

The Paw Print

"Infurmation" from the Humane Society of Lincoln County

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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

As of Sept. 1, 2023, we have adopted out 271 animals, returned 162 pets to their owners, and have transferred 82 dogs and cats to other animal rescue organizations.

What's Happening

From the President - Debbie Barbee

So many things to be grateful for as we move into the Fall months (September, October and December). There will be an official unveiling of the shelter coming up soon. I know the new building is hardly new anymore, but we are getting closer to the finished product on the outside too. All the projects are starting to come together and soon we will unveil the wonderful accomplishments to the public. Sorry, no spoilers.

We want to welcome 4 new board members to the HSLC bod: Trudy Bigger and Katy Thompson joined us in July and we look forward to working with these ladies. In August we welcomed DeeDee Lamb and Shannon Lefebvre to our board which will temporarily fill all the board seats. We will have vacant spots again in December as we have members timing out soon. 6 years is the maximum time a member may serve, so please apply if you would like to help us with our mission.

HSLC could not continue to house and care for stray and homeless animals without the help of our entire community. We need help in any way you can; foster, volunteer, donations of money as well as items to the shelter and the Resale Shop.

Remember... adopt, don't shop. The Shelter is currently FULL!!

Ace and Poe have waited for months to meet their new forever families!!!



Furr Ball 2023

Alice in Dogland and the Madcatter was a Success!
Lincoln County is "MAD" about helping homeless animals.

The evening was full of incredible costumes, food and fun.
We reached our goal and raised over \$60,000 for the shelter.

All attendees enjoyed music by DJ Pete and fill the dance floor with some fantastic moves!

Alto Lakes Country Club presented a delicious buffet that included decadent desserts.

Tim Keithly, our live auctioneer engaged the crowd and helped build the excitement for bidding on the live auction items.

Thanks to our members, volunteers, supporters, friends, and donors who shared the evening with HSLC and contributed to our mission.

Everyone's generosity will provide care for homeless animals and help find new forever homes!



Resale

By Cisco Diaz - Resale Shop Manager

On June 17, 2023, the Humane Society of Lincoln County celebrated a significant milestone with its anniversary sale. This special event not only marked a memorable occasion for the organization but also served as a platform to raise funds for their noble cause. The community came together, showing immense support and generosity, resulting in a remarkable achievement of over \$11,000 in sales.



The Humane Society left no stone unturned in ensuring the success of their anniversary sale. Months of meticulous planning and coordination went into organizing an event that would captivate the community's attention. To entice shoppers and maximize fundraising efforts, the Humane Society curated a diverse range of items for sale. From gently used clothing and accessories to household items, books, and even pet supplies, there was something for everyone. The organization also collaborated with local businesses and artisans, showcasing unique handmade crafts and products.

The success of the anniversary sale would not have been possible without the dedicated volunteers and supporters of the Humane Society. Countless individuals generously donated their time and efforts to help organize and run the event smoothly. The anniversary sale had a profound impact on the community. It provided an opportunity for individuals to come together, not only to support the Humane Society but also to connect with one another. The event fostered a sense of unity, reinforcing the importance of animal welfare within the community. The Humane Society of Lincoln County can proudly look back on this event as a shining example of their commitment to making a difference in the lives of animals in need.



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

Alto Cares

Reprint from Alto Lakes Country Club Avalanche

The Humane Society of Lincoln County has existed since the 1980s, which is when the Gavilan Canyon building was built. In 2019, thanks to support from donors, the HSLC was able to purchase their new facility on Highway 70. Today, the society's Highway 70 location has gained leaps and bounds, sporting an updated building, state-of-the-art surgery suite, and upcoming dog park & walking area, to name a few of the innovations they have implemented.

"We're still working on the outside," president Debbie Barbee says, "and we have a donor who gave at the first of the year to help us put a fence up in the back."

While the Gavilan Canyon facility was certainly a welcome start to protecting the area's lost and abandoned pet population, Debbie is very proud of the advances and updates the organization has made. "We offer a lot of things," she says, "among them microchipping, vaccinations, spay and neuter."

The HSLC sports several different programs to help control overpopulation, which they have worked tirelessly to implement. "The community of Alto has been amazing, and with their donations and volunteerism, they have helped make it possible to get these programs into place," Debbie explains. The SPOT program (Stop Pet Overpopulation Today), and the TNR program (Trap N Release) are both targeted toward decreasing the stray animal population. TNR is specifically targeted to the feral cat population. There are also adoption perks, such as reduced fees for spaying/neutering and rabies shots, and of course, all adoptees are micro-chipped and given all their vaccines.

Kai Brown, a leading volunteer for the HSLC of 15+ years and ALGCC member, voices her support. "I first volunteered to work on a Furr Ball, which is our main fundraiser" she explains, "and myself and Cindy Lynch kind of threw our hats into a revamp for the organization." Kai herself is a pet adopter, and has a total love affair with rescue dogs.

One of the more recent updates that HSLC has been able to implement is their transport van. "Kokopelli and other members facilitated the purchase of a transport van," Debbie explains. It is retro-fitted with 12 kennels, and is utilized to transport animals to other shelters when the HSLC starts filling to capacity. "Right now, we are seeing a lot of owner-surrendered animals," Debbie says, "which is heart-breaking." She goes on to say that the organization is always in need of volunteers and foster parents. "Our fosters are heroes, and so are our volunteers and our adoptive parents." The HSLC board is completely volunteer, and there are a total of 44 names on the HSLC volunteer list. "About 12-14 of those people are die-hard volunteers," Debbie states, "so we are always in the market to get more."

If you're in the area, make it a point to come to the shelter and see if you are a good candidate for some puppy love or kitty head bumps – ask about the featured fosters and adoptees. It is \$85 to adopt a shelter dog, and \$75 to adopt a shelter kitty. "Animals love us unconditionally," Debbie says. "They are happy to see us, and they don't add to our daily stress. They always love us. So adopt, don't shop."

Volunteers - The Angels Among Us

Dog Walk provides numerous benefits: it gives the dogs opportunity to exercise, improve socialization skills, meet new people / dogs, learn commands, adapt to crowds, and navigate sidewalks/roads.

The knowledge that comes from Volunteer interaction is extremely helpful to shelter staff. The interaction helps everyone understand the dog's personality, skill set, temperament, energy/exercise requirements. These descriptions help staff ensure that dogs are placed in the correct homes.

These dedicated Volunteers successful interactions with the dogs is the main reason HSLC has a high adoption rate. Most of all animals at HSLC find new forever homes. They give dogs new lives every day!

HSLC mission to care for homeless animals would not be possible with our volunteers.

Why we walk Dogs! We are Robert and Salley Hastings

When we moved to Lincoln County last spring, we knew we wanted to give back. Touring the Shelter was overwhelming. It was obvious that many dogs needed some socializing and a break from their kennels. Some of the dogs are house trained and the minute they get outside they pee! They don't want to dirty the kennel where they live. They all want some hugs, a walk, or someone to talk to them.

If we could have 4 walkers at the same time, we can provide quality time with every dog and finish walking in 2 hours. Even if you have 30 minutes, come make a loving difference for the dogs. After walking all the dogs are calmer! This helps get them noticed and increases adoption possibilities. The difference you can make is immeasurable.

We have many dogs and all types of needs. Some are happy in our outside kennels, where they can free play and fetch. Some love to visit the Re-sale shop and meet new people. Many just need a fun walk to smell the grass, and enjoy their surroundings.

If you are interested in learning more and helping these precious dogs, call the shelter 575-257-9841 or visit us at hslcnm.org.



Thank you!!!

Thanks to our local businesses, organizations, and educational institutions for making a lasting impact on our community. They are committed to helping our continued care of homeless animals!

Gavin Bigger of Berkshire Hathaway / Enchanted Lands Realtors for sponsoring the Walk N Wag event. The community enjoyed a wonderful day of fun and giving.

Alto Lakes Men's Golf Club for supporting our shelter animals with your recent generous donation!



ENMU for continuing to sponsor adoption events.

Silverton Petroleum for a recent generous donation.

Harvey's Feed Store for donation of pet supplies.

Ruidoso Pickleball Club for a recent financial donation.

Village of Ruidoso for the annual Pup pool party.

Pizza Hut for providing food for Business after hours.

No Bones About It for your continued support.

Sarah Matula for continuing to provide photographs of our incredible adoptable animals.

Ruidoso Library and your commitment to HSLC. The library has a beautiful display featuring photos of adoptable animals.



Mountain Radio, 1490 KRUI, Monday with the Mayor and Chamber Chat. Your continued supports helps the Shelter care for homeless animals in our community.

A special Thank you to **Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce** for hosting Business after Hours at the Shelter.

It was a fun evening for all the participants and dogs!

We deeply appreciate your continued support!

Dog Walking - An Unforgettable Experience

By Joy Reed

When my husband and I retired and moved to New Mexico to build our "forever" home and I knew that I wanted to be involved with animals.

I dropped in at the Humane Society of Lincoln County over on Gavilan Canyon Road and asked how I could help. I found out that two ladies had started dog walking and were from Ranches of Sonterra. The location of our new home, what a coincidence! So, in 2001, I joined Sue Jones and Jan Sawyer and started dog walking. I'm still active and enjoying after 22 years.

There are so many benefits of interacting with a shelter dog: Physical activity, Mental stimulation, Training Evaluation, Quiet time. There are some volunteers that take shelter dogs for long hikes, walks thru mid-town, visit several local businesses, assisted living centers. Or a simple car ride!! Dogs can stay on-site to walk the path or visit our Resale shop. Volunteers help identify the personality, manners, people interaction and commands learned. This helps the Shelter properly adopt a dog based on this evaluation. It is critical to help find new forever homes.

In 2005, I did take home a super shy Malamut/Corgi girl and a young pup named Shepard/Coyote girl. We named the Malamut Nenana after the Alaskan river and Y Lee was our Shepard. They lived out their days as our much loved "kids!"

The new shelter has wonderful paths, benches soon, great fencing for safety and a fantastic Staff that will share hints and tips about each dog - help you with harnessing, leashes, and dog treats for your pocket.



Current Village Ordinance

Sec. 14-16. Spaying or neutering of dogs and cats.

- (a) No person shall own or harbor within the village any cat or dog over the age of six months **which has not been spayed or neutered**, unless that person holds either a permit to keep an unaltered dog or cat or a permit for breeding cats or dogs issued under section 14-17.
- (b) The village or its contractor under section 14-15 shall issue a permit for the keeping of an animal that has not been neutered if the owner signs a written statement that the animal will not be allowed to breed unless the owner has first obtained a breeding permit under section 14-17.
- (c) Proof of neutering, if not apparent upon visual inspection, may be made by certificate or receipt from a licensed veterinarian, or by affidavit of the animal's owner.

(Code 1985, § 6-9-15)

Did you know.....

In 2 years, unspayed female cats can reproduce - 376 kittens

In 2 years, unspayed female dogs can reproduce - 128 puppies

Please have your pet neutered or spayed.

HSLC has a REDUCED Cost Spay/Neuter Program.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

“Helping Animals have a Second Chance”

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Happy Tails

Lucia, now Lucy, is living her new life! She loves her new family and sister.

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2023

Ruidoso Kite Festival • 10 AM - 4 PM • White Mtn. Sports Complex. A great day of fun for the family. We will have adoptable dogs for everyone to meet!! Adopt Don't Shop!

OCTOBER 7, 2023

AspenFest • 10 AM - 6 PM • Come see the new HSLC Blue Van in the parade! We will have a booth in Wingfield Park. Come meet some incredible dogs. They are waiting for their new forever homes.

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Midtown Trick or Treat • 3 PM - 6:30 PM • Safe trick or treating for the family. Come see us by "No Bones About it!" We will have treats for all and some adoptable dogs ready to meet everyone.

Support the
Humane Society

Make a donation

Become a member

Volunteer

Donate to Honor or In Memory of
Adopt

