

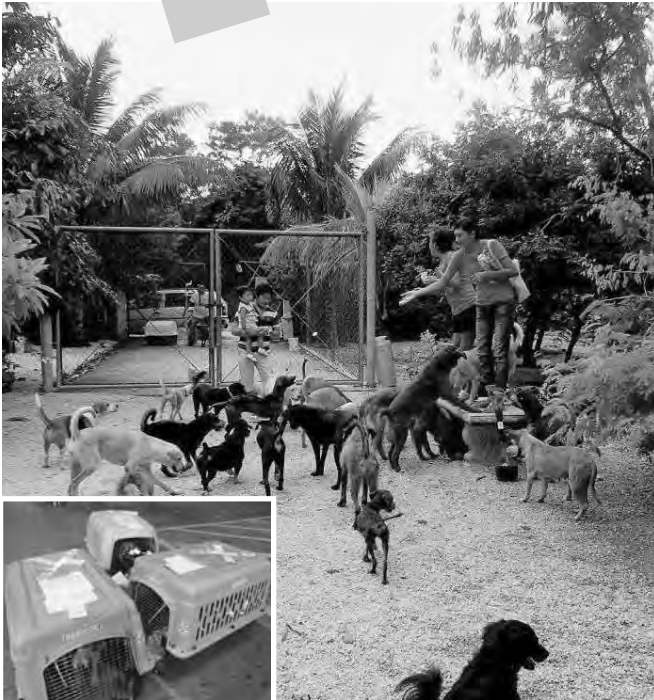


# LINCOLN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

*“Protecting And Caring For Animals Since 1881”*

Newsletter

Spring • Summer 2016



**+** *Save the Date*

**Saturday, August 27th, 2016**

**First Annual #WalkMeHome Event**

Organized and presented by “Bands Fur Animals” at Creekside Estate Winery, 2170 Fourth Ave, Lincoln ON

Pledge forms, food, wine, vendors, dog walking through the vines. Looking forward to a Niagara style, fun filled, animal friendly day! Check the LCHS website for updates and pledge forms.

## International Rescue and LCHS

By Jennette Riches,  
*Animal Care Technician & Volunteer*

Animal welfare is a global issue and Lincoln County Humane Society is happy to be in a position to offer assistance to other shelters whenever we can. Whether it is a local affiliate shelter or an international shelter there is always the chance to work together for the greater good.

Although LCHS has a high feline intake with owner surrender and stray cats we do not have quite the same high volume of dogs that other shelters experience. Therefore we have been able to open our kennel space to dogs from other areas.

In past years we have welcomed dogs from Northern Ontario, the USA, Bahamas, Grand Cayman, Bolivia and Mexico.

During the months of November and December 2015 LCHS has received and successfully adopted 18 dogs from a shelter in New Mexico, USA. These dogs were featured on our facebook page in advance of their arrival and the day they became available for adoption we had people lining up at our doors waiting for the opportunity to adopt one of the sweet little Chihuahuas that were available. It was truly heartwarming to see so many people ready, willing, able and enthusiastic about adding a new furry member to their family.

Over the past few years we have developed a very good working relationship with a dog sanctuary called Evolución A.C. in Mérida, Mexico. Located in the Yucatan Peninsula, where the dog overpopulation, lack of animal welfare education and slow progress of animal welfare laws continue to create an overwhelming number of unwanted, abused and neglected dogs.

Many of these dogs are rescued from a life on the streets, seized from drug situations, cruelty & neglect conditions or are given up by the poorest of families who simply cannot care for their dog. Dogs arrive at the shelter in heartbreakingly deplorable conditions. With a lot of care, attention and love from the owner of the shelter, many volunteers, staff and a few local veterinarians, these dogs are given a second chance and nurtured back to health. Sometimes this is treating a skin condition, reversing malnutrition, treating tick-borne diseases, and in some cases it may mean a limb amputation.

At any one time Evolución can be home to 250 dogs. Many dogs will live their whole life at this shelter simply because there are not potential adopters in their community. Thanks to the generosity of the sanctuary’s benefactors many of these dogs have made the long journey to LCHS to be adopted.

Their day starts bright and early with a 4 hour drive to Cancun Airport where they and their required escort check in; then they wait for the last minute customs inspection; they board the plane for their four hour flight to either Toronto or Hamilton (WestJet allows dogs to be flown from November – April only); they are collected by the escort; pass through Canadian Customs; make the 1–1 ½ hour drive to St. Catharines and are put in their safe, warm kennels with much welcomed bowls of food and water and a comfy bed.

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## A “Humane Home” for Everyone

The Lincoln County Humane Society is thrilled to introduce its new “Humane Home” Campaign, created in partnership with Kyla Read, Real Estate Sales Representative with RE/MAX Niagara Ltd. Brokerage. We spoke with Kyla, as well as LCHS Executive Director, Kevin Strooband to find out more about the new initiative.

### **What exactly is the “Humane Home” program and how did it come to be?**

*Kyla:* “Well, I am a huge animal lover and I originally came to the LCHS to sign up as a volunteer for the cat socialization program. While I was being shown around the shelter, I was overwhelmed with the desire to do more. I am a big believer in giving back to the community, and it suddenly occurred to me that my business was the perfect caveat to help increase awareness and support for these animals, and all of the fantastic work the LCHS does; after all, as a Realtor I am constantly marketing myself to the public anyway, so if I can give exposure to an organization that I believe in and help animals in need along the way, it’s a no-brainer for me. The message is simple: Everyone deserves a safe and happy home. With the “Humane Home” campaign, every time someone uses my services to buy or sell their home, I will donate a portion of my commission to the LCHS to help animals in need, while they too, search for their safe and happy home.

### **Why do you think this program is important, and where do the donations go?**

*Kevin:* A few years ago, 2 white shepherds were turned over to the LCHS in very poor shape. The LCHS appealed to the public for financial help with their care and the response was overwhelming. Donations totaled \$12,000 – ten thousand more than was needed. A fund was created with the extra money and named after the 2 dogs – the Lady & Tramp fund. Both dogs were brought back to full health and adopted to loving homes.

For years now, the fund has been used to help animals in situations where they need care that the LCHS simply can’t afford – this fund is replenished through donations and has helped many animals survive devastating injuries and illnesses and allowed them to live full lives in their forever homes.

With every listing Kyla has, her lawn signs will display a prominent rider stating that it is a “HUMANE HOME” so that the public at large begins to recognize that if you list or purchase your home through her, not only are you getting a quality RE/MAX NIAGARA experience, but you can also feel good about knowing that in the process you’ve helped to rehabilitate animals in need, giving them a second chance at a happy life in a happy home.

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Once at LCHS they are given a few days to acclimate to the change in weather, become accustomed to their new surroundings, routine and new handlers, then the dogs are given a behaviour assessment and placed for adoption.

We are very proud of our adoption record and to date LCHS has received and adopted out 53 of 55 dogs from Evolución. Yes, there are currently 2 dogs from Mexico available to be adopted.



*Minnie, rescued Dec. 2015,  
from New Mexico*

In the months of March and April we will be seeing another 10-12 dogs from Evolución as well as 18 from another independent rescuer in Mérida.

LCHS does have an International Rescue Fund to assist with the expenses involved in receiving the dogs transferred from other countries. If you would like to donate please visit:

[www.lchs.ca/donate-canadahelps.php](http://www.lchs.ca/donate-canadahelps.php)

or call the shelter at 905-682-0767 and specify that your donation be used for the purpose of international rescue. You may also use the form provided on the back page.

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To learn more about Evolución A.C. visit  
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## Happy Tails

By Jennette Riches,  
Animal Care Technician  
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The cat came back. After a year of missing a family pet, imagine the joy when you receive a phone call from the Lincoln County Humane Society saying your cat is in their care. This actually happened to a St. Catharines resident in recent months.



Lesley Seaborne and her cat Angel

One year ago Lesley Seaborne's cat dashed outside while someone had the door open. She did everything right in trying to find her lost pet. She filed a lost report with LCHS and actively searched for her missing pet. Unbeknownst to her a 'good Samaritan' who resided a short distance from her home had a cat 'turn up at his back door'. He took it in and cared for it, but didn't call the humane society to check if someone had reported it lost and didn't take it to a vet or the humane society to have it scanned for a microchip.

A year later the gentleman had to move into a nursing home and his family brought the cat to the humane society to surrender it for adoption. As with every cat or dog that comes into the humane society a physical assessment is completed and they are routinely scanned for a microchip. With information from the family that this cat arrived at their father's home as a stray, LCHS staff were happy to find that the cat was microchipped and the microchip information for the original owner was indeed up to date.

A quick phone call connected LCHS to a very ecstatic Lesley who immediately made her way to the shelter to identify and reclaim her beloved family pet. It was a happy reunion that validates the importance of microchipping your pet and making sure you keep the information up to date whenever an address, phone number or email address changes.

A microchip is a very tiny device that has a number attached to it. When this microchip is scanned the number appears on the scanning wand. The cat's information and the owner's information are registered with the microchip company under this number. Two phone calls, one to the microchip company and one to the registered owner is all it takes to have a successful reunion of owner and pet.

Microchips are injected with a needle just under the skin at the back of an animal's neck. Adoption fees at Lincoln County Humane Society do include a registered microchip and all cats and dogs leave the shelter with one. Veterinarians can provide microchipping services to owned pets as well the OSPCA frequently offers microchipping clinics at their Spay Neuter facilities adjoining the Lincoln County Humane Society.

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- Cat nip (the spice)
- Cat treat puzzle balls
- Free pet food coupons for food assistance program
- Sunbutter, smooth peanut butter, cheese whiz
- Cat beds
- Cat scratch pads
- Towels
- Small to medium new or gently used carriers
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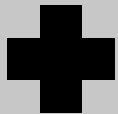
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