



A NEW LEASH ON LIFE

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

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A THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON AT LCHS

By: **Cathy Jones**

For those of you who don't know me, my name is **Cathy Jones**. This is my second year on the LCHS Board of Directors. My first year of service was spent as Board Treasurer. During that term of office my personal goal was to cut down on shelter expenses by eliminating waste and saving money. One of the ways I accomplished that goal was by installing QuickBooks on the computer and doing our bookkeeping in house. This year I am focused on improving our financial status by serving on the Fundraising Committee. Watch for information on new and different fundraising activities that will be headed your way.



In addition to individual efforts to save money as well as raise it, we have an active group of knowledgeable people on the current Board participating in numerous ways to improve LCHS. For instance, **Dee Williams**, Membership Secretary and Fundraising Committee member, has made public relations the primary focus of her efforts. She has increased memberships, and increased the number of requests for LCHS to promote shelter animals at community events. She, also, currently edits the LCHS newsletter (which unfortunately missed a quarter during the change-over of Board membership and distribution of duties).

Lisa Stepson, our new President, conducts Board Meetings, manages the shelter, has developed numerous brochures to explain LCHS services. She has established a foster care program, and has instituted a more effective cleaning system for the kennels. In addition she has fostered and trained hard to manage animals that are surrendered to the shelter.

Daneille Wilson, our new Vice President, serves on the Fundraising Committee, oversees the GrandPaws program and is our marketing expert. Some of you may know her through Ohio Pet Chef. **Jerry Datz**, Board Treasurer, started his term by saving us nearly \$1000 in Workers' Compensation fees by enrolling us in a group insurance program. He, along with help from **Deborah McDonald Claeys**, just completed the year end reporting for the IRS—no small feat. **Rob Leamy**, in his second term, continues to act as photographer, PetFinders.com. expert, and general "go-to" person. **Amy Barnes** has been spending countless hours developing a sophisticated website for us, which will probably be up and running by the time you read this. The new website address will be <http://www.lchspets.org>. **Rachel Powell** is indispensable when it comes to advice on fundraising, Robert's Rules of Order, and soliciting donations. **Gloria Goodwin**, Chair of the Fundraising Committee is intent on making sure everyone uses the LCHS Kroger Gift Card. Five percent of all charges are returned to LCHS (more about that on page 3). **Gayle Mulvey** conducted a dog training session for staff and volunteers with help from **Becca Fulkerson**, who manages Complete Petmart, and offered the use of her store for the training. Becca is the LCHS Recording Secretary and provides regular space in the store for showcasing our adoptable cats. She, too, is a member of the Fundraising Committee. With all the energy and talent coming from this "dauntless dozen," 2008 should prove to be great year.

LCHS BOARD

Lisa Stepson, President
Daneille Wilson, Vice President
Jerry Datz, Treasurer
Becca Fulkerson, Secretary
Dee Williams, Membership
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Gloria Goodwin, At-large
Cathy Jones, At-large
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Amy Barnes, At Large
Gayle Mulvey, At Large
Deborah McDonald Claeys,
At-large

Board Meetings are the third Tuesday of every month in room B of the Licking County Administration Building at 20 S. 2nd St., Newark, Ohio

STAFF

Tammy Evans, Shelter Coordinator
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Jodi Morris, Vet Tech
Rhoena Scaffide, Shelter Tech
Kathy Burnette, Shelter Tech
Sharlene Burford, Shelter Tech
Kim Lovell, Shelter Tech
Floyd (Skip) Shumaker, Shelter Tech
Charles Fox, Goodwill Trainee

**The LCHS shelter is located at 548 Dog Leg Road, Heath, Ohio.
Phone 740-323-2100**

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

Crusher: A New TV Celebrity?



Tune in to Time Warner Cable on Local Demand Channel 1111 to find out. Starting in June LCHS animals will debut on the “Adopt a Pet” program. Each month this program is one of the most viewed programs on Local Demand channels and June is the month LCHS animals will be featured.

All you have to do to see all our charming critters is to tune into the Local On Demand Channel 1111; select the “Lifestyle” category then hit the “Pets” tab. Viola! Crusher is on TV with all his shelter mates! Crusher being a handsome dude with a real attitude hopes his lovely orange coat wins him a forever home.

Do you get the name? Remember Orange Crush drink? Orange Crush plus orange coat equals “Crusher.” If you fail to see him on Cannel 1111, it will be because someone has already succumbed to Crusher’s charm and taken him home with them.

Time Warner Cable’s Local On Demand Channel is a digital channel created and offered exclusively by Time Warner Cable and is free to digital cable customers. LCHS appreciate the opportunity to feature their adoptable pets.

Improved Procedures

Saturday, April 5, Board Members, Lisa Stepson, Dee Williams, Cathy Jones and Rachel Powell, along with staff members Tammy Evans, Jodi Morris and Diana Loewendick attended a UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine workshop on shelter maintenance and medicine held at the Mohican Outdoor Classroom. UC Davis has the largest veterinary college in the country and through their workshops they are promoting proactive practices that greatly reduce the chance of any shelter animal having to be euthanized because of a serious illness.

The information on the latest most effective medications and cleaning techniques caused us to take a second look at our current methods of medicating and disinfecting. Use of effective medications now allows us to eliminate keeping newly acquired animals in the ISO unit for ten days to two weeks. On most occasions animals can be placed directly with the general population.

A new disinfectant put into use for cleaning kills 99.99% of viruses, bacteria and fungi. Previous bleach solutions that were being used were found to be totally ineffective for the foot baths we had for controlling the spread of bacteria from outside.

A sense of pride comes with knowing that LCHS is keeping up with the latest in disease control and animal care.

Improved Housing

Folks that regularly tend the shelter felines have always been appalled at having to house them in the existing cramped cat cages. After the training session mentioned in the preceding column, those attending were not only appalled, but extremely guilt ridden. As a result of some creative brainstorming, they came up with the idea of removing the cat banks along the windowed wall and installing an open cage similar to the one pictured below, but much larger.

This will give the cats a “room with a view” in an open environment similar to the existing cat room. No major renovation will be required and with the help of volunteers and donated material the cost should be minimal.



And think how happy the cats will be—no more cases of “the cage crazies.”

Low Cost Veterinary Service

Complete Petmart in the Southgate Shopping Center provides space for Dr. Mott, DVM, to administer low cost shots and other services on the first Sunday of every month.

Petmart also provides space for low cost spaying and neutering of cats. Stop in the store for more information or call the shelter at 740-323-2100 for details.



PAWS FOR A CAUSE

Cruise for the Critters

(See Enclosed Insert)

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 14. Ride the Queen of the Lake II at Buckeye Lake and enjoy a free family picnic. Tickets for the cruise are only \$10 for adults, and \$8 for seniors and children. Trips around the lake will start at 11:00, 12:00, 4:00 and 5:00.

You choose the time of your cruise



and eat either before or after the boat ride. There are only 42 seats available for each time slot; so make your reservations early. For more information leave a message for Cathy or Rachel at 740-349-2191, or call the shelter at 740-323-2100 after 1 o'clock.

Dogs will be allowed at the picnic, but must be kept on a leash at all times. They will not be permitted on the Queen of the Lake II.

Kroger Gift Cards

Gloria Goodwin, Fundraising Chair Person, has set up an account with Kroger's that gives 5% of all Kroger Gift Card sales to LCHS. These special cards, already loaded with \$5, can be picked up at the shelter along with directions for their use. The perfect way to support LCHS while doing your shopping.



Dollars for Dreams

Cherry Valley Lodge's "Dollars for Dreams Program" donated over \$3000 to LCHS. Guests of the Lodge during the last three months of 2007 generously rounded their bills to the nearest dollar in support of the shelter; Executive Chef, Kevin Cook, baked and sold delicious dog treats; staff made and sold Christmas ornaments in the gift shop plus they collected a truck load of items from the shelter's "wish list," and paid \$5 to wear jeans to work on "Jean Day."

We can't thank Cherry Valley Lodge enough for choosing the Humane Society as their recipient of "Dollars for Dreams" Program.

Denison University Raises Money For LCHS

Saturday, April 27, Denison University students sponsored a Mutt March as a fundraiser for LCHS, and raised \$550.

Denison has organized this for several years now, but this was one of the best Marches ever. The weather cooperated and there was a great turnout of students, Board Members, volunteers, and participants.

In addition the Denison Honor Society held a car wash that netted the Humane Society another \$252.

Annual Jazz and Ribs Fest Set for July 12



The Newark Parks and Recreation Department, along with Board Members, Cathy Jones, Rachel Powell and Dee

Williams, are working diligently in preparation for the 11th annual Jazz and Rib Festival

Each year this has become a bigger event and more and more area residents have begun to look forward to enjoying a fun-filled day of music and good food. **So mark your calendars now! That's Saturday, July 12!**

Pars 4 Paws

(See Enclosed Insert)

Jim Riley will be spearheading a LCHS golf outing on Monday, September 15. It is the Board's hope that this will become an annual event in recognition of a past or present local citizen who has shown outstanding leadership in promoting the humane treatment of animals.

A part of this year's proceeds will be used to establish a "Wall of Fame" at the shelter to permanently honor major contributors. Glenn Abel is the first person chosen to be so recognized. He is a life member and was a primary figure in the formation of The Society of Humanitarians, which later became known as the Licking County Humane Society. He was elected in 1966 as the first President.

We hope to make "Pars 4 Paws" special in every way, keeping in mind our primary goal of helping animals find forever homes. Please support this worthwhile fundraiser by signing up to play golf, sponsoring a hole, donating prizes, etc. Call Jim at 740-344-7403 and leave message.





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

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IN LOVING MEMORY



Donations have been made to Licking County Humane Society

In memory of:

Mary Katherine Marti, Gary Sturm, Susan Gage, Sheldon Humiston, Marie Irene (Campbell) Hinger, Durretta (Peggy) Reber, William (Bill) Settles, Sandra Keirns, Linda Applegate, and James Pyle

By the following family members and friends:

Mary & William Burkamp, George Greider, Bessie Hammond, Susan Hannahs, Doris Miller family, Carol & Ralph Hanby, Roger & Diane Green, Margie & Dale Holtz, LMH Patient Accounting Staff, William & Diane Moon, Sandy, Allan & Amanda Anthony, John & Marilyn Houck, Lynda Harper, Bonnie Pace, Deborah Freeze, James & Janis Vickroy, Liston's Printing, Inc., Karessa Miller, Wimbedly Stevens, Laura Flynn, Don Ness Racecraft, CJW Limited LLC, Patricia & Donald Campbell, Hanover Hill LLC, Robert & Yvonne Weaver, Dennis & Debra Snively, Melissa & Larry Tracey, Janet Doyle, Barbara Urban, Sharon Wheeler, James & Robin Somers, Marcia Finck, Pauline Dunfee, and Helen Sunkle.