

# Newsletter of the Lakes Area Humane Society

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Save the  
Date!

Farmer's Market  
Bake Sale

June 14, 2025  
9:00 to Noon

Call for additional  
information

# The Barker!

Newsletter of the Lakes Area Humane Society Spring 2025

*Greetings* from the shelter!

By: Christin Klimek, LAHS Director

## Beyond Cats and Dogs: Finding Homes for Small Pets

When most people think of animal shelters, they picture cats and dogs eagerly waiting for a forever home. Here at LAHS, we also care for a variety of other animals in need. From cuddly guinea pigs to energetic birds, over the years we have helped all sorts of small pets find loving families. Here are a few of examples of these animals:

**Rabbits:** Rabbits can make wonderful companions with their playful personalities and gentle nature. They enjoy hopping around and exploring, and many can be trained to use a litter box!

**Chinchillas:** These tiny, fluffy creatures are known for their incredibly soft fur and active personalities. Chinchillas need spacious cages, plenty of chew toys, and dust baths to stay healthy. If you're looking for an entertaining, low-odor pet, a chinchilla may be a perfect match!

**Guinea Pigs:** Guinea pigs are social animals that love companionship, both from humans and fellow guinea pigs. They communicate through adorable squeaks and chirps, and they love fresh veggies!

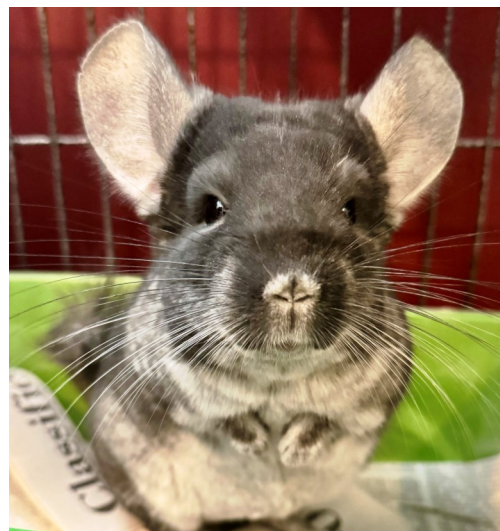
**Birds:** Parakeets, cockatiels, and other birds bring music and joy into a home. These intelligent creatures require social interaction, mental stimulation, and proper nutrition to thrive.

**Gerbils, Hamsters, and Mice:** Small rodents like gerbils, hamsters, and mice might be tiny, but they have big personalities! These little ones need proper enclosures with plenty of tunnels and bedding to keep them active and comfortable. They can make great pets for responsible owners looking for a small but engaging companion.

Adopting a small pet is a rewarding experience that brings joy to both the animal and their new family. We provide resources for proper care and education, ensuring that the new owners are able to meet any unique needs the pet will require in their new home.

We currently have an adorable 4 year old male chinchilla, "Nimbus" available for adoption. If interested, stop by and meet this cute little guy!

*"Nimbus"*



# Fundraising ....

## Online Auction - December 2024

Thank you to each of you who participated and purchased items from our online 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 **\$5,400.00!**

# THANK YOU DONORS!

## LAHS 2024 Online Fundraising Auction

About Face By Jul  
Alexandria's Animal Dr  
Alex Aviation  
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Billmark's Insurance  
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Garden Center Lanes  
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Michael's For Hair  
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Pizza Ranch  
Plaza Tire  
Sandy Freeman  
Scooters Coffee  
Sherwin Williams  
Staff of Downtown & Plaza Liquor  
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Tentelino Ent. (Movie theater)  
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The Smokestack  
The Sugar Shack  
The Wood Schaack  
T-Mobile  
TNT Tattoos  
Tools and More  
Tradehome Shoes  
Vantage Bank  
Zorbaz

Over \$5,400  
Raised!



# Making a Difference!



**Huge THANK YOU to Brooklyn and Erica!**

They held their annual garage sale and donated all the profits LAHS! This year they raised \$250! We can't thank them enough for all the work they put into the sale and their support and compassion to our animals in need.



## 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

## 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](http://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

### Board of Directors

Misty Tracy, President  
Brian Kakach, Vice President  
Jamie Kakach, Secretary  
Jess Ptacek  
Bob Bordeaux  
Sam Evenson

### Shelter Staff

Christin K.	Megan B.
Joan B.	Theresa K.
Raelin B.	Damian B.
Ann B.	Renae S.
Chloe L.	Melena S.
Betty W.	





## Letters From Home...



*"Teddy" Adopted by  
Bernadette W.*

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*Hello! I just wanted to give a quick update on Gigi Ozatee! She is settling in nicely with our other 2 kitties, Lupa and Hak. They are figuring out how to play together and there has been lots of games of tag around the house! We are so happy that she is fitting in and is getting more and more confident. Thank you so much for helping us get this little slice of happiness added to our life and home. ~ The Peter's Family*

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*"Bartlebee" Adopted by  
the Carpenter Family*



*Hi LAHS !Gus made himself at home the very first day, claiming a spot on the back of the couch to watch TV and take a naps. He is busy playing fetch, trying to catch catnip bubbles, and providing me with lots of smiles and joy.*

*Thanks so much! ~ Becky G.*

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*"Nala" and  
"Lucy" Adopted  
by Ann B.*

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*"Miles" Adopted by  
the Gripne Family*

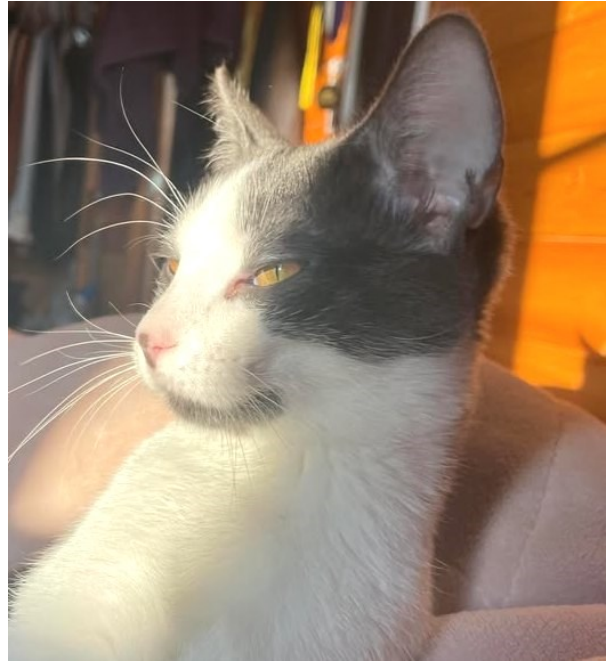


## More Letters From Home...



*"Sheldon Adopted by Misty T."*

*"Miso" adopted by the  
Bradjan Family*



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Can your lost pet  
find it's way back home?

A microchip will help  
make a difference!



Microchips provide a record of identification for life.

LAHS offers low-cost microchipping! For more information or to schedule an appointment call: 320-759-2260 or email: [lahs@gctel.net](mailto:lahs@gctel.net)



# Thanks ...for Helping Us Make a Difference!

## ***Persons who donated money in Memory of... December 2024 thru February 2025***

Kristine Zilliox in memory of Helen Glade  
Elizabeth Schmitt in memory of Dr Ken Griener DVM  
Anonymous in memory of Cheryl L Anderson  
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Jennifer Cole in memory of Teddy  
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of Christine Bergs  
Mary Theis in memory of Fluffy  
Bonita Gilbertson in memory of Dave Gilbertson  
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beloved pet and grandpets  
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Button, and Blu  
Coni McKay & Pat Trudel in memory of Phoebe  
Gene & Carolyn Binnebose in memory of Dad  
and Mother Klimp  
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Annette Revering

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and Charlie  
Mary & Jim Pohl in memory of Dr. Robert Page  
Cathy Elverum in memory of all her Kitties  
Marilyn Dietz in memory of Zip, Tax, Trouble  
Rick & Barb Wagner in memory of Owen,  
Grace, and Tucker  
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Lori Meath in memory of Scout, a wonderful  
companion dog, and Harold Wells, Scout's  
wonderful Dad  
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Linda Fiebelkorn in memory of Rosie and Beaner  
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Clifford Peterson  
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Heather Larson in memory of Hank  
Kathy & Bob Hollenbeck in memory of Indi  
Anonymous in memory of Clifford Peterson  
Brad & Jan Anderson in memory of Marley

## ***Persons who donated money in Honor of... December 2024 thru February 2025***

Kathy Farnes in honor of Misty, Molly,  
Casey and Maggie May  
Kristin Adamek in honor of Sharon's retirement  
Kyle & Diane Pearson in honor of Marty  
Kathryn Kortlever in honor of Sparky  
Diane Lamberg in honor of Alfonse  
Lamdborg's Birthday  
Rebecca & Thomas Wilkinson in honor of Daisy  
Carolyn Anderson in honor of Callie

Kevin Klimek in honor of Smokey  
Keith & Kay Zempel in honor of Oliver and Daisy  
Lynette Emblom in honor of Luta  
Clayton & Sue Lewis in honor of Tar  
Jane Dunn in honor of Debbie Dunn Silis  
LuWanna Johnson in honor of all God's  
creatures, great and small.



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## **Persons who donated money, supplies & services... December 2024 thru February 2025**

Dan & Tammie Williams – Quiggle  
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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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## Wildlife Assistance....

Spring is around the corner, bringing with it are all types of spring babies! We are blessed with many different wildlife species in our area, who will be caring for their young. Occasionally, people come across a baby bird that has fallen from a nest, a bunch of tiny bunnies in their back yard or an injured animal along a road or near a lake.



We receive several calls here at the LAHS from individuals who are seeking assistance with these animals. As our shelter is not licensed to care for wild animals, we are unable to accept them. However, we are fortunate that our state has an amazing Wildlife Rehabilitation Center who can answer any wildlife questions a person may have. In addition, if an animal is injured and needs medical assistance they have a full service veterinary clinic and staff at the ready to help them.



**The Wildlife Rehab Center can be reached by phone at 651-486-9453 or via their webpage at <https://wrcmn.org>**