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December 5th

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Newsletter of the Lakes Area Humane Society

Fall-Winter 2025

Greetings from the shelter!

By: *Christin Klimek, LAHS Director*

Supporting Pet Owners, Strengthening Our Community

At the Lakes Area Humane Society our mission goes far beyond caring for animals within our walls. We're dedicated to keeping pets and the people who love them together. Right now, our community is facing a growing need for affordable spay and neuter services, as well as support for pet owners who are struggling with behavioral challenges.

Every year, countless unwanted litters of puppies and kittens are born simply because affordable spay/neuter options are out of reach for many families. These unplanned litters often lead to overwhelmed owners, overcrowded shelters, and heartbreaking outcomes for animals that deserve loving homes.

To address this, we provide pet owners the names and contact information for lower cost spay/neuter services. By making these essential services accessible, we can help reduce pet overpopulation, prevent medical issues, and give every animal a better chance at a healthy, happy life. A list of organizations that provide these services is included on page 9 of this issue.

Behavioral challenges are another leading reason pets are surrendered to shelters. But many of these issues from excessive barking or destructive chewing to anxiety or aggression can often be successfully managed with the right support.

We believe that no one should have to give up their beloved companion due to behavior struggles. Our staff provides behavior counseling and referrals to trainers, obedience classes, and veterinary behavior specialists. Whether you need guidance on house training, socialization, or more complex behavioral concerns, we can help connect you with the right resources. One such resource that most pet owners are not aware of is a veterinary clinic that focuses completely on behavioral help, especially for pets with more difficult behavior concerns. If interested the clinic's contact information is listed on page 7 of this issue.

By supporting pet owners before they reach a crisis point, we can keep more animals in loving homes and ease the strain on animal shelters. Together, we can create a stronger, more compassionate community where every pet has the chance to thrive.



Why take the risk?

The Lakes Area Humane Society now offers low-cost microchipping! An appointment is required so call today to get your pet scheduled. The cost is only \$25 and includes registration. Please call to make an appointment or more information. 320-759-2260.

Fundraising Success...



The **West Central MN Prometheus motorcycle club** organized and held their 4th Annual motorcycle ride on Saturday, July 12th 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 in Dalton. The weather was beautiful, the riders enjoyed a safe ride that included an evening meal, 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!



Peppa & Poppy's Market held a fundraiser for LAHS on October 25th and 26th. They offered participants to come to their "You Pick" Pumpkin Patch and pick any of the pumpkins for a free-will donation. They had a food truck, costume contests for both kids and pets, hay rides, crafts for kids and produce for sale. They were able to raise an amazing \$2,211.00! In addition, **Belle River Flower Farm & Sourdough Breads** were at the event as well and donated \$134.00 of their sales! In total, \$2,345.00 was raised for the animals.

We sincerely thank Peppa & Poppy's Market, Belle River Flower & Sourdough Breads and everyone who attended and donated to the event!



Pet Spotlight.....Adopt me!

This little girl is just as sweet as her name! Candy Corn is a playful, snuggly kitten with a heart full of love and a dash of sass. Her bright eyes and soft fur make her impossible to resist, and her cheerful personality will melt your heart faster than your favorite chocolate. She's curious about everything and will happily follow you around to "help" with your daily tasks.

Candy Corn is approximately 3 months old. Her adoption fee is \$175, plus tax. Included in her adoption fee is:

Feline Leukemia/FIV/Heartworm Test
Feline Distemper 3-way Combo
Deworming
Microchip
Spay
Rabies



We Now Have Venmo!

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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

Shelter Hours

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

Letters From Home...



*"Smokey"
Adopted by
the Klimek
Family*



*"Posie" Adopted by the
Zacarias Family*

"Clyde" Adopted by Isabelle S.



"Howard"
Adopted by Misty T.



"Tigger" and Friend
Adopted by the Johnson Family

"Baylee", with friends, "Dusty"
and "Loki"
Adopted by the Kramer Family



Letters From Home...Continued

Good afternoon LAHS!

Gus (aka Cranberry), Little Man, Handsome, Tiny Terror... celebrated his first birthday on August 31 with his favorite, the cream filling from Oreo cookies.

It turns out that he is a master thief not only stealing my heart but my watch, bracelets (anything shiny for that matter), scrunchies, headbands and bath towels. But really, he is a sweet happy go lucky cuddle bug that reminds me every day to laugh and have fun. Here is a picture taken shortly after I brought him home. Gus still hangs out on his favorite spot that he picked on that first day.



Thanks for all you do! Rebecca and Gus



"Mya" Adopted by Ardis C.

Wish List

- Postage Stamps
- Kitten Food - Dry (Purina)
- Bleach
- Paper Towels
- Copy Paper
- Post It Notes
- H3 Laundry Detergent

In the know...Distemper and Dogs

Is it Rabies... or Distemper? How to Protect your Pet.

The MN State Board of Animal Health recently posted the following article:

When a raccoon is seen stumbling through a yard or slumped on a roadside, the first fear is often rabies. Nationally, raccoons account for nearly a third of rabies cases. However, what a pet owner may not know is that a much more common threat to their dogs in MN is raccoon distemper, a virus that spreads quickly and can look very similar to rabies in its later stages.



Distemper is highly contagious, attacking the nervous, respiratory, and digestive systems mostly infecting raccoons, dogs, skunks, and foxes. Early signs in raccoons resemble a cold or flu, with runny eyes and nose, coughing, or diarrhea, but as the disease progresses the animals may wander aimlessly, foam at the mouth, or suffer seizures. Unlike rabies, which often drives raccoons to become aggressive and bite, distemper usually leaves them weak and lethargic. Dogs are especially vulnerable if unvaccinated and can become infected from aerosols, feces, water or urine. More than half of dogs that contract distemper do not survive. Symptoms in dogs can progress from coughing and loss of appetite to bloody diarrhea, severe eye disease, seizures, and neurological damage.

The best protection for pets is prevention, especially vaccines. Keeping rabies and distemper vaccinations up to date is critical, and food, water, and trash should not be left outside because they can attract raccoons. If you spot a raccoon acting abnormally, do not approach it and keep your pets away while you call your local DNR conservation officer or local law enforcement. Contact your veterinarian immediately if your dog has been exposed to a suspected sick raccoon and they can advise you on booster shots and close monitoring of your pet. Unfortunately, distemper is common in raccoons and being proactive for your pet is the surest way to keep them safe.

Pet Veterinary Behavior Solutions



Location: Minnetonka, MN
Phone: 612-554-1182
320-292-6608

Website:
www.vetbehaviormn.com

Have you tried everything to address your pet's negative behaviors? Our goal at LAHS is to assist pet owner's by providing resources to keep their pets, rather than making the decision to rehome them.

The Veterinary Behavior Specialties of MN is the only board-certified veterinary behavior specialists in Minnesota and surrounding states! Their diverse team includes veterinarians, specialized animal trainers, and licensed veterinary technicians who work together to create treatment plans tailored to each patient's unique needs.

Thanks...for helping us make a difference!

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Cheryl Glasser	Shelley Gaffaney	Beverly Gallup
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Thanks ...for Helping Us Make a Difference!

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Low Cost Spay Neuter Services

Minn-Kota Paaws
Fargo, ND
(701) 356-0523
www.minnkotapaaws.org

MN SNAP
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 720-8236
www.mnsnap.org

Hawk Creek Animal Shelter
Willmar, MN
(320) 235-7612
www.thehskmc.com

Get Your Fix
Detroit Lakes, MN
(218) 499-3228
www.getyourfixvetcenter.com

Feral Fix Alliance (Feral Cats)
Battle Lake, MN
(218) 864-5695
feralfixalliance@gmail.com

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Shelley Anderson and Neil Peterson in
 memory of Babe

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