

Newsletter of the Lakes Area Humane Society

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Motorcycle Ride

Dog Obedience

Alexandria Community
Education is offering
Basic Dog Obedience
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The Barker!

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

Here at the shelter, we have certainly seen a significant increase in the number of cats and kittens entering the shelter. The past 1 ½ years, we saw a decrease in the number of lost pets as many pet owners were home more and were able to keep an eye on their pets. In addition, pet owners found they had more time to spend with their pets and really enjoyed their company, so surrender requests were down as well. As most everyone has returned to work and resumed activities, more lost and unwanted animals are again in need of assistance.

We were able to address necessary shelter repairs and other updates, such as painting, when our animal population was lower. It also gave us the opportunity to seek new ways to provide a more comfortable environment for the animals in our care. One such opportunity that we discovered as a special grant from the Shelter Medicine Program Team at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine to apply for portals for our cat kennels. To apply, we had to share why the cat portals would benefit our shelter and provide pictures of our current kennels to demonstrate the need. We were thrilled when the notification came in that we would be receiving 24 portals, (valued at over \$2,800), which would provide enough for every kennel. It took some time and ingenuity to get all of the portals fitted for each of our different kennel systems, but it was certainly worth it in the end!

You may be asking why these kennel portals are so important to our shelter. These portals are installed between cages to allow cats the freedom to move between two spaces and have a separate areas to eat/sleep and to utilize the litter box. This also helps to mitigate some of the stress of the shelter environment. The other benefits to the double compartment housing, is that stressed cats can be handled less frequently until they are more comfortable as they can be coaxed from one side of the kennel while staff is cleaning the other side. Although, all of our cats and kittens get out of their kennels at least twice a day this provides even more exercise time. The large cats have enough space to completely stretch out and kittens love the extra space to play and especially enjoy zooming in and out of the portals.

Interestingly enough, studies have also shown that cats housed in double kennels are adopted more quickly. The portals are able to be temporarily closed when an urgent need for additional space for incoming cats/kittens is needed.

All of us at LAHS have already seen the benefit these portals offer. We are so thankful to have received this grant to provide this much needed upgrade for our cats and kittens!

"Silas" is pictured here demonstrating how comfortable and versatile the portals are!



Fundraising

Thanks to the generosity of our members and volunteers, our second annual Baked and Handcrafted Goods sale at the Alexandria's Farmers Market, held on June 4th, was very successful with over \$500 raised!

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who brought donations of baked goods, jams/jellies, crafts, cat toys, artwork, plants and more!



BeMobile.

Special THANKS to BeMobile for the donation drive that they held for the LAHS shelter the week of April 11th thru the 13th! Their donation drive brought in lots of cleaning supplies, garbage bags, cat/dog food and toys. We also wish to extend a thank you to the individuals who donated these great items!



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

Kids Making a Difference!



We wish to give Aasta R. a **HUGE thank you** for presenting the LAHS staff with a wonderful donation of \$150! For her birthday, she asked her guests to bring donations in lieu of receiving birthday presents. Aasta's passion to make a difference for the animals being cared for by LAHS is incredible!



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

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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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

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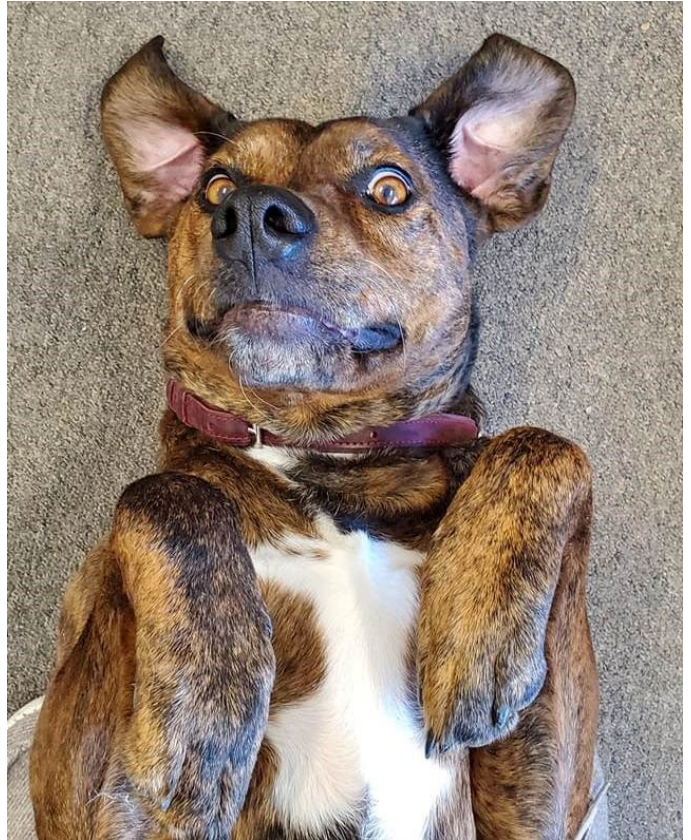
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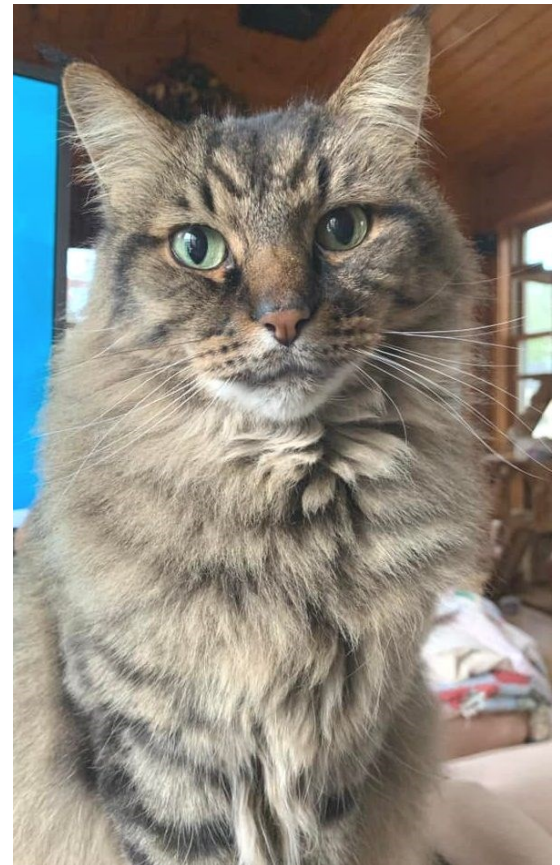
Letters From Home...



"Bella" Adopted by the Thomas Family



"Dilbert" Adopted by Raelin B.



"Leo" Adopted by Ann C.Z.

“Jack” and “Lilly” Adopted by the Olson Family



“Freya” Adopted by Katy N.



“Mabel” Adopted by Misty T.

Thanks ...for Helping Us Make a Difference!

Persons who donated money in Memory of... March thru May 2022

Griselda (Poots) Nelson in memory of
Annette Revering
Florence Hvezda in memory of Annette Revering
Bruce & Barb Steidl in memory of Annette Revering
Ruth Marti in memory of Annette Revering
Karen Cook in memory of Annette Revering
Harry & Georgine Roers in memory of
Annette Revering
James & Jill Wagner in memory of Annette Revering
Tracy Perry in memory of Annette Revering
Mark & Colleen Trebelhorn in memory of
Annette Revering
Mary Olson in memory of Annette Revering
Theresa & Erling Berger in memory of
Annette Revering
Ruth Steidl in memory of Annette Revering
Joseph & Rhonda Pickar in memory of
Annette Revering
Shirley Syverson in memory of Annette Revering
Terri Lynn Elsey in memory of Annette Revering
Richard Nodland JR in memory of
Annette Revering
Bob Busch in memory of Derby and Sutter
Joan Meyer in memory of Sophie
Chuck & Sandi Like in memory of Jack

Tim Woodle in memory of Dan Woodle
John Mercado in memory of Pacino
Ann Maudal in memory of Benny
Jill Holte in memory of Josie
The Gylsen Family in memory of Wayne Gylsen
Sandra Doege in memory of Wayne Gylsen
Shelley Anderson in memory of Allan Gerdes
Linda Fiebelkorn in memory of Rosie
Arlene Linder in memory of Bill Flaig
Charlotte Myhre in memory of Kyra Myhre
Christine Leiser in memory of Felix Leiser
Barbara & Richard Wagner in memory of Gracie
Stella & Leo Nynas in memory of Janet Anderson
Rick & Diane Nelson in memory of Donavan Emery
Thomas Kienne in memory of Joyce Kakac
Rhonda Huls in memory of Pickle
Loray Edenloff in memory of Beth McKay Teeuwen
Miranda Sungaard in memory of Apollo
Mike Svobodny in memory of Chloe
Margaret Armstrong- Law in memory of Susan Seltz
Geri Zabrosky in memory of Jasper, beloved dog of
Dave & Karen
Linda Fiebelkorn in memory of Rosie
Sandy Kouba in memory Joyce LaRue Kakac
Ruth & Thomas Obert in memory of Joyce Kakac

Persons who donated money in Honor of...March thru May 2022

Betsy R. in honor of Aasta's Birthday
Solie B. in honor of Aasta's Birthday
William S. in honor of Aasta's Birthday
Connor M. in honor of Aasta's Birthday
Sophie B. in honor of Aasta's Birthday
Jillian S. in honor of Aasta's Birthday
Rhea R. in honor of Aasta's Birthday
Liv S. in honor of Aasta's Birthday
Micah & Allyson Radach in honor of Aasta's Birthday
Aasta Richards in honor of her Birthday
Shelly Anderson in honor of Kristi Wenner's Birthday
Linda Fiebelkorn in honor of Beaner

Kevin & Luana Klimek in honor of Smokey
Barbara & Richard Wagner in honor of Owen
Sandra Froemming in honor of Stacy's 51st Birthday
Sara Froemming in honor of Stacy's 51st Birthday
Daniel & Mary New in honor of Maggie and Kimberly
Bonita Gilbertson in honor of Gibson

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!

Thanks ...for Helping Us Make a Difference!

Persons who donated money, supplies & services... March thru May 2022

Nancy Heuer	Donna Edmunds	Steven & Sandra Froemming
Gayle Myhr	Thomas Green	Alejandro Gonzalez
Peggy Haugen	Delbert Johnson	Sandy Kouba
Tom & Jan Broten	Gerald & Judith Radford	Kay & Keith Zempel
Kathy Slavik	Robert Wegner	Joey Loken
Lisa Malmgren	Anita Wenci	Kevin Berglund
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Judy Mahoney	Emma Cordova	Joseph & Kasey Jenc
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Mary Powell	Rena Henrich	Lavonne Peterson
Monica Vink	Karl Bloomquist	Jon Steinbring
Holly Nett	Jill & Cody Field	Liz Libaire
Sue Mesz	Kevin King	Christy Meir
Debra Smith	Nick Schultz	Kathy DePorter
Gloria Odegaard	Nicole Anderson	Julie Perez
Roger & Mary Jo Hochsprung	Diane Coranda	Sheila Clemens
Steph Boersma	Chris & Elaine Folkert	Jordan Anderson
Deb Domek	Rick Meyer	Emma Gronholz
Art Smallbrock	Robert Hauser	Tami Summer
Vickie Wohfeil	Michelle Olsen	Cassidy Smith
Lauri Nellermoen	Linda Full	Marlyne Klinder
Mary Robinson	John & Tamara Zitzmann	Shirley Haseman
Aric Bartlett	A Spectacular Ride for Charity	Sam Gesell
Lori Berglin	April & Brad Brejcha	

Thank you

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Persons who donated money, supplies & services... March thru May 2022 Cont.

Renae, Caleb, & Sierra Smith
Arlene Linder
Sandra Doege
Karla Petermann
Gary Anderson
Julie & Sam Allen
Stephanie Hegstad
David Ostrander
Ellen Bangtson
Joshua Sutton
Gail Cloutier
Gary & Suzanne KaKach
Linda Frisell
Bill McQuide
Sandy Kouba
Kristen Pederson

Shelby Thesing
Misty Vice
Melissa Maher
Colleen Ouimet
Sue Manthey
Teri Johnson
Kathy Ed
Melissa Hanson
Robert & Khande Hauser
Melonie Zenzen
Stacey Miller
Orlyn Ristow
Mary Jo Heieren
Jessica Trinklein
Royce Anderson
Mark & Jeanette Anderson



In the Know.... Summer Safety

We all love summer as it brings us all outdoors to enjoy our favorite warm weather activities, time at the lake or pool, camping, sports and cook outs. When the heat turns up, the dangers to pets can increase too. To keep your dog, cat and other furry friends safe, make sure you are prepared. Here are some of the dangers to watch for:

Dehydration and Heat Stroke

Dehydration and heat stroke are very real threats when the hot days of summer are upon us. Animals should always have fresh, clean water available at all times. Carry portable water bowls on dog walks and bring them on vacation or long car rides. To provide extra opportunities for your pets to cool off, you can use ice packs, fans (placed where pets can't access them), ice cubes, kiddie pools and sprinklers. Short-nosed dogs, like Pugs, Shih Tzus and Bulldogs, darker-colored pets, animals that are overweight or ones that have thick coats (like Himalayan or Persian cats), are especially prone to heat stress. Watch out for these symptoms:

- Excess lethargy/weakness
- Decreased urination
- Dry gums
- Refusal to eat
- Sunken eyes
- Decreased skin elasticity (Gently pinch your pet's skin near the shoulder up into the shape of a tent; if the skin is slow to snap back, your pet may be dehydrated.)

What should you do if you think your pet is dehydrated or suffering from heat stroke? You can cool them with a hose or wet towels and get them to a veterinarian as quickly as possible.

In the Know.... Summer Safety Continued

Pools and water

Despite what you have seen in social media videos, not all pets like to swim or have mastered the skill. If you are bringing your pet to the beach, boating or even the pool, be sure to buy a flotation device to keep your pet safe. It is also important to rinse your pet off well after a swim as pool chemicals, algae and bacteria in lakes can potentially cause health problems. If you are spending time in salt water, be sure to provide fresh water for pets to drink.

Cars

Pets should never be left alone in a vehicle, especially in warm weather. Temperatures as low as 65 degrees can be dangerous as the inside car temperatures can easily exceed safe levels.

Ticks

With all of the time your pet will be spending outdoors, one of the biggest dangers is ticks. During the summer, it is recommended that you check your pet for ticks daily and look thoroughly after walks or trips through wooded areas.

What should you do if you find a tick? Remove the tick as soon as possible, typically a tweezers or special tick removal tool will work well. Keep in mind that ticks carry a number of diseases and symptoms are often hard to spot, so it is best to contact your veterinarian for advice. Prevention is always the best, so prior to tick season you can ask your veterinarian what type of tick products are most effective and appropriate for your pet.

Bee stings

Curiosity may not kill the cat (or dog), but it can get them stung, resulting in a great deal of pain and swelling. Although most bee stings are not considered life-threatening, if the pet's swelling is causing any breathing issues or the swelling is quite large, it is important to contact your veterinary clinic immediately. Never give over the counter medications, unless you have been directed to do so by a veterinarian.

Sidewalks/Roads

Ever heard the expression, "It's so hot, you can fry an egg on the sidewalk"? Things like black pavement (or asphalt) can get very hot and can harm your pets' paws. Avoid asphalt/concrete, sand and rough pavement, pick softer routes, stick to the shaded areas and schedule walks for cooler times of the day.

These dangers may sound scary, but a little preparation and watchful eye is all you need to take the heat off your summer!





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Join Prometheus MC on a ride for LAHS! Saturday, July 30th

The motorcycle ride starts at LAHS and ends at Chao's house with camping, live music and biker games.

Registration from 10:30-11:45 a.m. Saturday morning.

Kickstands up at 12:00 p.m.

\$20 Per Person

For more info
contact
Chaos at
(320)760-9759

