



The Lewis County Humane Society

TAILS NEWSLETTER

November 2024

Happy Tales

We're proud of every single adoption we help make happen, but here are a couple of our favorites this year:

Herbie was one of four dogs taken in from Anita's Stevens Swan Humane Society. We were honored to work with Anita's and hoped that a fresh location would help these overlooked dogs including Meeko, Taz & Trixie get adopted. Herbie was the last to be adopted after 8 long months, but we couldn't be more thrilled that they all have homes! We look forward to partnering again!



Rosa was a Christmas Miracle. Rosa came into the shelter the day after Christmas 2022, almost frozen and starving. John, a compassionate NJ resident who was here snowmobiling with friends, found her on the side of the road near Highmarket and saved her. Rosa is around 15 yrs old and has heart, kidney and arthritic issues. Her prognosis was very poor, but with a super special foster mom (board member & self proclaimed cat lady, Sue M) she is truly living her best life. She enjoys watching Jeopardy & the Wheel while wrapped in a fleece blanket, eating Gerber baby food!



Stats (last 12 months)

One year ago today we had 63 cats & 17 dogs, for a total of 80 animals. Today we have 71 cats & 28 dogs, for a total of 99 animals.

- Animals brought in
 - Cats 376
 - Dogs 201
 - Only 22 of these were transferred in (non-local)
- Animals adopted
 - Cats 366
 - Dogs 194
- Animals spayed/neutered
 - Cats 284
 - Dogs 111
- Animals returned from adoption
 - Cats 29
 - Dogs 33
- Animals fostered
 - Cats 186
 - Dogs 18
- Animals Reclaimed
 - Cats 3
 - Dogs 51
- Animals died on shelter
 - Cats 13
 - Dogs 2
- ASPCA Stats
 - 7.6 million companion animals enter the shelter system nationwide each year.
 - 2.7 million of those are euthanized.



- We were actively working to keep our numbers low in anticipation of our renovations.
- If we appear a little cranky in the spring/summer, it could be because our total animals went from 77 on Jan 1st to 145 on Aug 1st. This is due to kittens, kittens, kittens.
- Please spay/neuter your animals! If you have unfixed cats, keep them inside. Please do not contribute to the over-population.
- Sadly, animals are staying longer in our shelter. Comparing the last few years, average stay went from 30 days in 2020, up to 42 days in 2021, 49 days in 2022 and 53 days this year. All shelters are at capacity and the pet supply is far greater than demand.



LCHS TAILS NEWSLETTER

Spotlight on Keno – 459 days waiting



Keno

Could it possibly be true? How can a dog that is as wonderful, loving & happy as Keno remain in a shelter that long? Keno came to us at just 9 months old in Aug 2022, and just had his 2nd birthday here on 11/22/23. 🥹 Keno has never known a stable environment! The original people who surrendered him to us got him off Craigslist.

They had him just 1 week, but said he was showing signs of aggression to their other dog. Keno's coat was bad & he had fleas. Since he's been with us, he's had 3 tries at foster/adoption, none lasting more than 2 weeks. Keno does fine with meeting dogs, and even plays with them, but seems he doesn't want to share his home with them. (I can relate with my friends!) Keno loves so very deeply, that he feels he needs to protect his person. He needs an owner that will teach him that this is not necessary, and they will be the leader. He will take time to feel comfortable in a home with other people coming to visit. He just needs to be taught how to be a dog! Due to his needs, he must be an only pet, in a home with no kids. Keno is just perfect here at the shelter, and we're all in love with him. We're hoping his person is out there! We know if you come in & meet him, you'll fall in love too!

Volunteers Wanted!

Do you need to get out more? Be more social? So do our animals! Would you like to walk dogs, or work with timid cats? Would you consider becoming a routine volunteer one day a week? All of this helps! We are at capacity, and any additional quality time the animals receive helps them be healthy, well adjusted, and get adopted! We have a door dasher that picks up Luda every day & takes him out for hours door dashing! It is a time for him to nap, relax & be stress free. We also have regular volunteers who come in & take our dogs out on 'doggie days' which could include hiking, or maybe just grabbing a burger from Mickey D's. ❤️

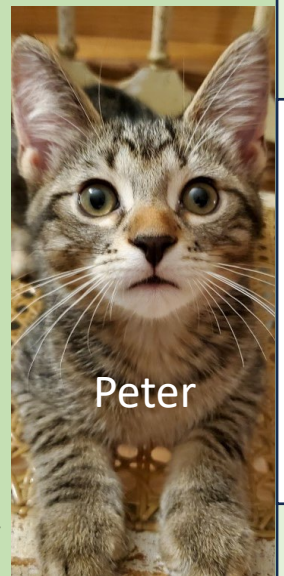
\$500,000 Companion Animal Capital Fund—We Got the Grant!

Although we are still awaiting our official contract & start date, we are ready to commence work. We are so excited to get this huge renovation underway! We can't wait for the day that we don't recognize this old building anymore. We are looking forward to a roof that doesn't leak, cleaner air, even heat & cooling, easy to clean surfaces that are free of diseases, special quarantine areas, safe/secure outdoor kennels/fencing, the list goes on. We thank you in advance for your patience & support during this fun but difficult renovation. If you'd like to help us realize our required matching funds, **all donations will be MATCHED** for the month of December!

Do you have a good heart? Have you ever thought about what would happen to your animals if you passed? This past year we've taken in a couple groups of kitties we need your help with! Back in April we took in many cats from a caring elderly gentleman that was going into hospice. They are Callum, Sweetie (had 4 kittens at shelter), Marris, Richard & Bootsie (came in with 5 kittens). In another situation, we took in 5 male cats from a very loving owner who also passed: Manny, Otto, Clancy, Arlo & Sage. In both cases these cats were their owner's everything, and visa versa. Now they are in a shelter, not understanding, stressed, and having a difficult time. A couple of them are seniors, Clancy is 15 years old! Some were very timid and only used to their owner. They have come a long way with people but would do best in quiet homes with patient owners.

Legend of the Tabby Cat

Legend tells us that as baby Jesus shivered in the manger on the night He was born, a tiny kitten jumped into the humble crib to warm him with its fur. Mary touched the little tabby cat to thank it for its gifts of love & warmth, bestowing her initial "M" on its forehead. Since that day, tabby cats have been known for the characteristic "M" on their foreheads, a symbol of gratitude for love so gently given.



Peter



Fundraising & Support

with the acceptance of our grant comes the responsibility to raise a minimum match of \$167,667. Here are some ways you can help:



"American Stonehenge"

"The Adventures of Jimmy & Andrew"

We've run across a fantasy/adventure book that stars an immortal and telepathic rescue dog, and the publisher

has agreed to work with us to offer the book to our supporters as a fundraiser for our shelter! 30% of the purchase price will be donated to our shelter. You can check it out and purchase it here:

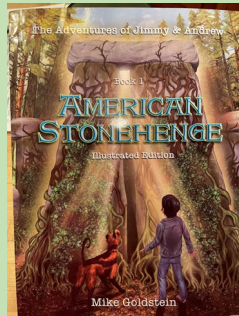
<https://www.jimmyandandrew.com/lewis?ref=humane>

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LEWIS COUNTY
HUMANE SOCIETY



web: bit.ly/lewiscountyhumane



LIGHT UP THE HOWL-A-DAYS!

Please join us on Friday, December 15th,
5-7pm at the Shelter

Christmas goodies & hot drinks, plus a fun activity for the Kids. Tree Lighting Ceremony and Blessing of the Animals at 6pm. Bring a donation item & have your name entered to win a great door prize. See enclosed flyer, or click [here](#) to order your personalized ornaments. Get one for your favorite pet at home or at the shelter!



Your dollars go **TWICE** as far in December with **MATCHED FUNDS**

Our final year:
**DOUBLE OUR
DECEMBER!**

Your donation of:
\$25 becomes \$50
\$75 becomes \$150
\$250 becomes \$500
\$500 becomes \$1000

The Burrstone Basset Fund has pledged to match up to **\$10,000** in donations made to the **LCHS** during the month of **December!** They have given us notice that they'd like to spread the wealth, and will pick another shelter to bless after this year. Help us make this final year count!



2024 Membership Drive

Our 2024 **annual Membership Drive** is underway. 5 reasons to become a member or renew: 1) You believe in our cause & depend on us to advocate for the animals. 2) You want to see our shelter grow & improve! 3) It won't break the bank, but it will immensely help us. 4) This friendship comes with doggie smiles & kitty purrs. 5) Feel good knowing you're making a difference and we'll be here if you ever need us.

THANK YOU!

The Lewis County Humane Society
Physical Address: 6390 Pine Grove Rd, Glenfield, NY, 13343
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 682, Lowville, NY 13367
Phone: 315-376-8349 Web: lewiscountyhumanesociety.org
Facebook: Lewis County Humane Society NY 501c3
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We would love some **raffle items** for our Light-up-the Howl-A-Days event on December 15th. They can be dropped off at the shelter anytime before the event.

Start your own **personal fundraisers** for the shelter on Social Media. We receive a large portion of our donations from Birthday fundraisers on Facebook! You do make a difference!

We take all **\$.05 returnable cans & bottles**, any time, any day, any hour! Just drop them in or near our wood sheds.



Purchase items that we need for every day like food & cleaning supplies from our wish lists on Amazon & Chewy. Saves on our bills!



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Please become a member, or renew your membership today.

Becoming a member helps support our vital mission to save animal's lives. With your membership, you may vote in our annual Board meeting. You will also receive a LCHS magnet, and our newsletter.

We appreciate your support!

Individual Membership \$35

Family Membership \$50

Sponsor Membership \$100

Corporate Memberhip \$200

Top Dog \$500

Forever Friend \$1000

Gift Membership (\$_____ (Select from above choices) in the name of _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

(We will mail the gift membership & newsletter)

I would like to make an additional donation to help in your vital work (costs reflect 2023 increases):

- \$20 to cover distemper/rabies shots for a cat or dog
- \$45 for a male cat or kitten to be neutered
- \$50 to cover surrender fee for a cat/kitten
- \$75 for a female cat or kitten to be spayed
- \$100 for a male dog to be neutered
- \$100 to cover surrender fee for a dog/puppy
- \$150 for Area of Greatest Need
- \$175 for a female dog to be spayed
- Other \$_____

Your dollars go **TWICE** as far in December with **MATCHED FUNDS** from the Burrstone Basset fund in **DOUBLE OUR DECEMBER!!**



Name (Please Print) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email: _____

Please make checks payable to: The Lewis County Humane Society
P.O. Box 682
Lowville, NY 13367

From the animals, our Board & the staff of the Lewis County Humane Society, we **THANK YOU!**

Flip over
for Ornament Order 

Please join us on Friday, December 15th, 5-7pm at the Shelter



Christmas goodies & hot drinks, plus a fun activity for the Kids. Tree Lighting Ceremony and Blessing of the Animals at 6pm

Bring a donation item and have your name entered to win a great door prize!



Please help the **Lewis County Humane Society** decorate their Christmas tree! Support the animals while getting a beautiful ornament for a pet. Order an ornament *for your pet, in honor of a lost pet, or even for your favorite shelter pets!* After the ceremony, feel free to take your ornament home.

CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE & PAY ON-LINE: [NO CHECK, NO ENVELOPE, NO POSTAGE!](#)

Or point your phone camera at this QR Code, and tap the banner that appears. You'll be taken directly to the order form online.



Ornament with **DOG** \$10.00 Quantity: _____ x 10 = \$ _____

This ornament will have a DOG on it. It may be black or red checkered.

NAME(S): (sorry, 7 letters max please) _____

Ornament with **CAT** \$10.00 Quantity: _____ X \$10 = \$ _____

This ornament will have a CAT on it. It may be black or red checkered.

NAME(S): (sorry, 7 letters max please) _____

Shipping is \$2 each, up to a max of \$10. Quantity to Ship: _____ Total Shipping: \$ _____

Overall Total (Dogs + Cats + Shipping) \$ _____ enclosed.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: (Only needed if you select shipping) Street: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Please Make Checks payable to:

The Lewis County Humane Society, PO Box 682, Lowville, NY 13367