

The Paw Print

"Infurrmation" from the Humane Society of Lincoln County

HSLC Board Members

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 Laurie Viselli, Vice President
 P.J. Schuster, Treasurer
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 Linda Long
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 Elaine Sanchez
 Vicki Matthews
 Rosemary Roswell
 Beth Humphrey

About HSLC

The Humane Society of Lincoln County, New Mexico is a 501(c)3 organization that was established in 1979 to improve the quality of life of companion animals in our community. The HSLC is an "Open Admission Shelter" that takes in any animal regardless of age, medical condition or temperament. The HSLC works tirelessly toward more animal adoptions, further pet pregnancy prevention, animal rehabilitation and educating the public.

Adoption Numbers

In 2021, we have adopted out 804 animals, returned 342 pets to their owners, and have transferred 40 dogs and cats to other animal rescue organizations.

Meet the HSLC Board of Directors

Congratulations to this year's new officers. January 29, 2022 during HSLC's annual member meeting, members approved the most recent elected officers to the Board of Directors. New officers include: Debbie Barbee, President, Laurie Viselli, Vice President, Mirissa Good, Secretary, P.J. Shuster, Treasurer and Jasmin Estrada, Past President. Due to a by-laws update, at the beginning of this year, officers will serve 2-year terms allowing election of officers to be every two years (instead of annually). Another by-laws change added the Past President to the Executive Committee of the HSLC Board.

"Our recently elected officers bring a very diverse set of skills and experience to the table," said Debbie Barbee, newly elected President. Debbie is a retired nurse with 35 years of medical experience and served as a Volunteer Coordinator for HSLC prior to joining the board. Laurie Viselli is a retired retail trainer and personnel administrator with years of bookkeeping experience. Laurie is also a Ruidoso Valley Greeter. Mirissa Good is a local realtor with excellent administrative skills and former experience with the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce. P.J. Schuster is a long time Ruidoso resident and retired ICU nurse who shares her skills in the surgery suite in our in-house spay-neuter clinic. Jazmin Estrada, Past President, is well known in the community and formerly worked for the Village of Ruidoso.

As for other members, Linda Long has been an asset to the board for several years now and is a long-time local realtor. Alexandra Bobbit-Born is a local attorney who has served the board for years and formerly served as Vice President. Several new board members have also joined the board this year since four members completed 6 years (three consecutive 2-year terms) of service to the HSLC - all in the last year. "Our sincere thanks to Pam Robinson, Nancy Antilla, Gina Kelley and Liz Smith for their unwavering dedication to HSLC," says incoming Vice President Laurie Viselli.

Elaine Sanchez, Vicki Matthews and Rosemary Roswell were added to fill three of these four board vacancies. Elaine currently works for the Ruidoso fire department and is a long time resident of Ruidoso. Vicki Matthews is a retired business owner and has been very active with the shelter volunteers prior to being nominated and elected to the board. Rosemary is a retired administrator with years of personnel experience and has been a volunteer for HSLC for over a decade. Our most recent addition to the board is Beth Humphrey who is a retired district Ranger with the U.S. Forest Service and was active with shelter committees before being elected to the board.

Each member of the HSLC board of directors is committed to the health and welfare of Lincoln County animals. We are constantly striving to make the shelter a better place and to complete the dream that was started with the new shelter building.

Humane Society Reaches its “Down to Zero” Goal



In late October, the Humane Society of Lincoln County was offered a “\$400,000 challenge grant” from the R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation to be awarded once the HSLC reduced its bank loan balance to \$400,000 for the **James Cook Animal Shelter and Adoption Center** on Highway 70.

The DOWN TO ZERO Committee at HSLC immediately got to work and donations started pouring in, from former donors and the Lincoln County community, almost immediately. “On the last day of 2021, thanks to a generous and anonymous donor, HSLC reached our DOWN TO ZERO goal,” said Laurie Viselli, committee chair.

“Our new shelter really began with a \$600,000 grant from the Hubbard Foundation. Now, to have it finished and fully debt free, with a \$400,000 grant from the Hubbard Foundation, is beyond a dream come true. Thank you to the Late R.D. Hubbard, Joan Dale Hubbard and the Hubbard Foundation for this Million-dollar investment in our community. Now our organization can direct the monies, formerly spent on our mortgage, toward operational and programmatic initiatives,” said Debbie Barbee, HSLC President.

The check was presented to HSLC leaders by Robert Donaldson – Executive Director of the Hubbard Foundation. The Humane Society celebrated this award at its annual member meeting on January 29th.

Animal Transports Are a Lifesaver!

Since 2013 Humane Society of Lincoln County has been transporting animal out of Lincoln County and has had great success in doing so. We have successfully transferred over 1,700 cats and dogs since we started our Sierra Blanca Transport program.

What are the benefits of Transporting? Shelters that use relocation programs to transfer out dogs or cats can increase the opportunities for adoption and reduce the number of animals they euthanize due to local overpopulation. Animal transport also can free up valuable resources (e.g., money and staff) to improve care for dogs and cats left behind and implement more proactive measures aimed at reducing pet overpopulation and homelessness. Shelters that transfer dogs or cats through relocation programs can benefit from increased variety in animals available for adoption, positive publicity, and increased traffic to the shelter. This can also attract additional resources, allowing for greater impact on both source and destination communities and an overall increase in both animals and people served.



In order to have a successful transport program, we need a reliable vehicle. Since we started in 2011 old Betsy has been our transport vehicle. We are only able to load 8 animals at a time in our small minivan. But she has been taking us as far as Phoenix, Arizona, up North to Colorado and to the East in Texas. She is a 2006 Chevy Venture that is starting to see her last route across state lines. We are looking to retire Old Betsy and purchase a larger transport van, where we not only would be able to double our capacity of animals, but also it would be a safer ride for our four-legged friends and their caretakers who volunteer their time in taking them on the ride to freedom.

We are asking for your help in purchasing our future Sierra Blanca Transport van that will help take animals to a place where their forever home will be waiting. Please help us continue our journey to Giving a second chance to our 4-Legged friends of Lincoln County. Goal to Reach: \$50,000.

New Mexico Luvs Pets 2022 Fundraising Event to Benefit HSLC

You still have time to donate to the Humane Society of Lincoln County during the state's second coordinated giving day for animal welfare organizations and rescues. Animal Humane New Mexico has created NM Luvs Pets Day on April 11th, 2022 to coincide with National Pet Day Sunday.

Animal welfare in New Mexico consists of many organizations working separately for the same goal...to improve the lives of animals in our state. NM Luvs Pets Day was created as an opportunity for these organizations to come together and highlight the good they do, share the obstacles they face and raise funds vital to their work creating a society where every animal is treated with respect and compassion.

New Mexico Animal Welfare organizations, including our own Humane Society of Lincoln County, have teamed up for this day of giving and will use the donated funds to continue saving animals across the state and other programming like pet food banks and foster care programs. Debbie Barbee, President of the Humane Society of Lincoln County states "HSLC has coordinated and transported many adoptable animals to Humane Welfare NM over the years. We are proud to continue our partnership through this day of giving."



Donations received this year will go to a varieties of programs at HSLC including our adoptable animals program, spay/neuter clinics, transportation of adoptable animals, food and supplies for shelter pets, and Trap/Neuter/Return programs. The shelter is currently in need of a new vehicle to transport animals, as well. If you would like to donate specifically for this vehicle, you can contact the shelter directly at (575) 257-9841.

The NMLuvsPets Day donation page is active and donations are currently being accepted from now through April 11th. You can donate online at <https://animalhumanenm.givecloud.co/nmluvspets>.

World Spay Day 2022 Event Was a Huge Success

The Humane Society wants to thank the community for making the first annual World Spay Day 2022 Spay and Neuter Clinic in Lincoln County, New Mexico a huge success.

Launched in 1995, World Spay Day is an annual campaign that aims to encourage people to save animal lives by spaying and neutering companion animals and feral cats.

Three veterinary clinics in Lincoln County participated in the event. In Ruidoso, Ruidoso Animal Clinic veterinarians Dr. Favis, Dr. Botkin and Dr. Willard participated in the February 22nd event. In Ruidoso Downs, Franklin Veterinary Clinic participated, and from Capitan, Becky Washburn, DVM participated. These veterinarians donated their time and resources to participate in this event and the Humane Society is grateful for their hard work and commitment to this cause.

Pet owners were able to have their dogs and cats spayed or neutered free of charge.

Humane Society Receives Grant Award from Bissell Pet Foundation

Funds Will Help Reduce Homeless Pet Population in Lincoln County

Early in the year HSLC was awarded a \$9,900 grant from BISSELL Pet Foundation (BPF) for spay and neuter procedures performed at its shelter on Highway 70. This dedicated grant will help reduce the homeless pet population by preventing unwanted litters of stray cats and dogs in the community.

With thousands of pets abandoned each year, proactive spay and neuter procedures address the root cause of animal overpopulation by preventing unwanted births, freeing up shelter space for pets in need, and saving pets from potential abandonment or euthanasia. BISSELL Pet Foundation awards dozens of grants every year to shelters across the country, including the HSLC, to help protect and save animal lives. In 2021, more than \$1.3 million was provided through grants to shelters for spay/neuter procedures.

"We understand how important it is to support preventative efforts that allow our partners to save lives through safe spay and neuter procedures," said Cathy Bissell, founder of BISSELL Pet Foundation. "We also strongly encourage all pet owners to be responsible and have their pets sterilized, to further ensure healthy pet populations."

HSLC is the only shelter in a Lincoln County and operates an in-house spay neuter program with four contracted veterinarians, offering low cost spays and neuters and a Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program for community

members in need of financial assistance. "We are grateful to the Bissell Pet Foundation for supporting this vital Humane Society program," said Debbie Barbee, Board President.

To date, the BISSELL Pet Foundation has awarded more than tens of thousands of dollars in dedicated spay and neuter grants to shelters throughout the United States and the world to help animal welfare organizations. In addition to spay and neuter grants, BISSELL Pet Foundation provides additional support to shelters across the country through sponsoring adoption events, heart worm grants, ground and air transports of shelter animals and more, impacting tens of thousands of animals every year. The Foundation exists to support animal welfare organizations and provide resources to underserved communities. This includes helping to reduce the number of animals in shelters and rescues through pet adoption, spay/neuter programs, vaccinations, microchipping, and emergency support. Founded in 2011 by Cathy Bissell, BPF is an extension of her long-standing love for animals and commitment to their welfare. BISSELL Pet Foundation has since partnered with more than 5,300 shelters and rescues across the U.S. and Canada to help pets find loving homes. The foundation is supported by generous donors and BISSELL Homecare, Inc where every purchase saves pets. To learn more, visit www.bissellpetfoundation.org.

Spring 2022
LOW-COST VACCINE CLINIC
When: SATURDAY MAY 7th

Ruidoso Animal Clinic
 & Humane Society of Lincoln County (Microchipping)
 Ruidoso Fire Dept. Station 1
 9am-12pm & 1pm-3pm
 (By the tennis courts)

Franklin Veterinary Clinic
 at Franklin Veterinary Clinic
 1pm-4pm

Dr. Becky Washburn, DVM.
 Capitan Fire Dept. 9am-1pm
 Corona Fire Dept. 3pm-5pm

Mescalero Conservation
 (FREE Rabies Vaccine, Tribal Members Only)

TBD

CASH ONLY!

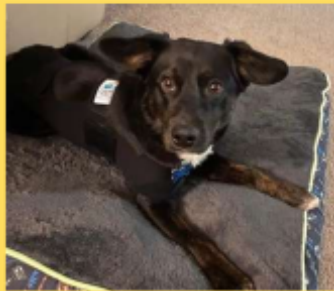
- ALL DOGS MUST BE LEASHED
- ALL CATS MUST BE IN THEIR OWN CARRIER OR A PILLOWCASE.
- LOOSE CATS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

Logos for: Humane Society of Lincoln County, Ruidoso Animal Clinic, Mescalero Conservation, and Becky Washburn, DVM. Images of a dog and a cat.

Happy Tails

Koda

I'm thankful for him. Koda has really helped me. God sent me this dog. We needed each other.



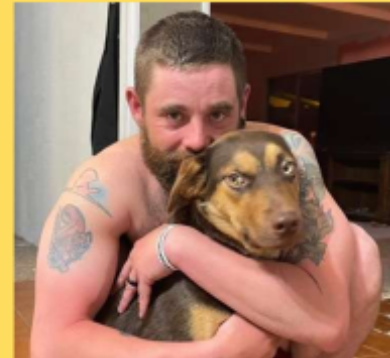
Byrne

Hey! Just updating on Buddy, now Byrne. He's spoiled and sweet and we love him. Thank you again for introducing us!



Autumn

Just a heads up... Autumn is doing great! Her first night was rough. Second day she was very active. Her wound looks amazing and is still very clean. And she is back to her bubbly self!



'Gifts of Love'

Mr. Gilberto Alvarado
Gina Kelley
Mr. & Mrs. Brent Magers
Daryl & Betsy Snyder
Mrs. Karen Kilroy
Mr. John Hawkins
Daryl & Betsy Snyder
Tim Lightfoot
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Clark

Donald W. St. John
Mrs. Janice Free
Mr. and Mrs. Stretch Meadows
Rebecca Newman
Mrs. Jule A. Sterchi
Mr. and Mrs. Ogden Whipple
Ms. Julianne Hall
Laura Norris
Sue House
Mr. & Mrs. James Malone
Mrs. Winifred D. LaVern
Leslie Wall
Dr. Lanny G. Maddox
Mrs. Kai Brown
Lynn Howard
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Clark
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Frazier
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Foist
Ms. Mary Lynn Boyd
Daryl & Betsy Snyder

In memory of "Ellie"
In memory of "Willie" & "Monty"
In memory of Sandy Park
In memory of "Roy"
In memory of "Howard"
In honor of Betsy Burnett & Daryl Snyder
In memory of "Yanche"
In honor of "Gizmo", "Rusty", "Buddy" and "Rascal" St. John
In honor of Carol Jean Bartlett, Jack & Rima Davis, Johnny & Mary Taylor, Jack & Joyce Norris, Jimmy & Lori Dearing, Cox Family, Charles & Janetta Britten and Mike & Tina Pavelka.
In memory of Mauriece St. John
In memory of Honore Mitchell
In memory of "Sophie"
In honor of Jan and Gary Sawyer
In memory of Bob Sterchi and Nina Grunseth
In memory of Nina Grunseth
In memory of "Ginger"
In memory of Sam
In memory of Gary Dean
In memory of Linda Flack
In memory of Jack LaVern
In memory of "Lily"
In memory of Kayce
In memory of Mary Dickson
In memory of Sammy
In memory of "Chester"
In memory of "Lady"
In memory of "Gibbs"
In memory of "Gertrude"
In memory of "Dorothy"

'Gifts of Love'

Mrs. Susan Healy	In memory of Ricky
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Branch	In memory of LuAnne Condor
Mr. Wesley H. Hocker	In memory of Louise Wissler-Estep
Daryl & Betsy Snyder	In memory of "Gertrude"
Daryl & Betsy Snyder	In honor of Nancy Otey
Lewis Leibovich	In memory of Monet
Kimberly Weber	In memory of Elizabeth Moore
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Frazier	In memory of "Morgan" Hoffmann
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Frazier	In memory of "Kassie" Smith
Jim & Priscilla Terry	In memory of Buddy the Poodle
Mrs. Winifred LaVern	In memory of Jack LaVern
Mrs. Ernestine Zschiesche	In memory of Maury St. John
Sherry Adler	In memory of Chuck Wynn
Russell Wehnau	In memory of "Zeus"
Joy Johnston	In memory of my mother, Jane Johnston, a lifetime animal lover.
Donald Florek	In memory of Barbara Roth Smith
Joe McFarland	In memory of Barbara Roth Smith
Ken & Leslie Wall	In memory of "Striker"
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Clark	In memory of 'Pixie'
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Lucke	In memory of Dale "Snort" Snodgrass
Mr. David Baker	In honor of Dr. Becky Washburn
Ann Henry	In memory of Carmen
Mr. Darrel Stierwalt	In memory of Jerry Caudle
Sandra Atkins	In memory of "Dudley" Cortez
Ken & Leslie Wall	In memory of "Carlita"
Donna Stephens & Family	In honor of Marge Woodul-Hinkle
David Hollis	In memory of Neal Germaine
Susan Pfendt	In memory of Marge Woodul-Hinkle
Ginny Makowski	In memory of Marge Hinkle
Daryl & Betsy Snyder	In memory of Mary Curry
Jacqueline Jo & Gary Kastor	In memory of Jack LaVern
Mr. & Mrs. J.V. Burr	In memory of Mario Madrid
Daryl & Betsy Snyder	In honor of John Hawkins
Mrs. Sherry Hawkins	In honor of Betsy & Daryl Snyder
Ms. Rebecca J. Newman	In honor of Gary & Jan Sawyer
Ms. Katherine R. Burnett	In memory of Dorothy Dale
Rick Riddle	In honor of Jasper & Bailey Riddle
Nancy Smith	In memory of Sugar Baby Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Clark	In honor of Carol Jean Bartlett, Jack & Rima Davis, Jack & Joyce Norris, Jimmy and Lori Dearing, Charles & Janetta Britten and Mike & Tina Pavelka.
Mrs. Janice Free	Christmas Memorial for Honore Mitchell
Mr. & Mrs. Stretch Meadows	In memory of Diana H. Druley
Deborah Conger	In memory of Marjorie Woodul-Hinkle
Misti Miller	In honor of Betty White
Patricia Holbert Thomas Trust	In memory of Tom Holbert
Mr. Darrell Pickard	In memory of Mrs. Betty White RIP
Donna Ramp	In memory of Betty White
Ms. Karen Anderson	In memory of Betty White
Ms. Nola Isom	In honor of Betty White
Ms. Ramona Salvail	In honor of Betty White
Mirissa Good	In memory of Betty White
Ms. Jane Horner	In memory of Betty White
Marina Chisler-Irish	In honor of Betty White
Daryl & Betsy Snyder	In honor of Betty White
Mr. Daryl Smith	In memory of Betty White
Susan Dolphin	In memory of Betty White

'Gifts of Love'

Suzanne Santo	In memory of Betty White
Shirley Kelly	In memory of Betty White
Lucinda Najar	In memory of Betty White (Thank you Betty White for being a friend to all.)
Valerie Henson	In memory of Betty White
Ms. Sherry Haynes	In memory of Betty White
Mr. & Mrs. La Counte	In memory of Lyn Miller
Mr. Kevin McWatters	In memory of Heidi Ho
Ms. Nancy Smith	In memory of Sugar
Mr. & Mrs. Tyson Whittle	In memory of Jack Cardwell
	In honor of Nell Hartgraves, Margie Arguijo, & Danny Flippen.
Daryl & Betsy Snyder	In memory of La-De-Da
Kim Sherrell	In memory of Gary Preble
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Clark	In memory of Vico Aguirre & "Little Bit"
Patsy Avirett	In memory of Garry Preble
Daryl & Betsy Snyder	In memory of "Puerco"
Dana L. Roman	In memory of Bob Sterchi & Dr. Ron Annala
Sherry Adler	In memory of Ed Painton
Liz Rezach	In memory of "Pumpkin"
Nancy Smith	In memory of "Sugar"
Mr. & Mrs. Johnny M. Waggoner	In memory of Dr. Ron Annala
Lucy Boyer's Family	In memory of Dr. Ron Annala
Linda Annala	In memory of Dr. Ron L. Annala
Linda Shirley	In memory of John Holcombe
Gina L. Kelley	In memory of "Geoffrey"
Mary Lynn Boyd	In memory of "Geoffrey"
Daryl & Betsy	In memory of "Geoffrey"
Katherine Winston	In memory of Nina Grunseth
	"Joy", "Chip" and "Pride"

Your gift to the Humane Society of Lincoln County is a meaningful way to honor or remember a special person, special occasion, or an animal friend. We will send a personalized card to your friend or family member as you indicate.

I would like to contribute \$ _____

In honor/In memory of: _____

My check is enclosed for \$ _____ (Make checks payable to the Humane Society of Lincoln County)

Charge: ___ Visa ___ Mastercard Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ V-code: _____ Signature: _____

Occasion: ___ Birthday ___ Bat/Bar Mitzvah ___ Wedding ___ In Honor of ___ Congratulations ___ In Memory of
___ Christmas ___ Graduation ___ Hanukkah ___ Other: _____

Send acknowledgement card to:

Name(s): _____ Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Personalized Note: _____

Please send payment to Humane Society of Lincoln County, P.O. Box 2832, Ruidoso, NM 88355
You may also visit our website (HSLCNM.ORG) to make a secure donation. Donations are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

"Helping Animals have a Second Chance"

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Upcoming Events

May 7th:

Low Cost Vaccine Clinic

Aug. 11th: Save the
date for the **2022**

FURR BALL at Alto
Lakes Country Club!

www.HSLCNM.org

Want to help HSLC save money? Go to hslcnm.org, About us, Newsletters, and sign up to receive our newsletter via e-mail.

SAVE THE DATE!

August 11, 2022

It is, after all, the ROARING TWENTIES...
And FURR BALL 2022 will be a
celebration like no other!!

SAVE THE DATE and start gathering
your pearls and feathers for this
flapper and dapper evening under the
full moon and stars in Alto this August 11th.

MORE INFO AT
FURRBALL.ORG

FURR BALL 2022!
THE GREAT CATSBY
ALTO LAKES COUNTRY CLUB



Paw Prints - April 2022

Established in 1987, the Humane Society of Lincoln County has worked to protect and care for the abandoned pets in our community. In 2020 we have moved into our new shelter facility that insures a healthy environment for incoming pets. To address the increasing problem of pet overpopulation, HSLC has launched several initiatives promoting the importance of spaying and neutering. Below is a Virtual Tour of our newly constructed Animal Shelter that has been made possible by generous donors. We continue our fundraising efforts that made this building possible in order to continue saving precious lives.