

# Newsletter of the Lakes Area Humane Society

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Save the Date

## Dog Obedience

Alexandria Community  
Education is offering  
Basic Dog Obedience  
Training Classes

To Register:

Go to Alexandria  
Community Education  
Website or call for  
more information:

320-762-3310 Ex. 4272

# The Barker!

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*Greetings* from the shelter! By: *Christin Klimek, LAHS Director*

Here at the Lakes Area Humane Society, we play a vital role in promoting the well-being and health of the animals we care for. It is very important that our animals are healthy and free from disease or illness prior to adoption. This not only enhances the lives of our animals while they are here, but also benefits our community as a whole by protecting both other pets, their owners and the public.

Each of our adoptive animals have been tested for diseases, spayed or neutered, microchipped and vaccinated based on what is appropriate for their age. One such vaccine is given for rabies prevention and is extremely important as the rabies virus can be deadly to humans, pets and livestock if it is not treated quickly. Once a person or animal begins to show symptoms, it is typically too late to save them.

At LAHS, most of our incoming animals are stray, unwanted animals that have been outside, some for long periods of time. These animals have the potential to come in contact with an animal that is infected with rabies. The MN State Board of Animal Health tracks each case involving animals that have tested positive for rabies. In the past 365 days, there have been over 35 animals in MN that have been found to be positive. It is important to note, that it is very likely that many other animals have been infected with rabies but were never tested. In Minnesota, rabies is found mainly in skunks and bats. Livestock and pets generally develop the disease following a bite from a rabid skunk. People in turn, are generally exposed to rabies by bats, unvaccinated pets and livestock.

As I mentioned previously, each of our adoptive animals have been vaccinated for rabies to ensure that they leave our care with protection. Adopters are provided with records so that they know when their pet will need to have a rabies booster to make certain they have continued protection. If a vaccinated pet has encountered an infected animal, their chance of survival is extremely high. While it is important for these pets to be examined by a veterinarian and may need an additional booster or medications, pet owners can have the peace of mind that their pet had protection. It is also good to remember that widespread vaccination of pets creates a buffer between the wildlife they encounter and humans, thus reducing our risks of infection as well.

Vaccinating for rabies is just one critical step towards healthy animals. At LAHS, we truly believe that by prioritizing the health of the animals in our care, we can promote successful adoptions, enhance public health and education, and reduce financial strain for a new pet owner. Thru these efforts, we can create a better world for both animals and people, fostering a society where animals have the chance to live healthy, happy lives in loving forever homes.

For more information regarding the rabies virus you can visit the MN State Board of Animal Health website at:  
<https://www.bah.state.mn.us/rabies>

# Fundraising ....Community Partners

## Save the Date!

### PAWSTAPALOOZA

A Fundraiser presented by: Angelina's Restaurant & Bar and  
Heather "Ida" Andrick, Realtor, Century 21 First Realty of Alexandria  
Benefitting the Lakes Area Humane Society

**Saturday, September 21st**

**2:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

**Angelina's Restaurant & Bar, Outdoor Patio**

Choice of Pasta: Chicken Alfredo, Spaghetti with Meat  
Sauce or Mac and Cheese.

Breadstick included with each choice.

**Free will donation for dinner, all proceeds will go to  
directly benefit the animals cared for by LAHS!**



The Lakes Area Humane Society wishes to sincerely thank the St. Croix Valley Foundation and John and Metta Belisle for approving our grant request for \$3,000! This grant will help offset the cost of spaying and neutering approximately 12 of the shelter's animals who are waiting for their forever homes!

## Farmers' Market Fundraiser Success



Thanks to the generosity of our members and volunteers, our 4th Annual Baked and Handcrafted Goods sale at the Alexandria's Farmers Market, held on June 15th, raised nearly \$900.00 for the animals in our care!

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who brought donations of baked goods, jams/jellies, crafts, cat toys, artwork and more! We also would like to extend an additional **THANK YOU** to Elsa Wadsworth who donated her time to do face-painting and beautiful henna art to raise additional money for LAHS!

# Making a Difference!



The Calvary Lutheran Church Elevate Bible Study students recently did a service project in which they made tie blankets for the adoptive animals at LAHS. Thanks to each of them for their time and generosity!

## 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  
Bob Bordeaux, Treasurer  
Jamie Kakach, Secretary  
Becky deHart  
Jess Ptacek  
Sam Evenson

### Shelter Staff

Christin Klimek  
Joan Becker  
Raelin Bothun  
Ann Bertram  
Maya Krusemark  
Chloe Loch  
Betty Whitman  
Megan Botner





## Letters From Home...

*"Bruno" Adopted  
by the Ferderer  
Family*

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*"Mango" Adopted by Grace G.*

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We recently adopted Poppy (previously Adora, pictured on right) We decided on the name Poppy as she loves to stand on her hind legs and just "pops" right up! She is doing absolutely wonderful. Thank you for sending her home with the toys, she takes that little blue toy with her everywhere. So cute! She's getting along great with her new sister, Peaches. They are constantly playing; they are "two peas in a pod". We love her so much already. Thank you for letting us care for this sweet girl.

*~ The Flom Family*

## *Max's Story - A New Beginning*

*We could tell that this pup had a rough beginning. At only 7 months he was afraid of his own shadow - a mere lift of your hand, and he would cower. He didn't even wag his tail. However, this is after all a story about his new life, his forever home!*

*Max recently celebrated his 1 year birthday, and in this short time he's taken over our hearts and home. He wags his tail, smiles (yes, he does smile), knows his commands of sit/stay/down/come and of course his favorite - retrieve.*

*Max is our second adoption through LAHS and we can't say enough good about this organization. Thank you LAHS for all that you do for our community.*

*~ The Hudspeth Family*

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*"Lucy" Adopted by Ann B.*



*"Tillie Rae" Adopted by Megan B.*



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

## **Persons who donated money in Memory of...March thru May 2024**

DiAnn Ness in memory of Dr Bill Luckmeyer  
Donna Luckmeyer in memory of Bill Luckmeyer  
Duane Shelden in memory of Bill Luckmeyer  
Jennifer Rothchild in memory of Irwin Rothchild  
Arlene & Laurel Linder in memory of Bob Trisko  
Shelley Anderson & Neil Peterson in memory of Allan Ransom  
Lori & Mark West in memory of Gizmo  
Teresa Soppeland in memory of Sophie  
Sandi & Todd Domine in memory of Bodee  
Laurie Peterson in memory of Annie  
Leslie Green in memory of Harley and Hannah  
Jane Holmquist in memory of Dorothy Hedlof  
Jackie Hammond in memory of Bobcat  
Tiffany Kruger in memory of Onnex  
Dan & Jane Holmquist in memory of Danny Ghaffouri  
Brenda Simonson in memory Oreo  
Rachel & Terry Narveson in memory of Beau and Cody  
Brenda Callstrom in memory of Charlie and Lucy  
Margaret Armstrong in memory of Susan Seltz  
Carolyn Binnebose in memory of Stanley

Rick & Barb Wagner in memory of James Donald and Nystrom Mancini  
DiAnn Ness in memory of Fritz and Mac  
Charlotte Myhre in memory of Kyra  
CJ Juenger & Jerry Daas in memory of Bella  
Neil Peterson & Shelley Anderson in memory of Kathy Little  
Linda Fiebelkorn in memory of Rosie and Beaner  
Mike & Linda Ogg in memory of Sasha, Spider, Fran, Fonzo, Mutton  
John & Bonnie Leesch in memory of Splash  
William Melaas in memory of Hope (Ledman) Spellman  
Bruce Larsen in memory of Ziggy

*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!*

## **Persons who donated money in Honor of... March thru May 2024**

Nancy Heuer in honor of Shadow  
Keith & Kay Zempel in honor of Daisy  
Kevin & Luana Klimek in honor of Smokey



**WHY TAKE THE RISK?  
GET YOUR PET MICROCHIPPED**

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.

For extra security, LAHS also offers engraved ID tags for only \$5. The tags are engraved at the shelter while you wait.

Please call to make an appointment or with any questions. 320-759-2260

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

## **Persons who donated money, supplies & services...March thru May 2024**

Jen Dean  
Patty Skiba  
Nancy Heuer  
Sujatha Roberts  
Kim Anderson  
Lori Berglin  
Holli Carlson  
Dewayne & Marcie Johnson  
Thomas Knisley  
Margaret Lauthen  
Kathleen Moore  
Kelli Stember-Tung  
Gordon Ziegelman  
Sandy Lein  
Justin Baker  
Julie Barrett  
Jeff Patience  
Todd Domine  
Amy Amundson  
Elliot Backer  
Steven Beheng  
Patricia Ann Bengford  
Douglas Bitzan  
Thomas Green  
Bruce & Tammie Leverson  
Katherine Ost  
Steven Radtke  
Michael Urban  
Marcia & Philip Warren  
CJ Juenger & Jerry Daas  
Joan Powell  
Amanda Ritchie  
Kathy DePorter  
Charlie Redetzke  
Lynette Bruns  
Phil Schweitzer  
Nita Drews  
Monica Watkins  
Angie McIntire  
Leah Kohls  
Kirsten Highdale  
Tasha Jevnager  
Rhonda Huls  
Zoe Wiegers

Denise Meyer  
Kat Vickerman  
Gary Anderson  
Amelia Murphy  
Atkin Galvin & Katelyn Dyson  
Sandy Aamold  
Mary Nelson  
Angie Dirck  
Sujatha Roberts  
Cheryl Glasser  
Sharon Hadash  
Lauren Jones  
Jeff Yantes  
Sheila Clemens  
John Summer  
Kirsten Highdale  
Denise Runge  
Jayde Hodek  
Mary Biegner  
Kali Covert  
Turning Leaf of Alexandria  
Sheila Schilling  
Steve Thompson  
Tim Schoonhoven  
Jennie & Dennis Schmidt  
Sue Justice  
Shanna Vickerman  
Amy Amundson  
Kathy Colgrove  
Zachary Clark  
Nita Drews  
Bob Busch  
Heather Anderson  
Linda Powers  
Carolyn Holbrook  
Jess Olson  
Linda Swanson  
Kirsten Highdale  
Kim Ferderer  
Kristen Pederson  
Nancy Plecas

Rick & Sandy Paulsen  
Kathleen & Larry Ortloff  
Mark & Lori West  
Roxann Vollan  
Mike & Kathy Koppy  
Angie Clarquist  
Jeff Morse  
Vonda Pfannenstiel  
Jeanne Eastlund  
Todd & Sandy Emmons  
Abundant Life Coffee  
Gail Cloutier  
Pro-Ag Country Store  
Bonita Gilbertson  
Sonja & Allen Starry  
Anita Anderson  
Steve & Sandra Bogenrief  
Douglas Machine  
Stacy Hoyme  
Colleen & Marc Ouimet  
Chris Brown  
David Ostrander  
Charlotte Myhre  
Denise Klein  
Michelle & Brian Diekman  
Justin Habel  
Gayle Myhr  
Deanne Moritz  
St. Croix Valley Foundation  
Shane & Lacey Nelson  
Francis & Sandy Kouba  
Linda Fiebelkorn  
Joseph Haack  
Steinbring Motorcoach  
Mary Helen Moeller  
Janelle Cloud  
Linda Cole  
Joey Loken  
Connie Cordell  
Kalon Prep REACH  
Amy Gillespie  
Madison Bestul  
Sue Kranzler





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# **Join West Central Prometheus Motorcycle Club on a ride for LAHS!**

**Saturday, July 20th**

**Registration Starts at 10:00 am, Ride Starts 12:00 pm**

The ride will start at the LAHS shelter and will end at Chaos's house. After party will include live music by Rocking Horse Peter, biker games and camping.

\$20 per person  
\$10 per passenger

For more information contact:  
Bill (Chaos) at 320-760-9759

