

Newsletter of the Lakes Area Humane Society

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The Barker!

Newsletter of the Lakes Area Humane Society

Winter 2023

Greetings from the shelter!

By: *Christin Klimek, LAHS Director*

On July 23rd a group of 17 volunteers from the Alexandria Covenant Church came to the shelter to help us with some shelter maintenance. They had created a volunteer event, "Serving Sunday", to help local non-profits with projects they needed assistance with.

This wonderful group came to paint our outside storage shed and fencing. It took a great deal of scraping to prepare the surfaces prior to painting. Once that was completed, they painted the shed, trim and full length of the fence all in one day. The group certainly got a work out in! We can't thank them enough for their donation of time and manpower. Without them, it would have taken several weeks to complete by shelter staff and 1 or 2 volunteers.



The financial resources of non-profit organizations like LAHS are limited, and we must make every dollar count. Volunteers provide cost-effective solutions to help us free up our funds to focus on the most important part of our work, our animals. These volunteers offer their time and energy rather than having to hire outside services or utilize staff time.

Our volunteers are motivated by a strong sense of passion and dedication to the animals we care for. They are driven by the genuine desire to make a positive impact in our community. This dedication often inspires others to get involved as well.

The work LAHS volunteers do is invaluable. Whether they are painting, shelter maintenance, lawn mowing, shoveling snow, sitting on our board of directors, pulling weeds, transporting animals, petting cats or helping with fundraisers; the service they provide truly makes a difference! We thank all of our volunteers who have donated their time this past year. We are extremely grateful!



Fundraising Success...

Community Wood Fired Pizza Fundraiser



On August 2nd, the Lakes Area Humane Society participated in the Community Wood Fired Pizza event as a fundraiser for the shelter! LAHS staff, volunteers and board members joined in to help set-up, cut pizzas and a variety of other tasks that were needed. Individuals were able to pre-order a pizza from the menu on-line or could also place their orders that evening. The pizzas were delicious! The event was part of a summer-long fundraiser put on by the Wood Fired Pizza organizers each Wednesday evening starting in June. All of the proceeds from the events were collected and divided

among each of the participating non-profits. We were thrilled to have received \$750 from the event! Huge thank you to each of the individuals who organized and worked so hard to make this fundraiser a great success!

The **West Central MN Prometheus motorcycle club** organized and held their 3rd Annual motorcycle ride on Saturday, July 29th 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 Miliona. 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 \$1,500.00 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 spay and neuter 2 adoptive pets!

Kids Making a Difference!



Special thanks to Cora & Carson P. (pictured here with Destin)! They set up a lemonade stand and raised \$300 for LAHS and the animals we care for. Way to go!



A big shout out to Bennett (pictured here with Olaf) who also set up a lemonade stand to raise money for LAHS!

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
12:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Saturday
11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Closed Tuesday/Sunday

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Letters From Home...



*"Bailey"
Adopted by
Drew D.*



"Polly" Adopted by the Westphal Family



"Nash" Adopted by Brittany G.



“Georgia” Adopted by Ashley S.



*“Tater” Adopted by the Luciani/
Bothun Family*



“Phoebe” Adopted by Lisa R.

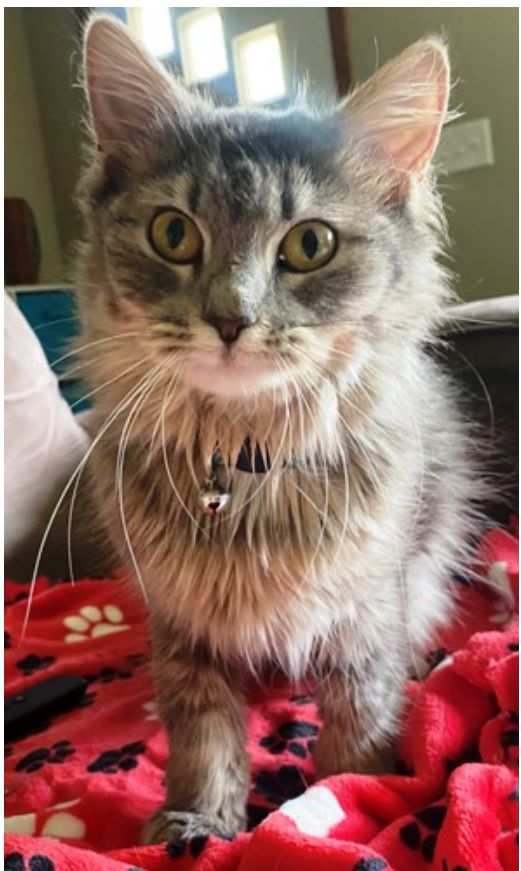


Letters From Home...Continued



"Hi! We wanted to let you know how well Gemma is doing! She has quickly become a wonderful addition to our family. She loves snuggling and going for her daily adventures (aka long walks). She thinks she's a 40lb lap dog sometimes. Our three kids adore her and she thinks they're pretty fun too. Thank you so much for helping facilitate her adoption!"

The Giesen Family



"Opal" Adopted by Engelbretson Family



"Frito" Adopted by Sophie T. and Daniel J.

In Loving Memory...

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Thanks...for helping us make a difference!

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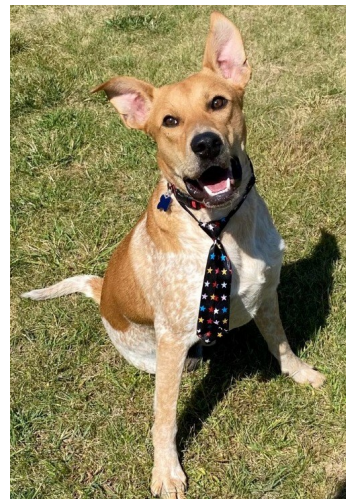
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Julie Kirscht in memory of Fancy



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Jillian S in honor of Aasta Richard's birthday
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Connor M in honor of Aasta Richard's birthday
William S in honor of Aasta Richard's birthday
Carter D in honor of Aasta Richard's birthday
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"Thank you!"

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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!



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Featured Adoptive Pet



Meet Bean! Bean is an 11 month old, female Jersey Woolly rabbit. She is a bit shy initially , but loves cuddles! Bean is the perfect little lap warmer for the upcoming colder months.

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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Join us again this year for our Online Fundraising Auction.

All money raised will go towards helping the homeless and unwanted animals in our community!

When:
November 24th – December 1st

Where:
Online! The auction will go live
Nov. 24th @ 12:15am



Scan the QR code



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