Newsletter of the Lakes Area Humane Society

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Farmer's Market
Bake Sale
June 2024
Watch for date and

Watch for date and additional information!

Pawstapalooza!
September 21, 2024
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Fundraising Event
Angelina's Restaurant
Pasta Dinner, Raffle
and More!

The Barker!

Newsletter of the Lakes Area Humane Society Spring 2024

Greetings from the shelter!

By: Christin Klimek, LAHS Director

It is estimated 150,000 to 250,000 pets are brought in to U.S. animals shelters each year after their owners die or become unable to care for their pet.

A sobering fact, isn't it? We certainly see several of these cases each year at LAHS. Many times family members and friends are trying to work through the loss of their loved one or making arrangements for them in a long-term care facility, so determining what to do with the person's pets can be overwhelming. They are forced to make decisions quickly and many times that means surrendering an animal to a shelter as there were no prior provisions made for their care. While some animals do very well with the new surroundings and find new homes quickly, others can really struggle. This is especially hard for older pets or ones with health problems as it can be very difficult to find adoptive homes for them.

We would all like to assume that we can count on our close friends or family members to take over our pet's care, but without any formal plan this typically isn't the case. Your family members may have health issues themselves, have pet restrictions where they live, other pets that would not do well with the newcomers or they do not have the financial means to provide for the animal.

What can we do to ensure that our pet will be loved and receive the care he/she requires if something unexpected would happen to us? We need to be proactive, by creating formal arrangements specifically for our pets. You will need to do some homework, some of the things you will need to do to get started:

- Determine who would be the best caregiver for your pet(s).
- Meet with the selected caregiver and go over your expectations to ensure that he/she is willing to carry them out.
- Provide detailed information for temporary care for your pets if the caregiver is unable to get to your pets right away.
- Provide detailed information regarding the pet's veterinary history and provide your veterinary clinic with the name of the caregiver who will be authorized to make medical decisions for your pet.
- Back-ups. Have at least one other caregiver lined up in the event that your primary caregiver is unable to full-fill their responsibilities.

There are some excellent resources on the internet to help you create your plan. One such resource, is a "Pet Care Workbook" that provides forms to complete to ensure that you have gathered all the necessary information needed to provide care for your pet in your absence. Simply go to www.2ndchance4pets.org website and select the "Pet Care Workbook". You will be able to download or open and print the workbook free of charge.

We never know what the future holds for us tomorrow, next week or next year... plan ahead; your pets will thank you!

Fundraising....

On-Line Auction - December 2023

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 \$5,000.00!



Making a Difference!



Huge thanks to regular supporters, Mark & Lori West! They recently went shopping for supplies for LAHS. They purchased items from our wish list and a whole lot more! We sincerely appreciate their generosity!



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
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11:00 am to 3:00 pm
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Letters From Home...





"Poppy"adopted by the Spitale Fanily

"Nash" Adopted by Bríttany G.





"Lokey" Adopted by the Drewer Family

"Soronna" Adopted by the Hoff Family





Hí y'all!

Update on Bodhi! We're all acclimating SO WELL! Yes, he's a wild child... but I don't mind. He's keeping us busy and we're meeting new pups on the trails every day. He's great at sharing food and treats with Sparkles (my elder dog) and of course, he's maaaaad about squirrels! We love this new addition to our family. Thanks so much!

Kelly, Bodhí, and Sparkles



"Oliver" Adopted by the Williams-Quiggle Family

Featured Pet....Meet "Dex"!



Available for Adoption!

Dex is always ready for a paw-some adventure. He enjoys being outdoors and going for nice walks. Dex does great for car rides, so he loves to go wherever you go! He likes to play fetch and loves his squeaky toys. If you're looking for a loving and energetic dog to add to your family; Dex would be a great fit.

Dex is a very handsome, I I/2 year old, Male/Neutered, German Shepherd. He is up to date on all vaccinations, 4DX tested and microchipped.

If you are interested in meeting Dex, please call the shelter at 320-759-2260.



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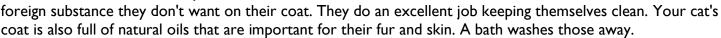
In the Know....Cat Bathing

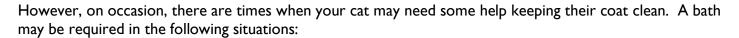
Does the thought of giving your cat a bath fill you with dread? Do you have extra band-aids and antibiotic cream on hand for your post-bath wound care?

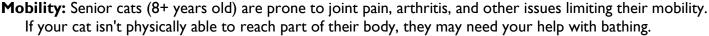
Most cats aren't excited about being stuck in a tub full of water. Typically, from the cat's perspective it equals a very bad day. After all, they go to great lengths to keep themselves clean. So, how do you know when your cat needs some help in the bath department?

Do Cats Even Need to Be Bathed?

Cats typically don't need us to bathe them. They're experts in staying clean. In fact, fur covered in water can feel dirty to a cat. It's a







Safety/Emergency: A bath is a must if your cat gets into something they shouldn't ingest. Chemicals, oils, and even the pollen of lilies can be dangerous if your cat licks them off. If you've accidently put your dog's flea control product on your cat, you will definitely need to bathe them, as pyrethroids are extremely toxic to cats. You should seek veterinary help as well.

Messy booty: Sometimes things get messy at the backend, and a pet wipe won't cut it. To reduce stress, it is best to limit the bath just to the areas that need it. Also, doing a sanitary hair trim can help prevent messes on long haired cats.

Wound care: If your cat has been injured, your veterinarian may recommend bathing as part of wound care. In this case, it is very important that you follow their instructions to the letter.

Skin conditions: Cats with allergies, fleas, ringworm, or other skin conditions may need special or medicated baths for treatment. Again, following your veterinarian's instructions is key.

Weight: Similar to cats with arthritis, overweight cats can't always reach every spot of their body to properly clean themselves.

Throughout this process, remember that cats put their guard up if they don't have a choice or control in a situation. They don't respond well to being forced into going somewhere or doing something before they've confirmed it's safe. It may take several sessions to get your cat comfortable. Try a minute or two here and there and gradually work up to an actual bath. Doing this will make bath time much easier for both you and your cat!





More Letters From Home...



"Daisy" Adopted by the Mjoen Family

Thanks ... for Helping Us Make a Difference!

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Pam Peterson in honor of our 5 Grand Dogs

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"Valor", our courageous boy. He came to the shelter with a badly broken leg that required amputation as there was no way to repair it. Through the generosity of all who donated, this wonderful guy is no longer in pain and will have the safe, life-long, loving home he so deserves!

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Call the shelter at 320-759-2260 to schedule a microchip appointment. No appointment necessary for ID Tags.