



# Lewis County

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## Why Rescue?

**Overburdened shelters take in millions of stray, abused and lost animals every year. They also take in owner surrenders that are either simply no longer wanted, or the owner is no longer able to provide for their care.**

By adopting an animal, you're making room for others. Not only are you giving more animals a second chance, but the cost of your adoption goes directly towards helping shelters better care for the animals they take in! Bonus: the pets are already spayed/neutered, helping control the pet population!



**ABOUT:** We are a no-kill shelter that takes in lost or stray dogs brought in by Dog Control for the townships in Lewis County, and also Fort Drum. We also take in privately owned animals for a surrender fee. Some **stats for the past 12 months:** We started with 88 animals, and are currently at 98 (27 dogs & 71 cats). We have taken in **325 dogs & 495 cats**, of which just 47 were non-local (7 from TX & 40 from OK, mostly puppies). We've **adopted out 219 dogs & 466 cats**. 88 dogs & 4 cats were returned to their owner. 12 dogs & **179 cats** have gone thru **fosters!!!** We have **Neutered/Spayed 406 animals** to include 83 dogs & 323 cats. This does not include the spay/neuter clinics we've held with FARVETS for spaying/neutering privately owned or farm cats, in which another 36 cats have been fixed.

## 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!**



## FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

We want to THANK everyone for participating in our **Mutt Strut** this year. Each year, it just continues to do better. This year you helped us raise **\$13,411!** Many donations were made specifically to the Cat Room Project or the Outdoor Dog Kennels (see Shelter Updates below). Any individual or business donating \$500 or more directly to these projects will receive a sponsor name plaque located in a prominent spot near the area!

We've done lots of raffles that have been great fundraisers, and we thank you for playing along!

Still to come in 2022:

Thanksgiving Dinner for the animals, Light Up the Howl-A-Days, Christmas raffles, Giving Tuesday, and of course **Double Our December!**

## November 2022

### TIDBITS TO REMEMBER:

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



Start looking for our adoptable pets on Facebook Marketplace!

**SALE** SHOPPING SEASON IS COMING!

When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), and select LCHS as your charity, Amazon donates a percentage of your purchase to our shelter. It's the exact same as Amazon, and it's free to you! Our shelter made \$1317 in the past 12 months! If everyone used it, it could be so much more!

## Shelter Updates—Going for the Grant!

Our shelter has been growing by leaps & bounds! We are taking in twice the number of animals we were just a couple years ago. This means more animals needing shelter accommodations, more vet appointments required, more medications and testing, more staff to take care of the animals, more food...more everything.

For the last year or two, we've been soliciting donations to upgrade our facility. We had planned an upgrade for 2022;

however, decided to put it off to dream big and go after a capital improvement grant. This grant would be for the purposes of bringing our shelter up to the Association of Shelter Veterinarians (ASV) Guidelines. We have been working hard towards pre-qualifying (the first step you must do to apply) and are happy to announce we have been prequalified to do business with NY State!

Our shelter is eligible for a grant of \$100,000 to \$500,000, up to

75% of the project cost. So we can't stop fundraising now! If we are awarded a grant, we need to pay the 25% (for ex: if we choose to go for the max amount, our project would need to be \$666,667, and our cost would be \$166,667.) Of course, if we don't get a grant, we will have to fund any upgrades 100% out of our pocket. This will certainly mean scaling back on our dreams, but still accomplishing many direly needed upgrades.

Our poor kitties are currently

freezing in winter & boiling in summer due to old windows, and lack of insulation & ventilation. The cat rooms are also difficult to keep clean and prevent disease. Our dogs desperately need outdoor kennel/fencing upgrades for safety, comfort and exercise.

The grant award date is 3/1/23, so we will have more news by Spring! Cross your paws!

If you can help, **all donations will be MATCHED** for the month of December!



**THOUGHTS & PONDERINGS:** We are your local shelter that contracts with your surrounding towns for Dog Control. What does this mean? It means that any dog found wandering the streets is picked up and brought to our shelter. We don't get the luxury of hand-picking the dogs we receive. We take in the severe behavioral problems, the ones in need of costly medical care, that are left on the streets with no home, no love, no food or water. Some of them the Dog Control Officers have to use catch poles on. Some of them, our staff can't enter the room without being growled at, or them trying to bite. We are lucky that we have an amazing shelter manager and staff that work so well with these dogs. The ones that are not claimed become ours. We must work on getting them healthy, gaining their trust, and training them to get them adoptable. Please remember to support your local shelters, because they are the ones who are keeping our local dogs off the streets.

## Light up the Howl-A-Days!

Seasons Greetings to you all! Our annual 'Light Up the Howl-A-Days' tree lighting ceremony will be held on **December 16th, from 5-7pm**. There will be refreshments, a fun activity for the kids, and a tree lighting ceremony & blessing of the animals to be held at 6pm. Bring a donation & have your name entered to win a great hand-made door prize!

**ORNAMENT PURCHASE:** Help us decorate our tree! To honor a loved pet, support a shelter pet, or remember a lost pet, you may purchase a customized wooden ornament for \$10. After our tree lighting ceremony, feel free to take your ornament home!



## Spotlight on Buddy!

Buddy is the truest form of unconditional love. He just needs an adopter with patience, as it will take multiple meets to get him to open his heart to you. But once he forms that bond with you, he is yours forever! Buddy has been attending training and is so intelligent and eager to please. He needs someone who will continue the positive foundation for him to be successful. Buddy does need an adult only home where he can be the only pet. He is a 3.5 yr old pitty if you can't tell by his smile!



### A note from our President:

In a year when news reported a local shelter with a 90% kill rate, I'm so proud to lead a Board of Directors, staff and volunteers that all truly love animals and have their best interests at heart. Our mission statement is not just words. We live & breathe it. "...provide care, comfort and kindness..."

Our members, staff and volunteers work their butts off to save as many animals as possible. We fundraise endlessly to pay vet bills so our Shelter Manager, who can never say no to an animal in medical need, can continue to say yes. We want to be the shelter you can rely on. We want to be the one that can help when all others say no.

The only way we can do it is with you...our supporters. There's no way to **thank you** enough, but we know when you see the animals find their forever homes, that's all the thanks you need. Your generosity and caring means everything to us and the animals. We are honored you choose to support us!

We hope you also think of us first when you're ready to adopt a new friend.

With gratitude,  
Cheryl Steiner

The Board of Directors Meets at 6:30 pm the second Tuesday of the month at the Shelter. All are welcome to attend.

# 2023 Membership Drive!

Our 2023 **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!**

**VOLUNTEER!** We are always looking for volunteers! We need weekly cat volunteers (clean/feed/love), maintenance & repair folks, cleaners, lawn maintenance, painters, laborers, as well as people to love on the pets. We also welcome community group projects (think building dog houses, painting, etc.).

Volunteers help us keep our payroll costs down, allow the animals to have more one-on-one time, and allow us to bring more animals into the shelter, ultimately saving more pets!



Community Service is smiled upon by many businesses, colleges, the National Honor Society, etc. It's a win/win for all!

**DONATIONS:** Did you know that we could not exist without your kindness? We are a privately owned, board run organization that receives no government funding. Our expenses far exceed our revenue, so we rely on

donations to keep our doors open! We spend almost no money on fundraising or advertising, so you can rest assured knowing **all of your donations go towards helping the animals!**

### Ways to help:

- Facebook Donate button. We love when you fundraise for us on your birthday!
- Monetary donations (tax deductible) via check, credit card, or PayPal to **Lewiscountyhumanesociety@gmail.com**
- Bequests or Memorial donations.
- Donate food or cleaning supplies.

Remember, for December, your dollar does twice as much good with

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