

# Newsletter of the Lakes Area Humane Society

## In this Issue...

Page 2

Fundraising Success

Page 3

Making a Difference

Pages 4 ~ 5

Letters From Home

Pages 6 ~ 8

Donations

Pages 8 ~ 9

In the Know

Page 10

Microchipping  
Available

## Dog Obedience

Alexandria Community  
Education is offering  
Basic Dog Obedience  
Training Classes

To Register:

Go to Alexandria  
Community Education  
Website or call for  
more information:

320-762-3310 Ex. 4272

# The Barker!

Newsletter of the Lakes Area Humane Society Spring 2023

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

Here at the shelter, our goal is to promote desirable behaviors and reduce stress for the animals in our care. We know that an animal shelter is not a suitable substitute for a home environment. It can be very stressful for most incoming animals. The unfamiliar surroundings, sounds, smells and all the other animals are overwhelming to take in. Some pets adapt quickly and others may struggle for quite some time. Also, there are some pets that do well initially, but start to decline the longer they stay in the shelter environment.

We can reduce stress and enhance our animals' time at the shelter thru enrichment techniques that give the pets the opportunity to use cognitive skills and focus their energy in constructive ways. When offered these opportunities, it reduces the likelihood of the pets developing undesired behaviors as the result of stress and/or boredom. Enrichment techniques are used widely throughout the animal world in zoos, sanctuaries, shelters and rescue organizations.

When we think about enrichment, we think of different types, such as mental games, physical exercise and changes in the animal's environment. For dogs, some ways we offer enrichment are:

- Provide them with special food bowl puzzles that encourage foraging and problem solving,
- Give them frozen Kong toys stuffed with food, peanut butter and yogurt,
- Cover kennels of scared or reactive dogs with blankets to decrease visual overstimulation due other dogs and new people passing their kennels,
- Have volunteers take them for walks and playing with toys in our outdoor play yard. Or, simply sit quietly with dogs who lack confidence, socialization or are scared,
- Place elevated beds, blankets, toys and in some cases, add smaller kennels to curl up in to give a sense of safety and comfort for those that need it.

For our cats, some ways we provide enrichment are:

- Cover kennels or portion of kennels to provide security to shy, reactive or new mother cats,
- Providing elevated beds in their kennels to allow them to perch to observe their surroundings and have extra space to play or stretch out for a nap,
- Enlarge their kennel spaces by opening up portals between kennels, separating their litter box areas from their eating and resting area,
- Add new toys to their kennels, such as ones that can be hung from the doors,
- Allow them time out of their kennels to run, play, and interact with volunteers and adopters,
- Provide climbing trees, places to hide, scratching posts and occasional catnip sessions for those who enjoy it.

Our staff continues to come up with new enrichment ideas to enhance the time that these pets spend with us prior to adoption. Ultimately, we know that a happy, relaxed animal is less likely to be susceptible to diseases or develop behavioral issues, and will be adopted more quickly!



# Fundraising ....

## On-Line Auction - December 2022

Thank you to each of you who participated and purchased items from our on-line fundraising auction that was held in December. In addition, we wish to offer a huge **THANK YOU** to each of the businesses who donated so many wonderful auction items. The auction raised over **\$4,300!**

### THANK YOU TO THE GENEROUS DONORS WHO HELPED RAISE OVER \$4,300!

2 Guys Take & Bake	Down On The Corner	O-Town Tavern
About Face By Jul	Dunn Brothers	Past & Present Gallery
Ace Hardware	Faction	Photo Magic
Alexandria Animal Dr	Family Nails	Pine Grove Zoo
Alex Auto & Marine	Fantastic Sam's	Pizza Ranch
Alex Aviation	Fired Up Bar & Grill	Plaza Tire
Andria Theatre	Friends of LAHS	Potomac Bead Company
Blairview Saddle Shop	Hilltop Lumber	RM Tattoo
Bon Jo's	Holiday Inn	Salon Alexis
Broadway Floral	Jackie J's	Scooter's Coffee
Caribou Coffee	Jill Boline	Sherwin Williams
Casey's Amusement Park	Kindred People	Squeaky Clean
Cherry Street Books	Lucky Dog Spa	Tastefully Simple
Colorful Seasons	Magpie	The Bark Barn
Country Store	Maurices	T-Mobile
Creative Touch Boutique	Massage By Natalie	Woody's Car Wash
Curves	Michael's For Hair	Yesterday's
Darling Reflections Spa	Mike's In & Out	Yoga Borealis
Design Station	M&T Nails Spa	
D Michael B's	Muddy Paws	
Diekman's Jewelry	Ollie's	



*Check out "Amiri", who is looking for her life-long adoptive home!*

Amiri absolutely LOVES to play with tennis balls! She is an energetic, 1 year old, Black Lab blend. She would love to find an active family willing to teach her new things! Her adoption fee includes: spay, vaccinations, blood tests, deworming and microchip!

If interested, please call the shelter at 320-759-2260 to set up a time to meet her.



# Making a Difference!



Special THANK YOU to Mission Mechanical and their staff who chose to donate their charitable funds to the Lakes Area Humane Society! Some of the staff presented LAHS with a check for \$1,650 in January.



The Angry Chefs, a group of people who have a passion for food and doing goodwill for our community, held a fundraiser for the Lakes Area Humane Society. On Saturday, February 25th, the Chefs put on an amazing Pork Chop Feed at the VFW here in Alexandria. The feed featured pork chops, cheesy potatoes, roll

and side salad for a donation of \$13 a plate to eat in or order to go!. The meal was fantastic and the Angry Chefs raised \$1,000 for the LAHS animals! Huge thank you to the Chefs and the volunteers who assisted!

## 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  
320-759-2260  
lahs@gctel.net  
[www.lakesareahumanesociety.org](http://www.lakesareahumanesociety.org)

### Shelter Hours

Monday, Wednesday  
Thursday & Friday  
12:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Saturday  
11:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Closed Tuesday/Sunday

### Board of Directors

Misty Tracy, President  
Brian Kakach, Vice President  
Bob Bordeaux, Treasurer  
Dawn Thorstad, Secretary  
Becky deHart  
Jamie Kakach

### Shelter Staff

Christin Klimek  
Joan Becker  
Raelin Bothun  
Madison Walvatne  
Ann Bertram  
Maya Krusemark  
Chloe Loch  
Betty Whitman

# Letters From Home...



*"Nala" Adopted by Ann B.*



*"Albert" & "Scroch" adopted by J. Trinklein*



*"Daisy" Adopted by the Mjoen Family*







*Hello! I'm writing because we recently adopted Kya and I wanted to say thank you! The adoption process was easy and the cats are so well taken care of. Kya has made the perfect addition to our little family; she is the sweetest and most playful cat. If we ever want to adopt another pet we will certainly visit again. We appreciate everything you all do for these animals!*

*"Kya" Adopted by the Jorissen Family*

---

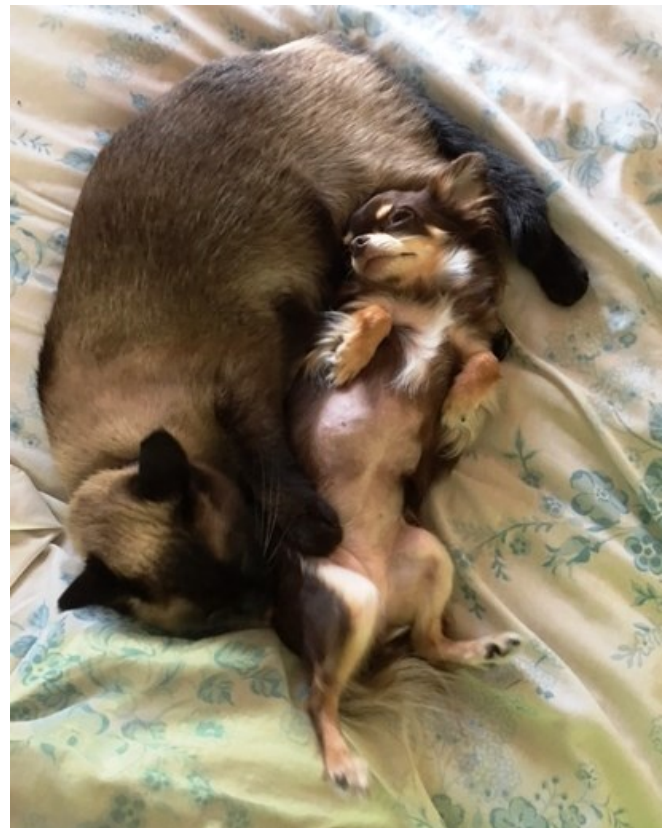


*"Parlan" Adopted by B. Wussow*

---

*"Shiloh" and her Chihuahua buddy!*

*Adopted by the O'Brien Family*





# More Letters From Home...



*"Forest" & "Fern" adopted by the Bartel Family*



*"Milo" & big sister "Ellie" adopted by the Greve Family*

## Wish List

- Postage Stamps (both postcard & 1st class)
- Kitten Food - Dry (Purina)
- Bleach
- Paper Towels
- Copy Paper
- Post It Notes
- H3 Laundry Detergent
- Lysol-Fresh Scent Floor Cleaner
- Break-A-Way Cat Collars



Join us on Facebook and we will keep you updated on pets that are available for adoption, upcoming events and other opportunities!

# Thanks ...for Helping Us Make a Difference!

## **Persons who donated money in Memory of... December 2022 thru February 2023**

Matt Brown in memory of Rodney "Bumper" Lee  
Dan & Jane Holmquist in memory of Rodney "Bumper" Lee  
Roxanne McGowan in memory of Rodney "Bumper" Lee  
Byron Peterson in memory of Rodney "Bumper" Lee  
Cherie Conn in memory of Rodney "Bumper" Lee  
Francis & Christine Lonabaugh in memory of  
Rodney "Bumper" Lee  
Roger & Julie Blank in memory of Rodney "Bumper" Lee  
Vantage Bank in memory of Rodney "Bumper" Lee  
Ed & Dee Anderson in memory of Alex  
Carlene Ness in memory of Alex  
Paulette & Rocky Hedstrom in memory of Aunt Irene Morse  
Pledging Foundation in memory of Irene Morse  
Anonymous donation made in memory of Irene Morse  
Jeremy Symanietz in memory of Bina the cat  
Shannon McNutt in memory of Teeny  
Karin Holt in memory of Schatzi  
Jennie & Dennis Schmidt in memory of Barron and Chester  
Clayton & Sue Lewis in memory of ToriTu  
Jessamyn Greiner in memory of Tonka  
Nicole Olson in memory of Danie  
Monte Eggen in memory of NikNik  
Mike & Linda Ogg in memory of Sasha, Spider, Fonzo, Mutton  
Linda Fiebelkorn in memory of Rosie and Beaner  
Marlys Benson in memory of Janice Frank  
Shelley Anderson & Steve Taveirne in memory of  
Elizabeth "Betty" Brandt  
David Christenson & Jill Johnson in memory of  
Dana Christenson  
Grant & Katie Trisko in memory of Walter  
Wendy Peterson in memory of Helen Kuester  
Jill Holte in memory of Sophie  
Marilyn Dietz in memory of Taz  
Karen & Benjamin Cichowski in memory of Abby  
Kay & Steven Karye in memory of Coda  
Margaret Armstrong – Law in memory of Susan Seltz  
Bryan & Beth Carlson in memory of Nola Carlson  
Karen Sinotte in memory of Bailey Sinotte  
Karen Burr & Anthony Tigges in memory of Diane Burr  
Bill & Sharon Bursch in memory of Beau, Button, and Blu  
Fred & Wanda Klimek in memory of Mollie  
Mary & Jim Pohl in memory of Derby and Chomsky

Bert & Audrey Points in memory of Hank  
Kathleen & Robert Miske in memory of Ivan  
Dennis & Jenny Schmidt in memory of Chester  
Mark & Lori West in memory of Skruffy  
Roland & Kathryn Kortlever in memory of Scooter  
Jerry Miller in memory of Tia  
Holly Glad in memory of Ruth Christenson  
Shelly Lynn in memory of Jack, Ginny, Lexi Girl  
Steve & Karen Samek in memory of Sammy  
Jerry & Linda Jakes in memory of Sadie  
Susanne Engstrom in memory of Kora  
Jerry & Judy Klein in memory of Gigi and  
Bonnie Melville  
Reenie Elkington in memory of Henry Christenson  
Cathryn Elverum in memory of Taz  
John & Joan Huseuth in memory of Yoda  
Pat Manthei in memory of Scooter  
Helene Morrell in memory of Nicholes  
Mel & Ardell Klimek in memory of Rusty  
Sandy & Francis Kouba in memory of Zoey  
Mark & Becky McCabe in memory of Dottie  
Lee Saeugling in memory of Jan Saeugling  
Ruth Steffl in memory of Karen Johnson  
Joan Martell in memory of Chloe  
Arlene Linder in memory of Erna Spehn  
Jim & Pam Peterson in memory of Marie  
Shelly Gaffaney in memory of Rubee  
Donna & Gordy Ziegelman in memory of  
Brandy and Pepper  
Harold & Jeanne Wells in memory of Shelby  
Jennie & Dennis Schmidt in memory of  
Barron and Chester  
LaDean Moen in memory of Snugs  
Ed & Pat Arneson in memory of Tara  
Pamela Brown in memory of Pam Bundermann  
Carolyn & Roger Anderson in memory of  
Sophie and Callie  
Betsy Nordgaard in memory of Betty White  
Tom & Jan Broten in memory of Buddy  
Jeff Schulke in memory of Lola and Sniper



# Thanks ...for Helping Us Make a Difference!

## **Persons who donated money in Honor of... December 2022 thru February 2023**

Michelle Olsen in honor of Doro and Woody  
Katherine Rupp in honor of Clayton & Sue Lewis  
Ann Miller in honor of June & Doug Landgren  
Toni Tebben in honor of "Class of '71 Lunch Bunch"  
Bonita Gilbertson in honor of Gibson  
Kevin Klimek in honor of Smokey  
Darrell Lorsung in honor of Beau  
Mary New in honor of Maggie  
Karen Sinotte in honor of Daisy Sinotte  
Steve & Karen Samek in honor of Cade  
Lynette Emblom in honor of Lutefisk  
Duwayne & Angela Lund in honor of Bud,  
Spencer, Nugget  
Gary & Suzanne Kakach in honor of Rusty  
Nancy Starewicz in honor of Lady

Gladys Jobe in honor of Watten  
Sandy & Francis Kouba in honor of Pearly Mae Pig  
Clayton & Sue Lewis in honor of Tori and Tar  
Debra & Gale McIntosh in honor of Dakota  
Sandra Froemming in honor of Sara Froemming  
Linda Freeman in honor of Duchess  
Keith & Kay Zempel in honor of Daisy and Oliver  
Linda Fiebelkorn in honor of Beaner  
Wegner Family in honor of Hugo  
Reenie Elkington in honor of Peaches and Squash  
for Valentine's Day  
Nick & Heather Simonson in honor of Maple  
Ed & Pat Arneson in honor of Princess  
Robert Hobus Jr. in honor of Ingrid and Aasta Richards  
Jeff Schulke in honor of Sam and Mojo

## **Persons who donated money, supplies & services... December 2022 thru February 2023**

William Peglow  
Esther & David Mehrer  
Ann Keli  
Nancy Heuer  
Charlie Clyne  
Judy & Lee Styve  
Velma Yatskis  
Mark Heieren  
Dan McGinn  
Kathy Farnes  
Judith Melville  
Brittney Best  
Donna Carlson  
Jamie Aslagson  
Bridgette Jergenson  
Kari Anderson  
Jayne Staley  
Linda Ley  
Tim Arvold  
Joan Weldele  
Loray Edenloff  
Sharon Karvonen  
Kathy DePorter  
Tom Seibert  
Spruce Hill Rangers - Miltona  
Kyle & Diane Pearson  
Kathryn Lee  
Dale Colby  
Jade & Michael Fritz

Jeffrey Conkling  
Melissa Millman  
Kate Phelps  
Carol Swenson & Robert Ferguson &  
Maggie  
Peggy Pearson  
Prairie Land Poodles  
ReMax Results  
Elli Marczak  
Brenda Haglin  
Sheila Clemens  
Rhonda Huls  
Deb Silis  
Jackie Feil  
Andrea Olson  
The Bark Barn  
Taylor Man  
Shannon Hanson  
Linda Cole & Bruce Jordan  
Ida Andrick  
Herzog Property Management  
Jennifer Cole  
Tom Siebert  
Sheila Clemens  
Angie Goergen  
Sam Thoennes  
Chris Wieberdink  
Copper Pines  
Brandon Yellow Bird

Darren Rossman  
Kendra Collins  
Jay Coleman  
Lionel Milstead  
Kaden Johnson  
Tonya Swedal  
Preston Steidl  
Stacy Steidl  
Rhonda Fassett  
Julie, Gabby, Eva, & Ari  
Nita Drews  
Judy McNulty  
Tom & Linda Akenson  
Thomas & Janice Broten  
Terri Wohler  
Sean Foster  
Ann Smith  
Linda Dahl  
Darren Santelman  
Pat Smith  
Mission Mechanical  
Mary Skarda  
Mark & LeeAnn Sticha  
Jean & David Johnson  
Katie Satterlie  
Jessica Borowicz  
Melani Beebout



# Thanks ...for Helping Us Make a Difference!

## Persons who donated money, supplies & services... December 2022 thru February 2023

Lauren Jordan  
Kari Thomason  
Lisa Norris  
Kaci Short  
Kathie Busche  
Todd Skramstad  
Jean Carlson  
Pam Throll  
Amy Amundson  
Donna Edmunds  
Shelly Gaffaney  
Vicki Hinrichs  
Thomas Knisely  
Michelle Olsen  
Jennifer & Robert Wegner  
Anita Wencil  
Terri Wohlert  
Annie Clark  
Dana Wussow  
Mariah Hetland  
Angie Reger  
Liz & Matilda Ahrens  
Gary Anderson  
Randa Kluver  
Brian Peterson  
Dennis & Bonnie Miller  
Thomas Obert  
Derek Swedberg  
Paulette Drake  
David Ostrander  
Gail Lehner  
Rebecca Dehart  
Lisa Frisch  
Donna & Robert Thompson  
Kim Montgomery  
Irene Morse  
Curtis & Bonnie Ulvestad  
Sandra & Francis Kouba  
Geri & Ted Zabrosky  
Gary & Suzanne Kakach  
Carolyn Binnebose  
Raymond Raml  
Angie Clarquist  
Ksenia Rae  
Anita Anderson  
Karen Sinotte  
Bill McQuade

Deborah Carlsrud  
Jeff Morse  
Bev & Wayne Quermemoen  
Rebecca & Tom Wilkenson  
David & Lynne High  
Kristen Stoutland  
Rebecca Nessman  
Raelin Bothun  
Saundra Benson  
Pryce Score  
Robert Hauser  
Ted & LouAnn Schmidt  
Sheila Spartz  
Guido Niederoest &  
Patricia Bouta  
Beverly Gallup  
Mitchell Linder  
Richard Olsen  
Dawn Thorstad  
Brian & Jamie Kakach  
Jen Hinnenkamp  
Roger & Maureen Podany  
Ellen Bangtson  
Lisa & Wayne Ek  
Butch Blake & Lilly Barthle  
Deb Holden  
Eugene & Michele Benting  
Richard & Betty Sue Lee  
Mike & Miriam Svobodny  
Sheila Clemens Graves  
Jean Otte  
David & Nancy Anderson  
Steven & Bonnie Frahm  
Galen & Kari Huizinga  
Sonja & Allen Starry  
Lauren Feeken  
Bev Bales  
Karen Cossette  
Richard & Donna Carlson  
Kelly Emmons  
Ellen Jorissen  
Carol Ladwig  
Yolanda Polman  
Donna Seela  
Keith & Kay Zempel  
Duane & Connie Shelden  
Mel & Helen Hoium

Charles Munsch  
Carol Nustad  
Janis Floding  
Kim New  
Mike & Kathy Koppy  
Mary Helen & William  
Moeller  
Ron & Mary Ellen Lyman  
Gerry & Kathy Nordos  
Nancy Plecas  
Manly & Helen Johnson  
Lynn Hendrickson  
LuWanna Johnson  
Cindy Anderson  
Dan & Barbara Gehle  
Cross Realty Inc.  
Marge Pasche  
Jane Holmquist  
Sandra Doege  
Dick & Sandy Susag  
Lynn Glesne  
Barbara Hartman  
Joey Loken  
Deb Schmidt  
Bob & Linda Stehberger  
Gary & Judy Vorachek  
Todd Hyatt  
Diane Strehlow  
Gina Niehoff  
Deanna Rude  
Melissa Lee  
Stephanie Lee  
Caring Hands Dental Clinic  
Dale & Karen Wibstad  
Christy Leiser  
Patricia Jepsen & Antonio Llo-  
pis  
Thomas Green  
Jim & Kathy Rupp  
Kim & Sandy Davis  
Dan & Tammie Quiggle  
Al & Cody Lund  
Theresa Ferrozzo  
John & Bonnie Leesch  
Debra Eull  
Kolleen Roth  
Marcia Weisel

Jeanne Eastlund  
Melinda Mcclung  
Mark Opp & Amy Allen-Opp  
Ted & LouAnn Schmidt  
Gina & Derek Brown  
Colleen Ouimet  
Jeff Loken  
Mary Helen Moeller  
Robert Hauser  
Roxann Vollan  
Clifton Bodle  
Mark West  
Charlotte Myhre  
Dominique & Jason Kuechle  
Tastefully Simple  
Rick & Sandy Paulsen  
Joyce Lanus  
Judy Bennett  
Larry & Kristin Gabrielson  
Dr Erick & Donell Nolting  
Arnquist Carpets Plus  
John & Corinn Gromatka  
Matt & Jenny Karnes  
Mark & Lori West  
MillervilleSportsmans Club Inc



**While we strive to ensure that all donors are acknowledged, we want to extend a THANK YOU to anyone who we may have inadvertently omitted. We sincerely appreciate any and all donations!**



NON-PROFIT ORG.  
US POSTAGE PAID  
PERMIT #29  
ALEXANDRIA, MN

Return Service Requested

1

Lakes Area Humane Society  
3811 Nevada Street SW  
Alexandria, MN 56308  
320-759-2260  
lahs@gctel.net

# Low-Cost Microchipping

Wednesdays & Thursdays  
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Appointments Required**

**\$25** \*per pet



Call the shelter at 320-759-2260 to schedule an appointment, or with any questions.