

Newsletter of the Lakes Area Humane Society

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Save the Date!

**Farmer's Market
Bake Sale**
June 2024

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!**

THANK YOU DONORS!

LAHS 2023 Online Fundraising Auction

Bon Jo's	The Wood Schaack
Casey's Amusement Park	Alex Aviation
Carlos Creek Winery	Plaza Tire
Andria Theatre	Blairview Saddle Shop
Diekman's Jewelry	Potomac Bead Company
The Sugar Shack	Pizza Ranch
Grain Bin	RM Tattoo & Body Piercing
Faction	The Bark Barn LLC
Mike's In and Out	Pike & Pint
Ollie's Service	Copper Trail
Colorful Seasons	Darling Reflections Spa (Arrowwood)
Billmark's Insurance	Photo Magic
2 Guys Take and Bake Pizza	Fired Up Bar & Grill
Hilltop Lumber	Balanced Canines
Tools and More	CEC Theatres
The Smokestack	T-Mobile
Eagles	Maurices
Elks Lodge	Narlie's
Angelina's	Woody's Carwash
Lucky Dog Spa	O-Town Tavern
Tastefully Simple	Yesterday's
Fat Daddy's & Garden Center Lanes	VFW
Salon Brielle	Squeaky Clean Car Wash
Jackie J's	Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union
Sherwin Williams	About Face By Jul
Down On The Corner Hair	Broadway Floral
Curves	JIVE Hair
Paffrath Jewelers	Vantage Bank
Alexandria's Animal Doctor	

Over \$5,000
Raised!



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!



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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

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Letters From Home...



"Poppy" adopted by the Spitale Family



*"Nash" Adopted by
Brittany G.*



*"Lokey" Adopted by
the Drewer Family*

*"Soronna" Adopted by
the Hoff Family*



Hi'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, Bodhi, 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, 1 1/2 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.

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

We Now Have Venmo!

Lakes Area Humane Society

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venmo

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

foreign substance they don't want on their coat. They do an excellent job keeping themselves clean. Your cat's coat is also full of natural oils that are important for their fur and skin. A bath washes those away.

However, on occasion, there are times when your cat may need some help keeping their coat clean. A bath may be required in the following situations:

Mobility: Senior cats (8+ years old) are prone to joint pain, arthritis, and other issues limiting their mobility.

If your cat isn't physically able to reach part of their body, they may need your help with bathing.

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 accidentally 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!

Persons who donated money in Memory of... December 2023 thru February 2024

Kim & Sandy Davis in memory of Donna Rae
and Chuck Pugh
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Persons who donated money in Honor of... December 2023 thru February 2024

Donations in Honor of Valor, for his leg amputation surgery:

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Sarah Makosky in honor of Maya
Pam Peterson in honor of our 5 Grand Dogs
Mary New in honor of Maggie and Kimberly
Robert Hobus in honor of Aasta & Ingrid Richards



“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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FROM LOST TO FOUND:

Help your pet find their way home by getting them microchipped AND making sure they have an ID Tag.



LAHS offers **microchipping** for the low price of **\$25!**



We also can make **ID Tags** for only **\$5** and they are ready in just a few minutes!

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