

Newsletter of the Lakes Area Humane Society

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The Barker!

Newsletter of the Lakes Area Humane Society Fall/Winter 2022

Greetings from the shelter! By: *Christin Klimek, LAHS Director*

“Buckle up we are in for a bumpy ride”.

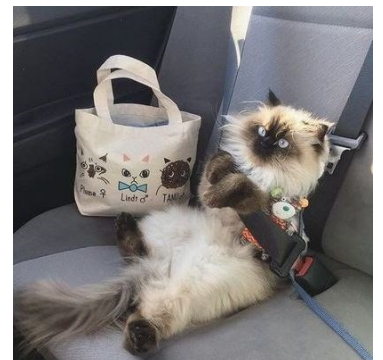
I recently attended a conference in Bloomington to address the increasing difficulties that pet owners are having obtaining veterinary care for their pets. In attendance, were 300+ individuals representing animal welfare organizations and non-profit/for-profit veterinary clinics throughout the United States (U.S.) and Canada. The focus of the conference was to understand the scope of the problem and what is being done, and can be done, to address it.

In the past two years, approximately 28% households experienced barriers to veterinary care. The overwhelming barrier for all groups of pet owners was financial. The U.S. has experienced the highest increase in inflation in the past four decades, which includes veterinary services that have increased by nearly 10% nationally. Besides financial barriers some pet owners have lack of transportation, low cost spay/neuter options and communication/language obstacles. Coupled with a veterinarian and veterinary technician shortage, the issues have become even greater. Access to veterinary care is a complex issue, which will take a great deal of collaboration from veterinarians, animal welfare organizations, social services, policy makers and society in general to change.

It was wonderful to be surrounded by other animal welfare professionals at this conference as it allowed us to share our struggles, our victories and learn from each other. Of course, these issues are also affecting animal welfare organizations trying to obtain veterinary care for the adoptive animals we care for. In addition, the significant increase in animal surrenders (particularly dogs) in 2022 is putting a huge strain on shelters and rescues. Who are already struggling with an extended stay for animals waiting for necessary surgeries and veterinary procedures.

A recent study of current shelter data shows that there are nearly 60,000 more dogs available for adoption in the U.S. than there was this time last year. These shelters are reporting that surrender request calls have increased by 25 to 100 percent compared to previous years. Here at LAHS, we are experiencing a large increase as well. We have received over 100 dog surrender requests since the beginning of June. In previous years, we would have an average of 8-10 calls per month and were able to accommodate most in need of placement. We are also seeing significantly more dogs/puppies that were acquired during COVID with behavioral concerns. Many were under-socialized, not spayed/neutered and received no training. They arrive in need of rehabilitation that can take weeks to months to accomplish. Normally, we would seek assistance from our rescue organizations that can provide significantly more individualized training and socialization to these dogs in need. Unfortunately, our rescue organization partners have been at maximum capacity for months. As a result these dogs' length of stay at the shelter is extended, which then limits the number of surrenders we can take in. The animal welfare system has hit a capacity that we haven't seen in years.

As noted at the beginning of this article, we need to “buckle up” and navigate through this difficult time. Even so, we are confident that, thanks to your continued support, we will be able to continue to provide the best care to lost and homeless animals in need.



Fundraising Success...

Motorcycle Ride Fundraiser



The **West Central MN Prometheus motorcycle club** organized and held a motorcycle ride on Saturday, July 30th to benefit the Lakes Area Humane Society (LAHS). The approximately 100 mile ride began at the Lakes Area Humane Society shelter, with bakery goods donated by Roers Bakery, and ended near Milota. The weather was beautiful, the riders enjoyed a safe ride that included a hog roast, entertainment and camping that evening. A great time was had by all and the club raised \$1,000.00 for the animals cared for by the shelter! We wish to sincerely thank the WC MN Prometheus motorcycle club and all those who participated in the ride.



A special thank you to those who participate in Runestone Electric Associations' **Operation Round-Up** program that allows REA to provide grant monies to non-profit organizations who apply. Due to the participants generosity, the Lakes Area Humane Society received \$500, which allowed us to purchase a new extended reach microchip scanner!

Seeking Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Options? Unfortunately, at this time MNSNAP is unable to come to our shelter due to staffing shortages and repairs needed for their mobile clinic. If you are need of services, you can still make arrangements to sign up with MNSNAP at their Minneapolis location or contact Minn-Kota Paaws another non-profit organization that offers low-cost S/N services located in Fargo. Below is contact information for both organizations:

MNSNAP
[\(612\) 720-8236](tel:(612)720-8236)
<https://mnsnap.org>

Minn-Kota Paaws
[\(701\) 356-0523](tel:(701)356-0523)
<https://minnkotapaaws.org>

Kids Making a Difference!



Special thanks to the Hitch girls! They set up a lemonade stand and raised over \$200 for LAHS and the animals we care for. Way to go!



A big shout out to Sydney and Lila who purchased and donated pet supplies for our animals! They donated cat and dog food and lots of cat toys. THANK YOU!

About LAHS...

Mission

To promote responsible care and training for household pets through education and public awareness and, when appropriate, to provide a safe and sheltering haven for lost and abandoned animals pending placement in suitable permanent homes.

Location/Contact

3811 Nevada Street SW
Alexandria, MN 56308
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lahs@gctel.net
www.lakesareahumanesociety.org

Shelter Hours

Monday, Wednesday
Thursday & Friday
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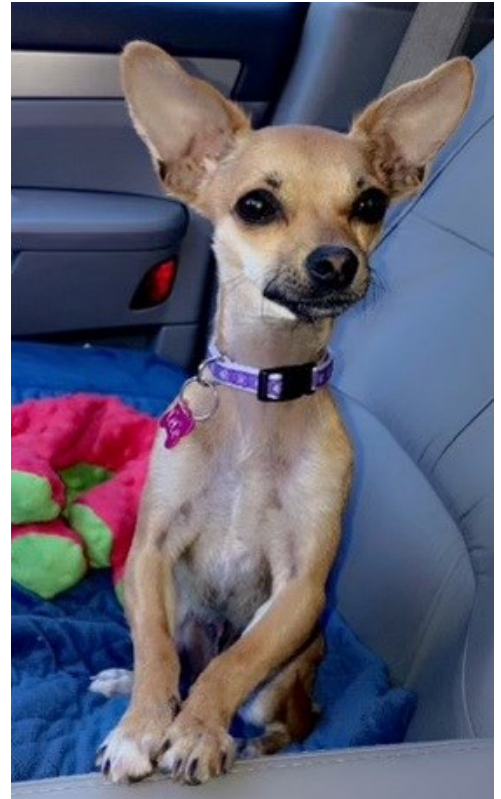
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Letters From Home...



*"CeCe"
"Adopted by
Deb K.*



"Taco" (pictured above and "Dragon" (pictured below) Adopted by the Petek Family



*"Roxy" Adopted by the
Kaylor family*

Hello ! I would like you all to know that Reba is doing great and we love her very much! We got her as a companion for our other cat Theo. He needed a buddy and I'm happy to say they love each other. He cleans her all the time and she loves it. They play non-stop. One of her favorite things to do is to catch flies which she is very good at! She fits in great. Thank you!

"Reba" (pictured right) with "Theo" (pictured left) in her new home adopted by the Kraus Family



"May" Adopted by Hailey H.



"Sully" Adopted by Christina A. and Zachary T.

More Letters From Home...



"Bentley" Adopted by Ashley R. (above)

"Mario" & "Luigi" Adopted by the Risse Family (Pictured right)



More Kids Making a Difference!



We wish to give Ingrid R. (on L/R pictured with sister Aasta) a **HUGE thank you** for presenting the LAHS staff with a wonderful donation of \$182! For her birthday, she asked her guests to bring donations in lieu of receiving birthday presents. Ingrid's passion to make a difference for the animals being cared for by LAHS is incredible!



On behalf of the animals, LAHS wants to give a special **THANKS** to Rhea R. for her donations of quilts! Rhea created and made the quilts herself to fit perfectly in our kennels. Each pet adopted will get to take his/her special quilt with them to their new home!

In Loving Memory...

Persons who donated money in Memory of... June thru October 2022

Roxy Ann Reynolds in memory of Rhonda Reynolds
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and his love of animals
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Jerry & Jeanne Miller in memory of Tia
Linda Fiebelkorn in memory of Rosie

♥
IN LOVING
memory

Thanks ...for Helping Us Make a Difference!

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"Quincy" Adopted by the Huizinga Family



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*“Andy” Adopted by
the Smith family*



In the Know...Pet Safety in the Car

In Minnesota, it's "Click It or Ticket," so we know to buckle up as soon as we get into the car. We also know that our car has seatbelts and airbags to keep us safe. But how can we keep our pets safe in the car?

First off, never, ever let an animal go loose in your car. For cats, small dogs and other animals, use a transportable cage or a small carrier. Avoid using a cardboard box as an animal can easily chew open the box and escape.

What about dogs, especially larger ones who tend to lie down in the backseat or sit in the passenger seat? This means a loose, unsecured animal is in your car, which could lead to the following scenarios:



- You slam on the brakes. Your pet crashes into the dashboard, the back of the front seats, or even worse: through the windshield.
- You get in an accident and in the commotion; your dog gets out and runs away.
- Your pet might stick his/her head out the window and get hit.
- A paw could accidentally open the window further and your dog might jump out.
- A paw could accidentally close the window while your dog's head is sticking out.
- Your dog might jump down to where the brake and gas pedals are or jump into your lap limiting your sight and mobility.

None of these scenarios end well if your pet isn't properly restrained. These are some simple ways that you can restrain your dog when going for a car ride:

Traveling Kennel or Carrier: This is pretty basic. Just make sure your pet has room to stand up and turn around in the kennel or carrier. The only downside is that a kennel or carrier could move and fall off a seat while the car is in motion. For that reason, it's best to loop the seatbelt through the back of the carrier or a handle on the top.

Harness: Make sure you get a harness that fits your pet correctly and has a way to clip into the seatbelt.

Car Seat: Invest in a car seat for your dog that clips into the seatbelt or is fastened around a seat. Combined with a strap attached to your dog's harness, this will keep them from bouncing around or falling off the seat, and keeps your dog safe.

Wish List

- Postage Stamps
- Kitten Food - Dry (Purina)
- Bleach
- Paper Towels
- Copy Paper
- Post It Notes
- H3 Laundry
- Detergent
- Break-A-Way Cat Collars



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