outdoor space available.
- Plenty of space for outdoor games if the kids want to bring along game equipment.
- Chinese auction, 50-50 chances, raffle, prizes, and awards.
- Entertainment—both live and recorded.
- RSVP—740-323-2100 or e-mail homewardbound@windstream.net

(SEE MAP ON OTHER SIDE)

“DOLLARS FOR DREAMS” BENEFITS LCHS

“Dollars for Dreams” is a guest donation program that supports the commitment of Cherry Valley Lodge and CoCo Key Water Resort to positive community involvement. For the 4th quarter of the year 2007 their employees have elected to support Homeward Bound—The Licking County Humane Society.

The Homeward Bound campaign will kick off on Saturday, October 6, 2007. For only \$10.00 you can enjoy unlimited adventure at the CoCo Key Water Resort. For every paid admission, \$2.00 will be donated to the Humane Society. This is a great chance to pack up the whole family and spend the day at a truly wonderful water wonderland.

From October 26—November 4 you can enjoy Halloween Week for only \$144.00 plus tax. This family Getaway includes One night lodging, 4 Water Resort passes, and 2 trick or treat bags with a \$5.00 Arcade Card.

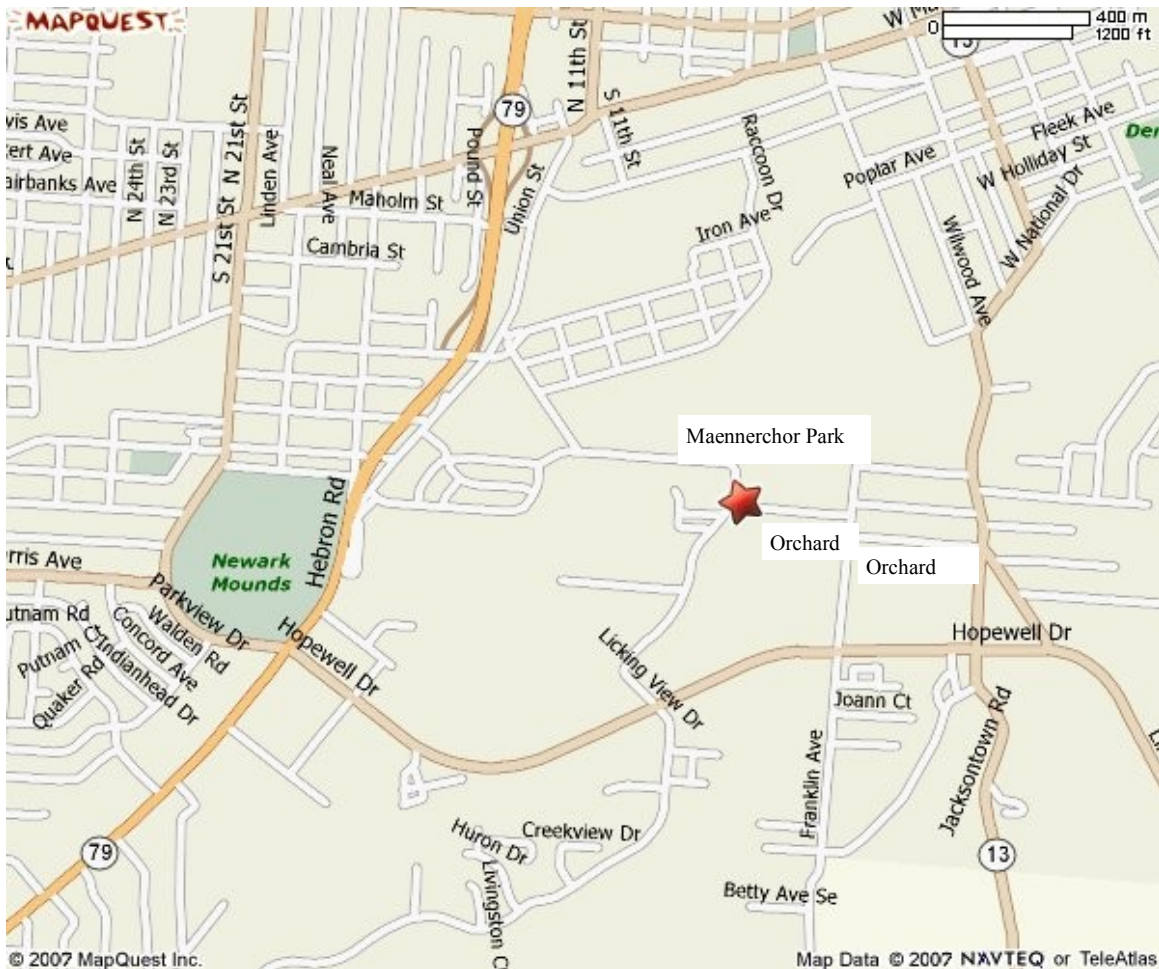
For a Thanksgiving treat the family can celebrate from November 21—November 25 for \$199.00 plus tax. The \$199.00 includes one night lodging, a 15 pound turkey upon departure, a \$20.00 Speedway gas card, 4 passes to CoCo Key Water Resort and two \$5.00 Arcade passes.

CoCo Key Water Resort will celebrate its first birthday party from December 1—14, with a \$144.00 celebration that includes overnight room, 4 water passes and two birthday goodie bags with \$5.00 arcade cards.



In addition, a CoCo Family Christmas package is planned for the 25th, 26th and 27th of December. Why not spend the Christmas Holiday in your bathing suit lying in a lounge chair? Call 800-788-8008 for prices as they will vary for this package. Wouldn't this make a great Christmas gift?

A \$2.00 contribution will be made to the Humane Society of Licking County for every package listed above that is booked during the dates shown.



Maennerchor Park, 195 Orchard Street, Newark, Ohio



PAWS FOR THE CAUSE-

LCHS PILLOW FAIRY APPRECIATED



Foster Bailey chooses her pillow

The Shelter would like to thank the anonymous individual who donated these wonderful hand made pillow beds for our pets – we wish we knew your name so we could thank you personally! They were needed and are in use by our foster program. Our foster coordinator reports: “These pillows beds are awesome! They’re ideal for foster use – and our animals love them. With all they go through, finally - something soft and loveable to call their

very own. While these have many benefits, what’s great is that when we place an animal, it’s important they take along something as a comfort item to aid in transition to their new home. These pillow beds are perfect for this – our deepest thanks to the talented and generous individual who took the time to make and donate these.” (Bailey is in foster and available for adoption. If interested, contact Lisa at (740) 258-7885 or e-mail LCHS_Foster@yahoo.com.)



Former LCHS cat Belle prepares to hog them all. Amelia looks on.

It is impossible to ever find enough space to thank all the wonderful donors and worker bees that do so much for the shelter. To begin with a great big thank you goes to the Newark Parks and Recreation Department for their masterminding our

biggest fundraiser, The 2007 Jazz and Ribs Fest . Donations from The Advocate, Moose Lodge #499, Holophane, MetLife, Tamarack, Windstream, State Farm, National City Bank, Energy Co-Op, Greater Licking County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Licking Memorial Hospital, along with the sale of T-shirts and soft drinks netted LCHS \$5730.13 .

Beca Saad and Kathy Keaser are next in the running for fundraising with over \$1600 raised from the Golf Outing that they so perfectly orchestrated. Thanks also go to the Racoon International Golf Club and a great number of sponsors and donors. What a fantastic job they all did.

Thanks to Gloria Goodwin overseeing the annual Dog Swim, another \$300+ was raised in August. This is another project Initiated by Newark Parks and Recreation for the benefit of the Licking County Humane Society. Do we live in a great city, or what?

State Farm, always a generous donor, awarded a \$2500 check to LCHS in recognition of the State Farm volunteers who painted our shelter and out buildings this past summer—in 90 degree temperatures, no less. You can’t beat that!

And then there’s our many TLC volunteers working away every evening seeing that our animals get special attention after hours. None can ever be thanked enough.

Ours staff, too, needs to be thanked for enduring the stress related to major changes that are being instituted at the shelter. A new foster care program and a new computer system to master being two of the “biggies.” Thanks you guys!

IT’S A TIE

Although there were good arguments, both pro and con, Licking County Humane Society remains our official name with the best reason being, “*Licking County Humane Society tells everyone who and what we are.*” The few votes that were cast ended in a tie vote. It appears that the name change was not as disruptive as we might have thought.

Thanks to those of you who took the time to share your view. Your comments were appreciated.

INTERIM HEALTHCARE LINKS WITH LCHS

Thanks to Darlene Turner, CSR Manager at Interim Healthcare, an important linkage has been formed between the Licking County Humane Society and Interim Healthcare. Interim Healthcare is the Nation’s largest provider of home care and medical staffing. The local office has chosen to assist LCHS in adopting our most needy animals. They display posters in their office of current animals needing a home and distribute flyers throughout their network of service providers.

Interim’s first success story was the placement of Tess, an elderly female cat that had to be relinquished by aging owners who could no longer take care of her.

Tess had gotten a bit grouchy in her old age, but seems to be getting along fine in her new home with Interim employee Rebecca Ramsey and family. Thanks to Interim Healthcare and the Ramsey family Tess has found a safe and comfortable place to spend her remaining days on this plane. LCHS is fortunate to have such valuable corporate support.





SHELTER INFORMATION

Address

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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

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Website

www.petfinder.com/shelters/hbhs.html

IN LOVING MEMORY



Donations have been made to Licking County Humane Society in memory of:

Linda Applegate, Carl Frost, and Robert R. Haubrick

By the following people:

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