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Get A Spay Voucher!

Interested in some help to get your pet cat or dog spayed or neutered? The CCHS has \$15 vouchers available to assist local pet owners and the vouchers can be picked up from several locations -- see Page 2 of this newsletter.

Fix Fluffy For Free!

The CCHS has been the recipient of a grant from the ASPCA meant to help people feeding strays in their backyards or a single cat or two that has taken residence under the porch. The grant is not meant for colonies of cats and we would like to restrict the funds to those in financial need. Call us at 256-3719 to see if you qualify. And do it soon because the grant funds are limited! Thanks, ASPCA!

Connie and Bella: A Love Story

Recently we received an email from Nancy at our local assisted-living facility:

"By any chance, do you know of any young kittens that are available for adoption?! Kind of a dumb question because I'm sure you do know of a few!! A neighbor had come around to ask if I knew of homes for kittens but hasn't been back...meanwhile, there is a resident who really wants a kitty...and a young one, so it will grow up knowing life indoors, etc.

Any kitties you're aware of that Connie could meet? She prefers a girl because she thinks they'd be happier with the indoor life.

If any youngsters come to mind that you think would be the fairly docile type and make a good pet for a lady at Sea Aire, please do let me know!"

Connie had heard about one of my fosters, Chipmunk, a brown tabby with green eyes:

"Connie wants Chipmunk and now wonders how we do the paperwork and transfer. It's hard for her to get up to Newport and to the Shelter."

I had a chance to meet with Nancy and Connie and find out exactly what she had in mind and if she had any prior experience with kittens (she had!). I sat with Connie at Nancy's computer and we went through all the kittens on the shelter website and on Petfinder.



Connie and Bella enjoy a quiet moment together.

Nary a one was of interest! Turns out she really wanted a blue-eyed female, which generally means a Siamese mix of some sort. She thought Chipmunk had blue eyes, but then, Chipmunk was adopted and not available. Not so easy to find a blue-eyed cutie...

At my next visit to the shelter (a Friday), I told the staff what I was looking for and to keep me apprised; the shelter manager had a surprise for me! In the back room was a small, 8 week old Seal Point Siamese female with bright blue eyes! Her name was Turtle Dove! I asked her to be held for Connie, but the shelter suggested doing an interagency transfer to CCHS so that I could take her immediately. CCHS would then become responsible for the spay surgery in a couple of months, which was just fine. I called Nancy at Sea Aire to let her know I had Connie's new kitten:

"Connie apparently had a fever and some pain today, but whatever the source of it was, I'm not sure. I'll call work in the morning, about 10, and see how she's doing. My guess is that Saturday will be too soon for a kitty to move

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Paws On the Sand
1640 Hwy 101
Lincoln City
541-996-6019

Grandpa's Feed & Seed
1837 Hwy 34
Waldport
541-563-6761

Fireside Books
2310 N. Coast Hwy
Newport
541-265-2518

Or to receive a voucher
via the mail, call us at:
541-265-3719



*CCHS President Kathe Stander
with Savannah*

President's letter

We are again at a crossroads.

The county commissioners have scheduled open meetings for the public to provide input into the idea of allowing FOLCAS to take over the management of the Lincoln County Animal Shelter. The county commissioners have issued a press release stating why they feel this is a good idea; the agreement itself is posted on the FOLCAS website along with the county website. Although the county commissioners have tried to address some of our concerns on the transfer of levy money and other monies, CCHS has some major concerns with this idea, and we encourage you to please voice your opinions. Our position statement is inside this newsletter.

Open meetings will be held on September 14 at 6 pm at the Hatfield Marine Science Center and again at 1:30 pm on September 28 at the Courthouse in Newport. It is very important to let the commissioners know what your opinion is.

We also have a heart-warming story about a little kitten being paired up with a senior at a local assisted-living facility – a match made in heaven! LCAS was able to “transfer” the kitten to CCHS so that this kitten could be adopted and CCHS take responsibility for the spay surgery to happen in a couple of months. Bella and Connie are doing extremely well and the entire staff at the assisted living facility has been incredibly supportive!

Again, the board of CCHS sincerely appreciates all your support and interest in what we do. We couldn't do what we do without you!

*Kathe Stander
President*

Connie and Bella cont'd

in, but maybe by Sunday or Monday... or maybe a kitten visit and snuggle will do her good for a few minutes, if that should work out."

Turtle Dove spent the weekend with me. She was a delight! I was anxious to have Connie meet her so we scheduled a "meet and greet" at Connie's apartment. If that worked out, then we could plan the move-in process. Success! Connie just melted although Turtle Dove was quite squiggly, Connie knew this was the kitten for her. We planned the move-in date for Tuesday.

"This has been fun for the whole facility!" Nancy said.

On Tuesday, several staff members came to visit Connie and Turtle Dove and one said "What a beauty!" So Turtle Dove then became... BELLA! The perfect name for her!

An e-mail from Nancy: "Oh my goodness, Kathe, I just saw the most beautiful thing ... "I went into Connie's apartment to tell her she had email here on my computer, from her kids — she wasn't at lunch today so I knew she must not be feeling well. When I walked in, there on the recliner's leg-rest, lying next to Connie's leg, was little Bella... just as calm and collected as any mature cat. She had utterly peaceful eyes, had her little front feet tucked underneath her body, and was just as content, secure, and placid as any grown kitty you would know. I wish I'd had my camera! Even having me walk in, visit a moment, etc., didn't faze her in the least! On the floor there were strewn a few toys so she clearly has plenty of play bouts (!) but when at rest, she looks completely self-possessed and peaceful. I was just amazed — this little thing that was more 'blur' than anything else last week — has settled in so well. You'd think she's lived here with Connie for years! Oh boy, what an experience that was. I had to tell you! Other residents are so happy for Connie, checking on them, doing visits! Bella and Connie are so happy!"

"And so are Connie's kids... this is what I received just this morning, after sending Bella photos to them:

"Hi Nancy,

Thank you! I am amazed at the change in my mom! A year ago, she was living alone. Now, she is surrounded by love, laughter and a dear new friend, Bella. What a blessing! Please keep the photos coming. It is a joy to see them!"

by Kathe Stander

Beach Bark

We arrived about 9:45 at the Beach Bark on Saturday August 20, and found that a spot had been saved for our van right on the cement pad at the end of 51st Street in Lincoln City. Great! That meant we could display our van's humane education messages prominently. We set our tent up next to it and before too long the first brave walkers arrived with their dogs. Everyone was ready for some water and a bit of a rest, having walked the 3+ miles from the D River wayside. Soon Kip Ward, the walk's organizer, and his helpers, had the BBQ pit smoking hot and were turning out hamburgers and hot dogs for all to enjoy. Many folks who had not been part of the walk, but were just enjoying a beautiful day at the beach, took advantage of the opportunity to get some hot food.

Beach Bark helpers also had commemorative t-shirts for sale, as did the CCHS — we sold our Spayghetti and No-Balls shirts. We were busy all day talking with people who stopped by our booth, explaining our programs. We also had a dog from the Animal Shelter with us and Teva had a great time playing with a tennis ball and getting lots of attention. She also found her forever home with some folks from Washington who were down for some beach time.

Beach Bark is organized annually by Kip Ward and Katrice Hansen of the Historic Anchor Inn in Lincoln City, with help from the Bay Area Merchants Association. The money raised goes into a special section in the CCHS budget and is used to help needy pet owners in the north county get their pets spayed or neutered, or treated for various ailments. We are very grateful to Kip and Kandi for organizing this fundraiser for the animals of north Lincoln County!

by Lee Smith



CCHS Board member Barbara Perry with Teva and a couple of cool friends.

Should FOLCAS Be Given the Animal Shelter? We Have Concerns

The County Commissioners are seriously contemplating turning over management of the Lincoln County Animal Shelter to FOLCAS (Friends of Lincoln County Animal Shelter). Currently the animal shelter is part of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Central Coast Humane Society feels strongly that LCAS should stay with the Sheriff's Office.

- **How will FOLCAS handle the tax levy money approved by the county voters?** There should be a mechanism in place to transfer levy money to FOLCAS on a regular basis through the County Treasurer's Office. Transparency, proper money management (investing according to public fund principles), and public access to records within a moment's notice are of paramount importance. (*The County Commissioners have taken steps to address this concern*).
- **What about non-levy money?** We feel strongly that the non-levy money that FOLCAS has raised through the Thrift Store and fundraisers to date, as well as money they will raise while running the shelter, should also be managed by the County Treasurer in a separate account. This is easy for the Treasurer's Office to do.
- **Will public fund principles be utilized?** Public fund principles need to be adhered to in investing and distribution of these funds to determine how FOLCAS is progressing towards the goal of "no further public assistance."
- **What exactly does FOLCAS mean by "private funding?"** Of what is this composed? And from where? CCHS has experience in the area of asking for donations and applying for grants. In this economy, such funding has decreased considerably. There is less money in foundations being spread among many more non-profits asking for help. How is FOLCAS different from all these others? We would like to see them be specific as to their goals for "private funding" rather than the ubiquitous "it's there, we just have to ask." Money campaigns take years to establish.
- **Who on the FOLCAS board has experience in managing an animal shelter? Or managing a non-profit?** Not every organization should be run as a "business." As corners are cut in order to maintain profitability, services suffer. And that means the animals suffer.

- **How is the Pick of the Litter thrift store doing?** How much money has actually been provided to the animal shelter from this source? What are the plans for the future funding through this?
- **What will become of the Medical Trust Fund?** Established through the many Boomer Bash events, people donated to this specifically for money to be available for use on extraordinary medical expenses of shelter animals. The Medical Trust Fund will be transferred to FOLCAS for their use. FOLCAS has stated they will not be using as much of the medical trust fund monies for animals as is currently in use. If not for that, then what? This could be in violation of IRS regulations for 501©(3) organizations and acceptance of donations.
- **What will happen to the very successful inmate work program?** Inmates cannot serve offsite unless supervised by a sheriff's deputy. Under FOLCAS, how will that happen?
- **What about the staff and their benefits?** FOLCAS has often stated that they will continue the staff salaries and benefits for one year because they have to, but after that both will be lowered. Obtaining benefits as a small non-profit is extremely difficult and very expensive. With few benefits and lower salaries, staff hiring could become a revolving-door of personnel, unskilled, lacking any training and staying only until the next job comes along.
- **And support services?** The support the animal shelter currently has under the county includes Personnel and Finance, IT for technology, maintenance, etc. Who will FOLCAS call? (*Support services will stay with the County since the agreement is a Public/Private endeavor*).

The county agreement is to cover only until 2015, when the current levy is over. The county commissioners have said they may consider going out for another levy but only enough to cover Animal Control and the use of the shelter by the County for court dogs, etc. They hope by 2015 FOLCAS will have in place continuing private funding for the animal shelter. If not, then what?

FOLCAS and their supporters will be out in force for these meetings. We ask that people appear at the hearings and voice their objections and state why they object. You may feel that the county commissioners will do whatever they want to, but they do need to know how the people feel about this very big experiment in trust. After all, this is the "people's contract" with FOLCAS. Your voice needs to be heard.

Special Friends & Memorials

In memory of Mandy Pound -- CCHS Board
In memory of Annie Mapes -- Neva Mapes
With thanks to Kip Ward and Katrica Hansen -- CCHS Board
With thanks to John and Sharon Ziebert -- CCHS Board
With thanks to Jan David Design Jewelers -- CCHS Board
In honor of Tiffany Saturen's birthday -- Doug Smith

Help Us Save Money for The Animals!

We are an all -volunteer Board and organization. We do not have a separate office space and thus save money on what would be spent on rent and utilities. We make our money through donations, grants, and fundraisers and spend it on serving the animals of Lincoln County. We can be even more efficient by utilizing e-mail where possible instead of "snail mail".

For those of you who have an e-mail addresses, would you please send it to us at: centralcoasthumane@yahoo.com We would like to send you newsletters and announcements in a timely and cost-saving manner. We know too that you as an animal lover may forward our e-mail to your friends and family who are also animal lovers -- and the good news goes on and on.

Too often we see animals that need either temporary or permanent loving homes. And often we receive calls from people looking for that special companion. You may not be looking for another animal but may know someone who is. You may not be able to help an animal temporarily but may know someone who can.

This is where e-mail works wonders. Animal lovers are great networkers. The more e-mail addresses we can add to our network, the more chances that a special animal and special person can be united for a life time of companionship.

Pass the good news on and have your friends and family join our network too. When we hear about those special animals (aren't they all!) we'll let you know so you can help us in finding that perfect home.

Note: Your e-mail address will **NOT** be sold, given away or made public. We would simply like it to be able to send you newsletters about what CCHS is doing, announcements of upcoming events, and that possible "once in a lifetime" match for you or an animal in need.

by Barbara Perry

Who We Are: Our Board



CCHS Board President Kathe Stander and some furry friends

I moved to Oregon in 2005 and became involved with the Lincoln County Animal Shelter almost immediately. I had served on the board of the humane society in central Arizona -- which ran the local animal shelter -- and just assumed that volunteering at LCAS would be the same as getting involved in the local humane society.

Wrong! Central Coast Humane Society is a different animal (no pun intended!), as LCAS is run by the sheriff's office. So CCHS can focus on other, community-oriented programs. I liked that! No begging for money to run a shelter -- yeah!

I started attending CCHS board meetings in 2006 while continuing to volunteer at the animal shelter. At that time, CCHS did run the volunteer program at the shelter, so I had all my toes in both ponds.

I've been President for the past few years and am blessed to have a remarkable board with whom to serve -- makes my job SO easy! I also do fostering of felines, both for CCHS and for LCAS, and am on my 29th GROUP of cats/kittens; some are single but most come as a herd! You can tell by the above photo.

I'm also involved in adoption outreach, which includes offsite events such as bank visits and the farmers' market. My new love is driving our van! I assist in delivering cat kibble to our various cat colonies and food banks -- and any other reason to get behind the wheel!

My background is in human resources as a consultant, but my passion has always been animals. Retirement has allowed me to focus my time on that passion and ensure the best possible lives for all animals -- wild, feral and tame.

by Kathe Stander

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

(And if you have an e-mail address, would you please let us know it? We will never share this, or any other information about you, with anyone. We are simply thinking of sending the newsletter, and important communications, to our members via e-mail to save on postage and printing.)

I would like to renew my membership for 2011, thereby helping to provide services to needy animals.

Enclosed is my check for:

- \$15 Junior/Senior Member \$25 Basic Member \$50 Contributing Member \$100 Sustaining Member
 \$500 Patron Member \$1000 Life Member Other _____

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